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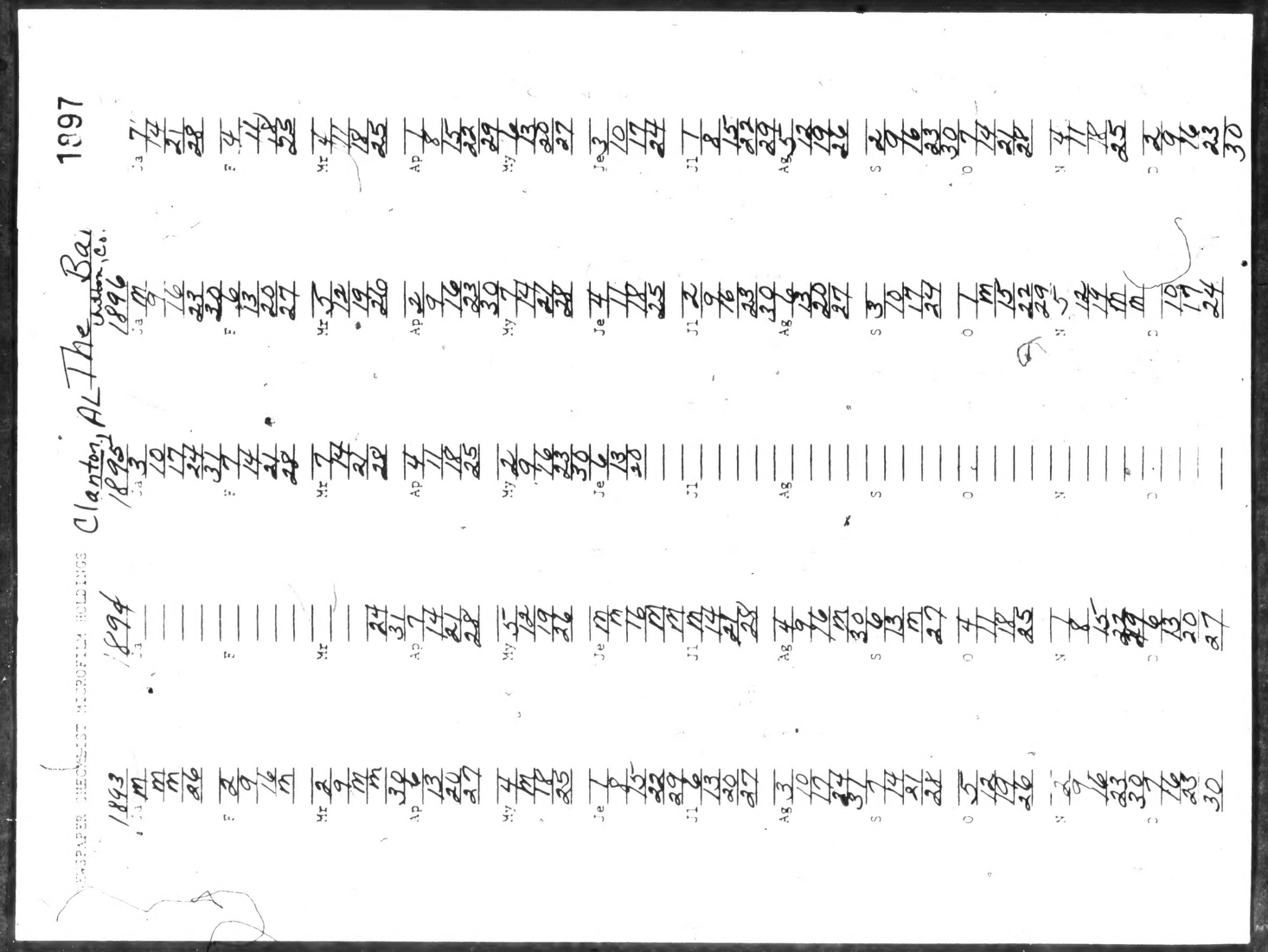
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DYING IN DESPAIR.

STARVATION DRIVES MANY TO COMMIT SUICIDE.

Weary of the Struggle Against Poverty They Seek Rest in the Grave—Victims of a Nation's Folly Sacrificed to the Rich Man.

Chicago special: No longer are want and suffering known in this broad and happy land. No longer are sin and crime the legacies left by poverty to the children of despair. The wild and baleful dream of free silver has faded from the brain of men. Protection and prosperity have come as Mark Hanna promised they would.

Gold has dethroned the monarch of the western world.

The trusts, the syndicates, the Wall street gamblers in watered stocks, the brokers in foods and the pawnbrokers who prey on the—they are bankers because they loan money on mortgages instead of on diamonds—these and all others who live in idleness by filching from the products of industry, have declared that with the coronation of gold would come confidence, the great courier of prosperity.

Mills were to be opened to American workmen. The old, familiar "hum of industry" was to be heard in factory and in workshop. "Confidence" would stoke the fires and send the smoke upward from every idle chimney. The "endless chain" of commerce would bring into every line of industry the money paid to labor. Prices would scrap, every toiler would be paid higher wages in a "sound money" and honest "honest money" would be preserved.

The story is an old one now. The American people permitted coercion, intimidation, purchase and falsehood to defeat the ideas of liberty, justice and humanity.

Herewith is given a very incomplete and partial list of people in Chicago who have committed suicide since Nov. 15, or nearly two weeks after the election ushered in the era of prosperity. The list is chiefly confined to those that hopeless poverty and despairing hunger have driven to bay at last. Millionaires and plutocrats may sneer but the awful fact remains that when despair and suffering and want to-day go unsuggested by any hope for to-morrow death may seem a boon beyond a way of escape.

No effort has been made to learn how many people in other cities, in towns and in villages have solved the great problem of life and death, because their poverty was beyond all help, neither is the list in this city a complete one. The world will never know how many men and women have died since Nov. 3, 1896, as sacrificial victims upon the altar of greed.

Men do not face the king of terrors in order to give the color of truth to a falsehood. These people killed themselves because they were starving.

Frank Sobieszczyk committed suicide Wednesday night, November 18, at his home, 636 Van Horn street, by drinking carbolic acid. Sobieszczyk was a stevedore, but had been unable to find employment.

The body of Joseph Gehler, a patient in the insane asylum at Dunning, was found in a pond on the grounds on the morning of November 19. It is thought he committed suicide. He was 50 years old. Gehler was a tinner, but lack of employment affected his mind.

Frank Marek, a laborer, was seen by several persons walking along the north bank of Mud Lake on the afternoon of November 19. When near Lowndale avenue he drew a revolver from his pocket and shot himself just below the chin, the ball lodging in the base of his head. The Brighton Park police took the unconscious man to the county hospital, where he died. Marek had been out of work for some time.

Charles Robey tried to commit suicide by jumping into the north pier November 17. He was rescued by Officer Larsen, after a hard struggle, as he was determined to drown himself. He was a cigarmaker with a family and had been out of work since the election.

Thomas Moran, 30 years old, committed suicide November 21 at his home, 236 North Franklin street, by drinking carbolic acid. He had been unable to find employment and was despondent.

Mrs. Margaret May, a widow, living at 259 Congress street, attempted to jump from the Adams street bridge November 23. She was seized by officers after she had climbed on the railing of the bridge. She was penniless and weary of the hopeless struggle of poverty.

While despondent M. Mahner of 23 Kroll street committed suicide November 24 by hanging himself to a rafter in his room. Mahner was 50 years old and for some time had been unable to obtain employment.

John Krieozco was found dead in the woods near Leegarden, Ohio, about November 22. Letters on his person showed that he came from Chicago and that he was unsuccessful in getting work. He hanged himself to the limb of a tree with a clothes line he had stolen from a yard for that purpose.

Frank Hurst a laborer, aged 32, living at 596 South Halsted street, awoke Thanksgiving morning only to think of his predicament and not to return thanks. He was penniless and out of employment. While in this melancholy contemplation he seized a revolver and fired a bullet into his heart. Death must have been instantaneous, but his body was not found until nearly noon.

John M. Faulhaber of 526 North Clark street, died Thanksgiving afternoon from blood poisoning. While despondent over the business outlook he attempted to end his life and his wounds eventually brought his desire.

After searching for weeks in a vain effort to find work and fearing that his little home would be sold under the auctioneer's hammer, Max Voigt, a carpenter, who lived at 301 Lee avenue, ended his life November 23 by swallowing a quantity of carbolic acid. Voigt left the house at 7 o'clok in the morning in search of employment. After tramping about the city all day he returned in the evening, but instead of going into the house went to the basement below and there took the poison that ended at once his life and his troubles.

Anthony T. Harris, aged 60 years, attempted to commit suicide November 25 by shooting. Harris lived at 8942 Dauphin avenue. The cause of the act is said to be despondency over his inability to make a living.

Peter J. Toones, an aged German, was found dying from starvation and exposure in his little room in the rear of 815 West Fifteenth place at noon November 20. When kind hands lifted him from the bare floor, where he had fallen face downward in his weakness, and sought to minister to his needs the spark of life fled. He had survived forty-eight hours of bitter cold in the unheated apartment and died as relief was at hand.

The report of the board of health shows that during the entire month of November twenty-eight people committed suicide in Chicago. Over half of these killed themselves because they preferred a quick death by drowning, by poison or by the pistol to a lingering one by starvation.

Wevler of the Mint.

Director of the Mint, Preston, threatens to make liars out of Blaine, Garfield, Grant and a host of others who have made public declarations that it was not generally known that the "crime of '73" was being committed by the passage of the coinage act that dropped the standard silver dollar. A recent dispatch from Washington says:

The official history of the change in the coinage law made in 1873 will be included in the annual report of the director of the mint for the fiscal year 1896. Director Preston has been searching the files of the treasury and of congress for every scrap of data bearing on the subject, and will make the most complete presentation of facts and documents which has ever been attempted.

He has found a copy of the original draft of the proposed coinage law, which was sent to congress by Mr. John Jay Knox, when comptroller of the currency, with changes interlined by Mr. Knox in his own handwriting. It was only after a long search that this draft of the bill was found in the assay office at New York, where it had been sent to obtain the views of the assayer. This original draft provided for reducing the silver dollar to a token coin of the same finish and proportion of silver as other subsidiary coins. The dollar was not in circulation, because the high price of silver then ruling made it more valuable than the gold dollar, even if the country had not been upon a paper basis. The committee of congress which dealt with the bill dropped out the dollar altogether, but retained the limitation of legal tender power to $5, which Mr. Knox had proposed for all the silver coins. The subsequent action of congress in adopting a trade dollar for use in China is well known.

Director Preston will present copies of the coinage law in its several stages and the correspondence which took place between the treasury officials and committee of congress, showing that the purpose of the bill was thoroughly understood at every stage of its consideration. Another feature which he proposes to embody in his annual report is a description of coinage, from the point where the metal is taken from the mine until it is paid over the counter in bright coins. Every stage of the process of smelting and refining the metal, making the dies, stamping the coins, milling the edges and handling them in the mint, will be fully set forth.

From the Boss Plutocratic Organ.

From the Globe-Democrat we make the following clipping:

"The work of improving the New York and Erie Canal will begin this winter, giving employment to 4,000 men. By a direct vote the people of New York authorized the expenditure of $9,000,000 on the canals of the state. The Erie Canal will be deepened to nine feet. This addition of two feet to the present depth will admit boats 16 feet longer, with freight capacity enlarged one-half. It is probable that the seven locks at Lockport will be replaced with an elevator lock, lifting boats 62 feet to the higher level. The necessary rock blasting and dredging can be done to advantage in the course of the winter."

The G.-D. is one of the best plutocratic papers in the realm, and we want to warn it right here that it is edging mighty near onto two of the rockbed principles of the crazy Populists, when it gives out such a piece of news without adverse comment. A direct vote of the people is Direct Legislation in its purity, and paying out $9,000,000 for improvement on the State's canals is paternalism of the worst sort. What are we coming to, anyway? If the Populists are not suppressed they will take this country!

Calling a Halt.

"It seems to me," said the gobbler, "that while the world is discussing the heartless slaughter of the Armenians, they might give some attention to us Turks who are suffering a similar fate."—Philadelphia North American.

Salt put on freshly spilt ink on carpets or rugs will assist in removing the stain.

NOTES AND COMMENT.

What the People Are Thinking, Saying and Doing.

Anent the talk now going on in wealthy commercial centers with regard to the destruction of the greenbacks, it is well to see just what such action would lead to. It is said that we are now on a gold standard, and in one sense it is true. It is claimed that a dollar currency depends upon gold to sustain its value. It would be more appropriate to say that it depended more upon credit.

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There is said to be in circulation outside from gold, about $1,112,000,000 in currency. It is claimed that this is kept at par with gold by the simple existence of the $123,000,000 of gold in the treasury. That is to say that every dollar of the $1,112,000,000 is exchangeable for gold. It is plain to see that the only honest basis for a paper currency, if it is to be based upon another kind of money, is dollar for dollar. This would leave nearly $1,000,000,000 of our currency without a base unless it was on the credit of the United States.

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If this be true why have a specific redemption money at all? Why not base it upon all the property, make it a full legal tender, and receivable for taxes, and abolish forever the fetish idea that everything in the world depends upon a yellow metal which is of less real intrinsic value when it comes to use than iron and steel? It is folly to talk about redeeming nine or ten dollars with one. The business of this country is much greater than the volume of money, and if we make the basis of our money but one-tenth as wide as the structure, it is a small foundation for our business.

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Ninety-five per cent of the business of this country is done on a credit. Why, then, pretend to base this credit on a small amount of gold, when as a matter of fact the real basis is other forms of property, and gold acts simply as a disturber of that credit? The reason is obvious. This credit, for the most part, passes through the banks, and is a source of revenue to them. They succeed in enlarging this by decreasing the volume of money and hence their contention for all money to be based upon the gold which they control. To the extent that the government goes out of the banking business the banks will go into the governing business, and threats have already been heard from Wall street that no congress dare refuse its demands.

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It is said that the currency, which by decision of the secretary of the treasury (not by law) is exchangeable for gold is a constant menace to the treasury reserve and to the credit of the government. Would it be any better if it would be as well, if the banks take it in their hands to sustain a like amount of currency at par with gold? The people would have less confidence in the banks than they have in the government, and the demand for gold would be increased. No one wants gold for a greenback except a speculator or bullion broker. No business man ever makes any such demand for the simple reason that the greenback answers the same purpose and is much more convenient. And no sane man demands that the gold shall be kept in the treasury simply for a show.

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"Move on! Move on." Those words have been ringing in the ears of poor Matilda Koch for five years. She has heard them in Fort Wayne, Ind., in Indianapolis, in Columbus, Ohio, in Pittsburg, in Philadelphia, and in New York.

"Move on," said Policeman Shelden to her as she stood at the foot of Desbrosses street on Thursday night. "Move on, and be quick about it."

Poor Matilda Koch obeyed, but her footsteps were faltering, her manner aimless. She had no home, no friends, nowhere to go, nothing to do but to "move on." The policeman arrested her as a vagrant, and she was arraigned in the Center Street Police Court yesterday.

"It's the same old story," she said weeping. "It's always 'move on,' and when I don't move enough or fast enough I am arrested. Why should I be dragged into a station house like a dangerous criminal and be locked up? Why am I driven from city to city from prison to prison? Is it a crime to be poor? Who is to blame for my poverty? Certainly not I. Society has ostracised me as though I were a leper—all because I am poor.

"Five years ago I came to America from Germany with my husband and settled in Fort Wayne. A year ago he died and all my money went for doctors' bills. It left me destitute. I tried to earn a living, but I was too weak. Then I was declared a 'poor person' and was driven out of town. They put me on a train and sent me to Indianapolis. They would not have me there and I was again bundled into a second class car and sent to Columbus. From Columbus I was moved to Canton, from Canton to Pittsburg, from Pittsburg to Philadelphia, and from Philadelphia to this city. It is always 'move on,' 'move on,' 'move on.'"

As the woman had not been begging she was discharged. She is still "moving on."—New York Journal.

Weighing Living Fish.

A visitor at the aquarium who had wondered how they managed to get the weight of a live fish accurately learned that that was really a very simple thing to do. The fish is put into a pail of water, which is weighed with the fish in it. Then the fish is taken out and pail and water weighed without it.—New York Sun.

DISPENSARY LAW.

Senator Moody's Proposed Liquor Measure.

FULL TEXT OF BILL

Introduced in the State Legislature by the Able Tuskaloosa Senator—A Muchly Discussed Measure—Fashioned on the Order of the South Carolina Law.

Montgomery, Ala.—The dispensary bill introduced into the late session of the State Legislature by Senator Moody is attracting intense interest throughout the State. The whiskey men of the State realize that they have a fight before them, and the promoters of the proposed law feel certain that the measure will go through. For the benefit of all interested the full text of the proposed measure is here given:

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Alabama, as follows, to-wit:

Section 1.—On the first Wednesday of August, 1897, an election shall be held in this State at which all persons shall be allowed to vote who would be qualified to vote if an election were held on that day for State officers. The Probate Judge of each county shall prepare for use of the electors of his county printed ballots on which the words, "For Dispensary," shall appear on a line, and the words, "Against Dispensary," on a line underneath. Voters wishing to vote for the dispensary system hereinafter provided for shall, in voting, make on their ballots a cross mark (X) in front of the words "For dispensary," on a line underneath. Voters wishing to vote for the dispensary system hereinafter provided for shall, in voting, make on their ballots a cross mark (X) in front of the words, "For dispensary," and voters wishing to vote against said system shall make, on their ballots, a cross mark in front of the words, "Against Dispensary." The notice of such election, the manner of conducting same, the method of canvassing and ascertaining the result thereof, and the manner of paying the costs and expenses of said election shall be the same, as far as practicable and consistent with the provisions of this act, as is required in this State in elections for State officers. In general, the laws of the State pertaining to the election of State officers, as far as the same are suitable and proper and not in conflict with the provisions of this act, shall be applicable to the election herein called. The Board of Supervisors of each county shall forward to the Secretary of State, at Montgomery, a certificate of the returns of their several counties on the third Wednesday in August, 1897, the Secretary of State shall deliver all returns to the Governor of the State, and he, in the presence of the Secretary of State, the Auditor and the Attorney General, and with their assistance, shall open and count the returns. The result of said election, the Governor shall make known to the people by proclamation published in two newspapers published in the State.

Sec. 2. If it appears from the Governor's proclamation that a majority of the votes have been cast "For Dispensary", then each incorporated town or city which is a county seat, and in which the sale of liquor is not now prohibited by law, shall have authority, and it shall be its duty, to carry on in its corporate name, in its corporate capacity, and through its law-making body, the business of buying and selling spirituous, vinous and malt liquors, subject to the conditions and restrictions hereinafter mentioned.

In each town or city having a population of ten thousand or less, there shall be only one place at which such business shall be carried on. In towns or cities having a population greater than ten thousand, and not exceeding twenty thousand, there may be two dispensaries. In general, there may be in each city a dispensary for every ten thousand of its population. Where the population is between multiples of ten thousand, the excess over the next lower multiple thereof shall not be taken into account, but each of said incorporated towns or cities shall have at least one dispensary. The population of towns and cities shall be determined by the last preceeding census. Those dispensaries shall be carried on only within the corporate limits of said towns and cities. Each of said municipalities shall invest in said business a sum of not less than three hundred dollars, nor more than two thousand dollars, for each dispensary it may carry on. The liquors bought and sold as herein provided, shall be of the purest and best quality.

Sec. 3. The office of "Public Dispenser" is hereby created for each county in which a dispensary may be established. His term of office shall begin on the first day of January succeeding his election, and shall continue two years. At the last regular meeting prior to the first day of January, 1898, of the Court of County Commissioners or Board of Public Revenue of each county at whose county seat the sale of liquor is not prohibited by law, and at the last regular meeting of said court or board prior to the first day of January every two years thereafter, said Court of County Commissioners or Board of Public Revenue, shall furnish the mayor or other chief executive of the town or city which is their county seat, the names of three men who are residents of their county, twenty-one years of age and esteemed as honest, temperate, law-abiding and competent to carry on a dispensary in their county.

From the names of these three men the law-making body of said town or city shall, before the first day of the following January, elect a "Public Dispenser" for their town or city. Said dispenser, under the direction and control of the town or city in which the dispensary is situated, shall buy and sell liquors and carry on the dispensary for the term of two years, and until his successor is elected and qualified. The first dispensers shall begin business on the first week-day of January 1898. Each town or city having a dispensary shall provide its dispenser with whatever money, within the aforesaid limits, that it was able to use in carrying on its business. Before entering upon the duties of his office, each dispenser shall make affidavit before an officer authorized to administer oaths, that he will obey all the laws of the State of Alabama and of the town or city of which he is a dispenser, and, for cause, to be judged of by said body, said dispenser may be removed from office. Whenever a vacancy occurs in said office from any cause whatever, the Mayor or other chief executive of such town or city shall certify the fact to the Judge of Probate in which said town or city is situated. Said judge shall immediately call a meeting of the Court of County Commissioners or Board of Public Revenue, and said court or board shall furnish the said Mayor or chief executive the names of three men having the qualifications for a dispenser and from these three names the law-making body, of said town or city shall elect a dispenser to fill the vacancy.

Sec. 4. The legislature or governing bodies of the towns or cities in which dispensaries may hereafter be carried on shall pay their several dispensers a salary which shall be fixed by said body before the dispensary is opened, and shall not be less than five hundred dollars, nor more than five thousand dollars per annum, and shall be payable quarterly. Said legislative body shall not make the amount of said salary to depend on the amount of sales made by said dispensers.

Sec. 5. Said dispensers shall not sell any liquor of any kind in any quantity less than one-half pint, and shall not make more than one sale to the same person in any one day. Nor shall he make any sale between the hours of 10 P. M. of any one day and 5 A. M. of the next day.

Sec. 6. Such dispenser shall buy and sell for cash only. He shall keep an accurate account of his purchases and of the amount of each day's sales. He shall make to the legislative body of the town in which he is conducting the dispensary a monthly report under such forms and directions as the said legislative body may require, giving full and accurate information as to the condition and status of the business. On the first day of February of each year the towns and cities doing business under this act shall pay into the treasury of the state, a license tax for the current year, the same amount of money that was paid into the state treasury during the year 1897 for all licenses issued during the said year for the sale of liquors in the counties in which the said towns or cities are severally situated. On the same day the said towns and cities shall pay in to the treasuries of the several counties in which they are situated as a county license tax for the current year, the same amount of money that was paid into the several county treasuries for all licenses issued during the year 1897 for the sale of liquors in the said counties. All the assets and profits connected with or growing out of the conduct of said dispensaries shall be the property of the several towns and cities carrying them on.

Sec. 7. Said dispenser shall not drink, consume or give away any liquor of any kind, or in any quantity, on the premises on which said business is carried on. But this shall not be construed to prohibit the dispenser or some employee designated by him from sampling liquors which he may contemplate purchasing. Said dispenser shall not permit or suffer any other person whomsoever to drink, consume or give away any liquor on said premises. Said dispenser shall report to the grand jury any one whom he believes to be guilty of violating the provisions of this section.

Sec. 8. Any person who drinks or consumes any liquor on said premises shall be guilty of a misdemeanor and on conviction shall be fined not less than fifteen nor more than one hundred dollars.

Sec. 9. No spirituous, vinous, or malt liquors or intoxicating drinks shall be sold in this state except as hereinabove provided. Any person guilty of violating the provisions of this section shall be guilty of a misdemeanor and on conviction shall be fined not less than twenty five nor more than one hundred dollars.

Sec. 10. The city of Anniston shall carry on a dispensary just as if the said city were a county seat, and said city, at the times at which other towns and cities having dispensaries are required to pay license taxes, shall pay into the treasuries of the State of Alabama and County of Calhoun, as license taxes, the same amount of money that was paid into said treasuries for licenses to sell liquors in said city during the year 1897. The City of Jacksonville in said county, shall pay into said treasuries at the times aforesaid, as license taxes, the same amount of money that was paid into said treasuries for licenses to sell liquors in said city during the year 1897. Each county whose county seat is not an incorporated town or city shall conduct at its county seat and through its Court of County Commissioners or Board of Public Revenue, one dispensary subject to the terms, conditions, privileges and license taxes herein given to and required of incorporated towns and cities carrying on a dispensary.

Sec. 11. On the election day referred to in Section one of this act and prior to the close of the polls on that day, and on the two days preceding, it shall be unlawful for any person in this State to sell any spirituous, vinous, or malt liquors or intoxicating bitters of any kind. Any person who violates the provisions of this section shall be guilty of a misdemeanor and shall be punished for each offense by a fine not less than five nor more than one hundred dollars.

Sec. 12. It is not intended to be construed to repeal any law local or general that tends to prohibit the sale of spirituous or intoxicating liquors in any subdivision of this state, or to prohibit the sale of malt liquors or intoxicating drinks of any kind.

Sec. 13. All laws and parts of laws that conflict with the provisions of this act, except those referred to in the 12th Section of this act, are hereby repealed.

NINTH ALABAMA DISTRICT

The Congressional Election to Be Contested By G. B. Crowe.

Birmingham, Ala.—Dr. G. B. Crowe, Populist, will contest the seat of Hon. O. W. Underwood, Democrat, as Representative to the next session of the United States Congress from the Ninth Alabama District. Dr. Crowe claims that Mr. Underwood was not rightfully elected to the place, that there were gross frauds, intimidation of voters, etc., etc.

The contestant has written a long letter to Mr. Underwood, and the latter has made reply thereto, making a complete detail of the charges. Mr. Underwood will defend his rights.

Dr. Crowe was seen and questioned about the matter. "Yes, I intend to contest the election. I wrote Mr. Underwood on the 14th of December and received a reply seven days later. My letter, of course, charges fraud, intimidation, etc., while Mr. Underwood denies them all. Next week I will begin taking evidence to sustain my charges and I will be ably assisted."

It is understood that there will be charges made as to the count in every county composing the Ninth District. Specific cases are to be set out, and the evidence promises to be voluminous. The city of Birmingham is to be included in the evidence, and it is said the box at the City Hall is to play a very prominent part.

3,000 LOYAL SPANIARDS KILLED.

Spanish Win a Bloody Battle in the Philippine Islands.

Madrid, Spain.—A dispatch from Manilla says a great battle has been fought in the Philippine Islands, resulting in the signal defeat of the insurgents, of whom 3,000 were killed.

Additional details received here from Manilla indicate that the battle was fought at Balacan, a town in the Province of Luzon, located on the River Loloacan, twenty miles Northwest of Manilla. General Lachica, a leader of the Philippine island insurgents, is said to have been killed in the conflict. Of the Spaniards twenty-five were killed and sixty-[illegible] wounded. It is also [illegible] that seven cannon were captured from the insurgents.

A dispatch from Manilla to the Madrid Correspondencia gives additional details of the battle at Balacan and confirms the report that [illegible] insurgents were defeated and driven out of Luzon, as at first reported.

Prince Malcolm Carolas has also received news from Cagayan which indicates that a similar rout of the rebels in that country will be hastened.

INTO LAKE MICHIGAN

Plunged Vice-President Hammond, of a Wrecked Chicago Bank.

Chicago, Ill.—William A. Hammond, who was second vice-president of the failed National Bank of Illinois, went from his Evanston home partly dressed and evidently demented, in the gloomy darkness and wind swept rain about 2 o'clock Saturday morning, and leaving a trail of torn and twisted private papers in his path, sought the Dempster street pier, from which he threw himself into the icy waters of Lake Michigan, to obtain relief from the troubles which have piled upon him in the past two weeks. The body was found shortly after noon by two boys at the foot of Church street, whither it had been carried by the undertow. It was taken to the morgue and an inquest was held.

DISAPPOINTED BORROWER

Causes a Run on a National Bank at Cripple Creek, Col.

Cripple Creek, Col.—There was a run Saturday on the First National Bank, caused by the circulation of a report that the bank would not open, by a man whom they had refused a loan. Small depositors formed in line and were paid. No big deposits were touched. A special train was run from Colorado Springs with $5,000. President Parker said:

"We have on deposit more than enough to pay every dollar, should it be demanded, but only small depositors seem anxious and business men, mining men, and personal friends are depositing more than is being paid out."

Charles Wilson, said to be a great burglar, has been captured at Dallas, Texas.

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A homeseekers' excursion is due here about the 7th instant, and promises to be one of the largest yet. Among the prospectors will be gentlemen interested in the establishment of the tuberculosis home at Thorsby.

Dr. Crowe will contest the seat of Oscar Underwood in the ninth Congressional district. The Doctor is reported to be raising a company to go to Cuba; he says not to fight the Spaniards but for the purpose of raising (sugar) cane.

The Loud bill amending the postal law has passed the House. It relates especially to second-class matter and is intended to do away with certain abuses of the mails. The principal features are that it prohibits newspaper publishers from sending sample copies of their papers as second-class matter and also the mailing of serial novel publications in the same class.

Mr. J. P. VanDerveer has invented and procured letters patent for an improved nut-lock. It is a simple and effective means of locking a nut upon its bolt; it consists of a covering plate adapted to be placed over the end of the bolt to embrace the nut and engage a fixed object, said covering plate having a concentric series of perforations or recesses employed in connection with a spring pawl carried by a supplemental nut. It appears to us that it effectually performs all that it is claimed to do, and is peculiarly fitted for railroad purposes. We commend it to the notice of railroad men particularly as well as to any machinist requiring a bolt to be kept inflexibly in its place.

In our county the year 1896 may well be remembered as one marking an epoch in its history. On the whole it was, considering the condition of affairs generally, a fairly prosperous year. Our people in the main are tolerably well supplied with the necessaries of life, and have marketed at Clanton alone over 3300 bales of cotton. Clanton is now considered the best cotton market between Montgomery and Birmingham, and prices here are only a fraction behind those at the capital city, and ahead of neighboring towns. At the end of December 1895 only 1962 bales had been marketed at Clanton against 3295 this season; a gain of 1333 bales. The county passed through all the excitement of the political campaigns in a quiet and orderly manner and the elections were conducted fairly and honestly in a way satisfactory to all parties, Populists, Democrats and Republicans alike. Despite the financial stringency the county, without inflicting any hardship upon our people, by means of a special tax in place of issuing bonds and plunging the county into debt, raised the money and built a new court house of which we are all proud, and is now practically free from debt. Our population has been considerably increased by immigration and the new settlement at Thorsby is attracting wide-spread attention. It is rapidly growing and already assumes the proportions of a town, and bids fair to soon surpass some of our older communities. The year was a healthy one and death passed us by without removing any of our more prominent citizens. Our new county officers have all fallen into their respective places as if they had been accustomed to them all their lives, and everything is moving along smoothly and satisfactorily. Clanton has largely increased its business facilities with additional new store houses and great improvements to the town are contemplated in the near future. Altogether we have a kindly remembrance of 1896.

Death of Mr. T. E. Gilchrist.

One of our oldest and most highly valued citizens passed away on Monday night at his home one mile east of Clanton. Mr. Gilchrist had not been in good health for some months past and a severe attack of grippe and pneumonia was more than his enfeebled body could stand. A quiet gentleman, always intent upon his own business, and never interfering with others, he was respected by all and will be greatly missed. He was about seventy-two years old and for more than fifty years was a faithful member of the Baptist church. The remains were laid away in the cemetry at Clanton on Wednesday evening, Rev. F. M. Woods officiating at the grave. A large number of friends paid the last tribute of respect by attending the funeral. The sympathy of all is extended to the bereaved widow and family.

Convicts a Burden.

The counties of the State are beginning to have some difficulty in dispesing of their convicts. Montgomery is embarassed as to what to do with hers. Last year the Sloss Coal and Iron company of Birmingham, leased Montgomery's convicts and worked them in the mines at Coaloug. The Sloss company also leased practically all of the county convicts in the State, but they have declined to bid for any this year and the understanding is that the company will work free labor hereafter. The objection to the county convicts appears to be that they being sentenced to short terms gain their liberty before they learn to be skillful miners.

A meeting of the State Executive committee of the Democratic party of Alabama is called to meet at Montgomery, January 20, to consider and determine, if the committee decides it has jurisdiction for that purpose, certain complications that have arisen affecting the interests of the party in Mobile county, having relation mainly to the approaching municipal election in the city of Mobile. The particular question that will be submitted for the decision of the committee, it is understood, will be the determination of the qualification of the voters in the future primaries of the party.

Old People.

Old people who require medicine to regulate the bowels and kidneys will find true remedy in Electric Bitters. This medicine does not stimulate and contains no whiskey nor other intoxicant, but acts as a tonic and alterative. It acts mildly on the stomach and bowels, adding strength and giving tone to the organs, thereby aiding Nature in the performance of the functions. Electric Bitters is an excellent appetizer and aids digestion. Old People find it just exactly what they need. Prices 50 cents and $1.00.

Send a postal to the Silver Knight-Watchman, Washington, D. C., and receive a copy of their issue of January 7 which appears in an improved form with a different make-up and general appearance. A large amount of space is devoted to Congressional and governmental news and matters of a national character which every reformer in the country should read. A large corps of writers have been engaged to contribute articles during the year 1897, among whom are the following: Hon. Wm. J. Bryan; Senators, Teller, Allen, Butler, Peffer, Pettigrew, and Dubois; Representatives, Towne, Newlands, Bell, and Jerry Simpson; Wharton Baker, Esq., Wm. P. St. John, Sir Morcton Frewen, and many other famous and distinguished writers, both in public and private life. An article by any one of these writers is well worth the price of subscription, which is $1 for fifty-two weeks.

Lowe Ye Locals.

Leap year has gone and most of the girls are here yet, perhaps the boys will have better success.

We welcome Mr. Danforth's family to our community, also glad to note Miss Lilla's recovery from a severe attack of grippe.

Miss Mattie Lowe and her brother, Dalton, of Jemison visited relatives here last week.

What is the matter with the girls in town? some of their beaux were seen visiting Loweville Sunday evening.

Miss Annie Marlar is out again after a spell of la grippe.

Mr. John Marlar's face has a sad expression since he can't visit Jemison any longer.

We are sorry to state that Miss J. A. Lowe is on the sick list this week.

Mr. C. J. Stewart is quite sick at his home at Lomax.

Success to the Banner and best wishes for a happy New Year.

Aunt Hannah.

Political Points.

People's Press Bureau, St. Louis, Mo., Dec. 5, 1896.

According to the New York bankers the war scare has cause a shrinkage in values of $100,000,000. This is more damage than has been inflicted on the island of Cuba, so we are fain to believe that Wall street "scares" come high, or that it is another case of "the little boy lied."

The New York Journal, one of the most independent papers in the east, recently published a number of interviews with leading business men, in regard to the present status of business. Reports were made from New York, Philadelphia, Chicago, Cincinnati, St. Louis, New Orleans, Memphis, San Antonio, Denver, Kansas City and San Francisco. The most hopeful reports were from the west and south where a very slight improvement was noted. Eastern men state that the depression has become more marked during the last month.

The feasibility and constitutionality of the state taking individual action in regard to practical bi-metalism is being widely discussed by the newspapers.

The Security and Mortgage Trust company, of Dallas, Tex., has failed for $2,000,000.

The Atlas National bank, of Chicago, has suspended with liabilities of one and one-half millions. Four smaller banks closed on account of this suspension.

Owing to the machinations of the trust that controls that commodity, leather continues to advance in price.

Thanks to a fight between the Sugar Trust and the Arbuckle coffee company, the price of coffee has gone down a few cents. Good.

A rather amusing story has just been sent out in regard to a large number of gold bug democrats, in Ohio, who were beguiled into parting with various sums of money to a self-constituted committee that represented itself as authorized to prepare a list of postmasters to succeed the present incumbents, who were to be deposed for "pernicious activity." None of the promised appointments materialized, which led to inquiry and so the story got out.

What promises to be a most unique and inreresting gathering is the National Congress of Mothers, that is to convene shortly in Washington, D. C.

At a meeting of the members of the lower House at Oklahoma City, Dec. 22, it was agreed to hold a final caucus in executive session at Guthrie, January 11, '97.

W. J. Bryan's lecture at Atlanta was a most unqualified success, but at its close he refused to accept the $10,000 check that would have bound him to deliver the entire series of lectures. He has as yet not fully stated his plans.

According to the report of Labor Commissioner Powers, the farmers of Minnesota have realized on their crops $7,500,000 less in 1895 than in 1891.

Nebraska voters are following the lead of Iowa and demanding a non-partisan conference at Lincoln, Jan. 6, 1897.

The Populists of South Dakota are the party of the Hannacrats.

The absurdity of Spanish threats of war against the United States is conceded by all. President Cleveland's position as regards Cuba can be somewhat accounted for by the fact that Cuban bonds are largely held by the Wall street element to whose interests he has so ably devoted himself. Cuban independence would mean deprecation if not repudiation of these stocks. Sec. Olney will submit plans to congress, Jan. 5th., by which the United States will act as mediater between Spain and Cuba and guarantee to the island semi-independence, and amnesty to the insurgents.

The newspapers of Nebraska are giving much praise to Gov. Holcomb for the character of his appointees.

Chairman Prewett, of the Populist State Committee of Mississippi, has issued an appeal to the Populists of that state to lay aside prejudice and work for the principles of Populism.

A. R.

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[We are willing to publish our subscribers views at any time, but it must be distinctly understood we do not hold ourselves responsible for these opinions.—Editor.]

Vine Hill.

Christmas is past with its joys and pleasures. At the station on Christmas eve there was a fine, though not a costly, display of nice gifts for the little ones, and when between 6 and 7 o'clock in the evening, when the tree was seen lighted by candle light, with its limbs loaded with beautiful gifts, gracefully and artistically arranged mid the green leaves of the holly, was an object long to be remembered by the little ones and the large and orderly company who had gathered to enjoy the Christmas tree presided over by Mr. Monroe Mercy and others, while all seemed to be filled with Xmas.

On Christmas evening at Mr Fischer's home the children of Mr. Urmies family with a few friends enjoyed another Christmas tree which was a pleasure to all.

Nothing but peace and pleasure on every hand; no disturbance to hurt feelings or injure any one, and long may it continue so. Happy New Year to all. Pat.

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Two Lives Saved.

Mrs. Phœbe Thomas, of Junction City, Ill., was told by her doctors she had Consumption and that there was no hope for her, but two bottles of Dr. King's New Discovery completely cured her and she says it saved her life. Mr. Thos. Eggers, 139 Florida St., San Francisco, suffered from a dreadful cold, approaching Consumption, tried without result everything else then bought one bottle of Dr. King's New Discovery and in two weeks was cured. He naturally thankful. It is such results, of which these are samples, that prove the wonderful efficacy of this medicine in Coughs and Colds. Free trial bottles at J. S. Jonson, Jr., Drug Store. Regular size 50c and $1.00.

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THE MISSING WORD

A New Chance for Our Subscribers to Make Money.

We call the attention of our readers to the interesting details of our clubbing proposition with The Atlanta Weekly Constitution, published in full elsewhere. As will be seen, the joint price of our paper and The Weekly Constitution for one year is but $1.50. Every subscriber will not only get the two papers for little more than the price of one, but will, in addition, have a chance to participate without cost in the "Missing Word Contest," the premiums for which are offered by both papers. Every subscriber is entitled to guess at the missing word in the following sentence:

"Supply and demand are as intimately ..... as cause and effect,"

and the one who supplies the correct word will be entitled to 10 per cent. of the amount received from subscriptions not only from The Constitution, but all of the papers participating in the clubbing offer with The Constitution between now and the 1st. of March. The Constitution guarantees that at least FIVE HUNDRED DOLLARS IN CASH will be distributed, and probably the amount will be between $1,000 to $2,000. If more than one person supplies correctly the missing word, the cash amount will be distributed among the successful guessers.

A few months ago The Weekly Constitution offered $1,000 in cash to the subscriber guessing the size of the year's cotton crop as announced by the New Orleans exchange. The successful guesser was Mr. R. T. Poole, of Rockingham, N. C., who received immediately after the announcement of the crop by the New Orleans cotton exchange $1,000 in cash from The Weekly Constitution, enabling him to buy the farm which he was then renting and pay himself out of debt.

Every intelligent person should subscribe to his home paper and take at least one general newspaper which covers the news of the world. The Constitution does better than any southern weekly newspaper, and the fact that it has now the largest circulation of any weekly newspaper published on the western hemisphere attests to its popularity. It publishes 156,000 copies every week and goes into more homes in the southern and western states than any weekly newspaper published in America.

You want your home paper; and when you can get it in connection with The Weekly Constitution for almost the price of one and in addition become a participant in the great missing word contest, announced elsewhere, you should take prompt advantage of the combination. Remit the combination price to us and send your guess of the missing word along with it, and we will forward your name to The Constitution, and your guess will be duly recorded. If you are already a subscriber to our paper and want The Weekly Constitution, forward us ONE DOLLAR with your guess of the missing word and we will see that it is sent to The Constitution.

The proposition is an attractive one, and it is to be hoped that some readers of this paper will supply the correct missing word in the above sentence.

$10,000 REWARD

For the arrest and evidence to convict the party or parties who wrecked or caused to be wrecked the Bridge over the Cahaba River in Bibb county Alabama, belonging to the Southern Railway, and thereby causing the wreck of Birmingham Mineral Passenger Train No. 40, Sunday, December 27th, 1896, and the consequent death of twenty-one persons and injury to others.

J. G. Metcalfe, Gen. Man.
Louisville & Nashville R. R. Co.
W. H. Green, Gen. Sup't.
Southern Railway Company.
December 30, 1896.

L. & N. Change of Schedule.

To go into effect December 20.

Train No	2 arv.	Clanton	9:54 a.m
"	3	"	5:59 p.m
"	4	"	10 35 p.m
"	9	"	7:43 a.m
"	10	"	5:20 p.m

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Sheriff's Sale.

By virtue of an execution issued out of the Justice Court of W. H. Strock a Justice of the Peace for beat 5 of Chilton county, and State of Alabama, and to me directed, whereby I am commanded to make the amount of a certain judgment recently obtained against J. E. White out of the goods, chattels, lands and tenements of the said J. E. White I have levied on the following property, to-wit: One (1) one-horse wagon.

Therefore, according to said command, I shall expose for sale, at Public Auction, all the right, title and interest of the above named J. E. White in and to the above described property, on

MONDAY, JANUARY 17, 1897,

during the legal hours of sale, at the court house door in Clanton, Chilton county, Alabama.

Dated this 29 day of December, 1896.

J. T. Coolly,
Sheriff Chilton county, Alabama.

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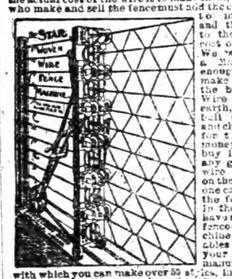

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Clanton Cotton Market.

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	3307

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Mrs. G. L. Phillips visited her daughter, Mrs. Dunkin, at Prattville last week.

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L. H. REYNOLDS, M'g'r.

Miss Mattie Sue Chandler left last Saturday morning to visit relatives in Speigners.

Miss Tampa Cherry, after spending some time in Clanton, left Tuesday morning for Florida, where she will spend the winter.

We are glad to state that Mr. J. P. VanDerveer and family have all also recovered from an attack of grip.

Mr. Louis Dejarnette was among friends in Clanton last Friday.

Rev. L. B. Pounds moved his family into the Adams' house in Clanton last week.

The old reliable Capital City Insurance Company of Montgomery is represented in Clanton by W. L. Sampey.

Mr. A. T. Williamson, of Montgomery, who is well remembered for his work here has returned and ready to do any painting, paper hanging, graining and kalcomining.

Died at her home at Davis' & Mahan's mill the day before Christmas Mrs. Mat Davis. An estimable lady has passed away, leaving a sorrowing husband and children to mourn her departure from this vale of tears.

Married last Thursday at the residence of the bride's parents, near Mountain Springs church, Mr. V. I. Gragg and Miss Viola Rutherford, and Mr. W. E. Thompson and Miss Victoria Rutherford; Rev. A. L. Foshee performing the dual ceremony. The charming brides were two sisters and the one service tied the double knot. We wish the young couples much happiness and prosperity.

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Mr. Thomas Williams died at his home near Lily, Friday before Xmas and was buried next day at Mulberry churchyard. He was much respected and is mourned by many friends.

See W. L. Sampey about insuring your property against fire.

Marriage licenses have been granted this week by the Probate Judge to the following persons.

Mr. J. A. Hand and Miss L. E. Barrow; Mr. Adam Price and Miss Cora Riggins.

Died at his home near Chandler's old mill last Saturday night, Mr. Ezekiel Cooper. Aged about 64. Was buried at Pleasant Grove churchyard Sunday evening, deeply regretted by a large circle of friends.

Mr. Osmond Middleton, after spending twelve months in Texas, is at home again.

Mrs. Tom Smith is very sick.

The University Schools are opened last Monday after a recess of several weeks caused by the sickness of Prof. McMorries.

Mr. W. R. Kemp leaves to-morrow to superintend a plantation for Mr. W. H. Merritt in Lowndes county. We wish Mr. Kemp all possible success.

ANNOUNCEMENT.

Wm. M. Adams and W. J. Martin, partners, under the firm name of Adams & Martin, desire to announce to their friends and to the public that the said firm is not dissolved or in any manner affected by the removal of Wm. M. Adams to Montgomery.
(Signed) WM. M. ADAMS,
(Signed) W. J. MARTIN.
Clanton, Ala., }
Jan. 1st, 1897. }

Administrator's Notice of Final Settlement.

The State of Alabama, }
Chilton County. }

W. F. LAWRENCE, Deceased,
Estate of.

This day came W. M. Lawrence, the administrator of said estate and filed his statement, accounts, vouchers, and evidences, for a final settlement of his administration: It is ordered that the 15 day of February, 1897, be appointed a day on which to make such settlement, at which time all persons interested can appear and contest the said settlement, if they think proper.
R. M. HONEYCUTT,
Judge of Probate Chilton County.

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NOTICE.

Notice is hereby given that the Pension Warrants in favor of Confederate Soldiers Widows for 1896 have been sent to me by the Auditor, and are now ready to be delivered. R. M. HONEYCUTT.

STRAYED on Nov. 16th, one black horse mule, medium size, tolerably old, thin in order. A liberal reward offered for the mule. Apply to Mrs. Sarah Mahan, 6 miles east of Clanton, Ala.

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He names the following witnesses to prove his continuous residence upon and cultivation of, said land, viz: Joseph Hayes, of Maplesville, Ala., Wiley Ramsey, of Lily, Ala., Simon Clark, of Maplesville, Ala., James Hayes, of Maplesville Ala.,
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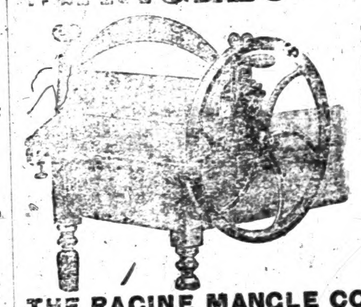

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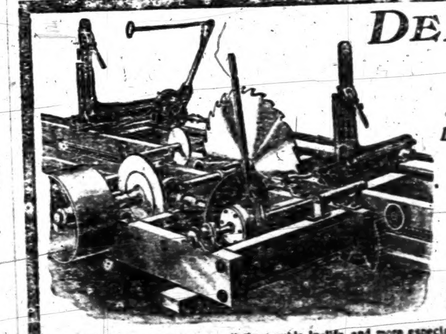

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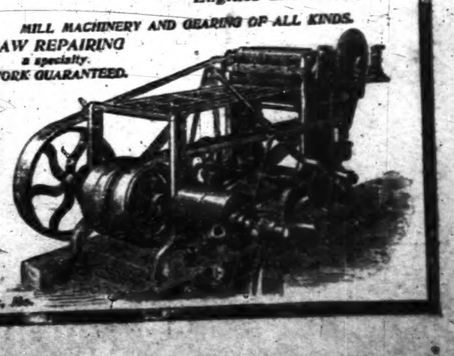

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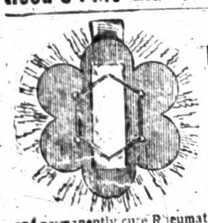

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Following is a chronological record of the most important events of the past twelve months: May, 1896, will be remembered as the month of disaster. On the 3rd twelve persons were killed by an explosion in Cincinnati; on the 15th, 120 by a cyclone in Texas; on the 17th, 33 by cyclones in Kentucky and Kansas; on the 18th, 44 by a cyclone in Nebraska; on the 21st, 10 by a cyclone in Oklahoma; on the 22d, 5 by a cyclone in Missouri; on the 24th, 40 by a cyclone in Iowa; on the 25th, 86 by cyclones in Michigan and Oklahoma and 40 by a cloudburst at McGregor, Ia.; and on the 26th, 12 by a storm at Cairo, and between 75 and 100 by the fall of a bridge at Victoria, B. C. Otherwise the record is not out of the ordinary.

JANUARY.

1. President names Venezuelan Commission.....British ship Jeanette Cowan wrecked on Vancouver Island; 12 men perished.

2. Six members of Hibbard family die, by fire, at Columbus, O. —Four killed, 32 hurt by exploding fireworks at St. Louis, Mo. —British force under Dr. Jameson attempts seizure of territory in Transvaal, South Africa, and is cut to pieces and captured by Boers; British Government disavows his invasion. —Earthquake in Persia destroys the village of Jaujabad and kills 300 people.

4. Cubans invest the city of Havana. —United States insists on indemnity from Turkey for plundered missions. —Six killed in a wreck near Chillicothe, Ohio. —Utah a state.

5. Carlisle offers one hundred million dollar popular loan. —Persian earthquake destroys the city of Golak and kills 800 people.

6. Report that Havana has fallen not confirmed. —Four miners killed in a Shamokin, Pa. shaft. —Tremendous prairie fires in western Kansas.

9. War fever high in England. —Transvaal demands independence and indemnity for the Jameson raid. —Report of alliance between Germany, France and Russia to sustain the Boers.

12. Peter Hougaard kills his wife, five children and himself, by asphyxiation, at Chicago.

13. The Sultan forbids the Red Cross society to enter his domains.

14. Foraker chosen Senator from Ohio.

15. Government victorious in Manitobia elections. —Severe fighting about Havana. —Allison chosen Senator from Iowa. —Bond syndicate dissolved; popular loan assured.

16. Chicago gets National Democratic Convention.

17. Announcement of Harrison-Dimmick engagement. —Campos relieved of Spanish command in Cuba. —Death of Frank Lawler of Chicago.

21. Five firemen killed by falling walls at St. Louis. —Three people killed by gas explosion at New Haven Conn.; two at Redkey, Ind. —Death of General Tom Ewing at New York. —Red Cross delegation starts for Turkey.

25. American liner, St. Paul ashore at Long Branch.

26. Cuban fillibustering steamer, sinks; 53 lost.

27. Fifty four Welsh miners killed by explosion. —Fued at Palon, Iowa, ends in two deaths.

30. Five killed, thirty hurt by exploding boiler at Hollidayburg, Pa.

31. Salisbury concedes justice of the Monroe doctrine and declares England's inability to suppress the Armenian outrages.

FEBRUARY

1. Senate passes silver bond bill. —Pearl Bryan murder at Ft. Thomas, Ky.

2. Two million fire losss in Philadelphia. —Tremenduous snow storm in northwest.

5. Richard Klatke kills his father, mother, wife, three children and himself at Chicago; despondent. —Bond bids aggregate $568,000,000, at a figure exceeding 110.

6. Three killed in Polish-Hungarian riot at Whiting, Ind. —Terriffic storm sweeps the Atlantic Coast; Morristown N. J. inundated by a bursting dam; Bound Brook wiped out by flood and fire; many lives lost, much property destroyed. —Bridge near Bristol, Conn. swept away drowning several workmen.

7. Death of W. H. English of Indianapolis.

8. Publisher Dunlop, of Chicago Dispatch, sentenced to two years and to pay $2,000 for circulating obscene matter.

9. Ten sailors drown off Newburyport, Mass.

14. Grant Arterberry lynched at Sullivan, Ill.

17. Twenty die in a factory fire at Troy, N. Y.

18. Sixty miners killed at Newcastle, Colorado. —Rain of mud in Chicago.

19. Bill Nye stricken by paralysis. —Mercury below zero all day, at Chicago, three die of exposure. —Clothing cutters strike, at Chicago. —Dynamite at Johannesburg, South Africa kills scores; fire at a masked ball at Lisbon, Portugal, kills fifty attendants.

21. Fitzsimmons whips Maher in 1 minute and 35 seconds. Commander and Mrs. Ballington Booth removed from command of salvation army in America.

22. Death of Bill Nye.

23. Ballington Booth revolts against his retirement from the salvation army. —Seven people die in a Baltimore fire.

27. N. Y. Yacht Club expels Lord Dunraven.

28. Senate passes resolutions to recognize Cuba.

15. Eighty killed by cyclone at Sherman, Texas.

17. Great loss of life and property by cyclones in Kansas. —Five sailors drown off Grosse Point, Ill. —Blue Island, Ill., fire-swept. —$300,000 fire at Atlanta, Ga.

18. Nebraska cyclone kills 44.

21. Oklahoma cyclone kills 10.

22. Missouri cyclone kills 5.

24. Four of Otto Malm's family die by gasoline fire at Chicago. —Cyclone in Polk and Jasper counties, Iowa, kills a score of people and does tremendous damage; Chicago and suburbs also suffer.

25. Over 100 killed by cyclone in Michigan. —Forty die at McGregor, Ia., in a cloudburst.

26. One hundred killed in street car disaster at Victoria, B. C. —James Dunham murders six people at San Jose, Cal. —Czar of Russia crowned. —Cairo, Ill., storm kills 12.

27. St. Louis, East St. Louis and several Missouri towns swept by one of the most destructive cyclones in the world's history; 1,000 reported dead.

30. Two thousand Russians killed in a panic at Moscow. —Eighteen people die in a cyclone at Seneca, Mo.

JUNE.

5. Excessive heat in northwest.

6. Anarchist bomb in Barcelona kills 7 and wounds 4.

13. Death of Ex-Governor Felch, of Michigan.

16. Earthquake in Japan kills thousands. —Republican Convention in St. Louis. —Steamer Drummond and 240 lives lost off France.

18. Ten thousand lives lost by earthquake and tidal wave in Japan. —McKinley nominated at St. Louis. —Silver men bolt the convention. —Ten killed by exploding yacht boiler at Little Falls, N. Y.

22. Five killed by collapsing building at San Francisco. —Death of B. H. Bristow, Ex-Secretary of the Treasury, at New York.

28. One hundred miners buried at Pittston, Pa. —Six drown in Shawano Lake, Wis.

JULY.

1. Death of Harriet Beecher Stowe.

7. Democratic Convention at Chicago. —Yale beaten at Henley.

8. Christian Endeavor assembles at Washington.

10. Chicago Convention nominates Bryan.

20. One million dollar fire in Halifax. —Riots in Barcelona, Spain upon receipt of news of the action of Congress; American consulate attacked.

MARCH.

1. Great floods in New England.

3. Rome in a rage because of the slaughter of 3,000 Italian soldiers in a battle in Abasynia.

4. Renewed anti-American demonstration in Madrid. —All Italy in an uproar over an Abasynian defeat. —200,000 fire at Johnstown, Pa.

14. Albert Wallace hanged at Pekin, Ill.

16. Frankfort, Ky. under martial law.

18. Five killed by powder explosion at Ripton, N. Y.

23. Thirteen miners killed by an explosion at Dubois, Pa. —Death of Thomas Hughes, author, at London. Riot at Holland, Mich., over horse-whipping a sensational newspaper correspondent.

28. $400,000 fire at Louisville, Ky. —Illinois Supreme Court confirms imprisonment sentence of banker Meadowcraft.

Unknown man kills Alvin Stone and wounds three daughters, at Akron, Ohio; cause unknown. —Four die from fire in New York.

31. Storms in the Northwest. —Report of execution, by garote, of five Cubans at Havanna. —Opening of lake navigation.

APRIL.

1. Ten die of fire in a Brooklyn tenement house. Trains on Frisco and B. & O. roads held up. —Cubans capture Santa Clara.

6. Wedding of General Harrison and Mrs. Dimmick.

7. Chicago elections retire 21 boodle aldermen.

10. S. B. Minchell kills W. B. O. Sands, his own wife and three children and himself at Pentwater, Mich.

13. Six killed by a falling trestle at Redford, Ind. —President Cleveland appoints Fitzhugh Lee consul general to Cuba. —Greater N. Y. bill vetoed.

14. J. W. Lehman, of Chicago, kills himself and three children. —$1,000,000 fire at New York. —$250,000 fire at Fairbury, Ill.

15. First fatal sun stroke at Philadelphia. —Phenomenal hot wave prevails.

16. Base ball season opens. —Temperature reaches 88 degrees at Chicago, breaking all records for April.

19. Nine sailors drowned off Long Island.

21. Baron Hirsh, millionaire Jewish philanthropist, dies at Komboru, Germany. —Leon Say, distinguished French political economist, dies at Paris.

25. At Rockville, Ind., Albert Egbert kills five people without cause, and commits suicide; his sick sister dies from shock. $1,000,000 incendiary fire loss at Cripple Creek, Colo. —Ten killed and twenty hurt in Kansas, and three killed in Virginia, by cyclones.

27. Fatal storms in South Dakota. —Boers pass sentence of death upon leaders of the Transvaal insurrection; President Kruger commutes sentence.

29. Second fire at Cripple Creek, Colo., does $1,500,000 damage and wipes out the town.

30. Illinois Republican Convention declares for McKinley.

MAY.

3. Fearful loss of life by explosion of a gas generator at Cincinnati; nearly fifty hurt.

5. Cleveland's sweeping civil service order protects 30,000 office holders.

8. Many points record temperature of 90 degrees.

9. L'Anse, Mich., has $750,000 fire. Ashland, Wis., loses half a million by fire. —Continued excessive heat.

11. Eleven killed by explosion of boiler of rafting steamer Harry Brown, at Vicksburg, Miss.

14. Bold bank robbery at Buffalo, N. Y. —Big windstorm at Chicago. —Methodists retire Bishops Foster and Bowman.

11. Twenty-eight killed in wreck at Logan, Ia. —$1,750 hold-up at noon in Chicago. —$300,000 fire at Nashville, Tenn.

12. Five killed in week at Chicago. —Four drowned at Lawrence, Kan.

13. Half million fire loss at St. Louis. —Intense heat at Chicago.

14. Hot wave sweeps the country; 94 degrees at Chicago.

15. Temperature drops 36 degrees at Chicago. —Twenty-eight drowned at Cleveland, O.

18. Three lives and half a million in property lost by fire at Chicago car barns. —Malvern, Ark., razed by incendiary fire.

24. Twenty-six drowned by cloudburst in Colorado. —Serious floods in Ohio and Pennsylvania.

25. Populists at St. Louis nominate Bryan and Watson.

27. Eleven die in a Pennsylvania cloudburst near Pittsburg.

28. Indiana gas belt swept by floods; three killed at Anderson.

30. Fifty killed in railroad wreck at Jersey City, N. J.

AUGUST.

4. Failure of Moore Bros., Chicago, Diamond Match brokers, for $4,000,000. —Phenomenal heat in Western, Central and Middle Northern States.

5, 6, 7. Continuance of killing heat. —Conference of National Democratic party at Indianapolis.

9. Furious heat increases; 72 deaths from sunstroke in New York and Brooklyn; 19 at Chicago; similar reports from all quarters. —Seven killed by trolley accident at Columbia, Pa.

10. One hundred and eighty people die of heat in New York and Brooklyn; 60 at Chicago; 12 at St. Louis.

12. Cool wave. —Thirty die in a Pennsylvania cloudburst. —Seven killed by boiler explosion near Alliance, O.

16. Undertakers and cemeteries in New York overwhelmed with business; hundreds of funerals postponed; heat the cause.

17. Death of Abigail Dodge (Gail Hamilton), at Hamilton, Mass.

18. Death of Nicholas Crouch, author of "Kathleen Mavourneen."

25. Whitney-Vanderbilt wedding. Ontonagon, Mich., destroyed by fire. National Democratic State Convention of Illinois nominates John C. Black for Governor.

SEPTEMBER.

1. Twelve killed by powder house explosion at San Francisco.

3. Gold Democrats at Indianapolis nominate Palmer and Buckner. —Slight frost in Northwest.

6. Eleven firemen killed at Benton Harbor, Mich. —Two men lynched at Glencoe, Minn.

8. Six of a coaching party killed near Warsaw, Ind. —Family of four killed at crossing at Oshkosh, Wis.

10. Cyclone at Paris. —Terrific storm on Atlantic coast.

19. Tremendous storm in the East. —British troops capture Dongola and rout dervishers in Egypt. —Riot in Leadville; four killed.

23. Leadville under martial law.

27. Mount Holyoke College burns at South Hadley, Mass.

29. Many Southern cities wrecked by storm; great life and property loss in Florida, Georgia and Pennsylvania.

OCTOBER.

1, 8. Iowa semi-centennial jubilee.

8. Death of Du Maurier, the novelist.

9. Chicago Day celebration.

10. Two bank robbers killed at Sherbourne, Minn.

14. Meeker, Col., citizens killed three bank robbers, and hold a celebration over it.

13. Flight of W. T. Rambusch, from Juneau, Wis., after embezzling over $200,000 during long term of years.

16. First snow in Northern Wisconsin.

17. First snow in Chicago. —$150,000 fire at Holland, Mich.

18. Death of Henry E. Abbey, the atrical manager, at New York.

25. Eight killed, 20 hurt, in wreck at St. Louis. —Six drown while boating at Denver.

26. $1,200,000 elevator fire at Chicago.

28, 29. Mercury at Chicago reaches 78 degrees. —Cyclones in the South and Oklahoma.

NOVEMBER.

3. McKinley elected President.

5. Storm of sleet and snow in Northwest and Middle States.

7. Schooner Waukesha and six men lost off Muskegon, Mich.

16. Mercury registered 70 degrees at Chicago.

19. Death of Mrs. Siddons, at Paris.

21. Steamer San Benito and five men lost off California coast. —Death of Inventor Ferris, of wheel fame.

23. Death of Campanini, the tenor, at Parma, Italy. —Mabley & Co., Detroit, fail.

26. Worst November blizzard ever known in Northwest; roads blocked and much stock killed. —Apparently authentic report of Weyler's rout in Cuba, with loss of 3,000 men.

27, 28, 29, 30. Continued severe cold in West and North.

DECEMBER.

2, 3, 4. Alarming ice gorge in Chippewa Valley, Wisconsin.

6. Strong indications that Cuban insurgents will be successful; Weyler fails in his campaign in Pinar del Rio. —Five killed in collision at Waelder, Tex.

7. Congress in session. —Reported death of Maceo, the Cuban insurgent general.

9. Loss of North German Lloyd steamer Salier, with 275 people, off Spain.

11. Collapsed building at Jeres, Spain, kills 400. —Mine disaster at Hedges, Cal., kills eight.

16. Tremendous snowstorm at New York City, accompanied by extreme cold; three people perish. —Chicago has mild temperature; no snow, and sunny skies. —Widespread agitation looking toward aid of Cuban insurgents.

17. England shaken by earthquake. —$500,000 fire at Pittsburg. —Death of Herrmann, the magician.

21. National Bank of Illinois, at Chicago, closes.

22. Three banks dragged down by Illinois National. —Two St. Paul banks fail. —Cash wheat at Chicago reaches 89¼ after three months of almost uninterrupted advance, and market continues strong.

27. Disaster on Birmingham Mineral railroad near Blocton, Ala., in which 26 lives are lost. The railroad bridge gave way and precipitated the entire train and all passengers 110 feet below into the Cahaba river.

INDUSTRIAL SOUTH.

The Chattanooga Tradesman's Weekly Report.

Chattanooga, Tenn.—The Tradesman's Southern correspondents report but little change in industrial conditions, and the demand for manufactured products will not show much increase until the spring trade opens. An encouraging feature of the week is the increase in the number of new industries organized, which is a practical demonstration of the restoration of confidence in manufacturing circles.

The movement in iron and steel is light and buyers of Western and Southern brands of pig iron report a cut in prices of 25 cents a ton. The furnaces of the Dayton Coal and Iron Company, at Dayton, Tenn., were put in blast January 1, and the company will build 50 additional coke ovens.

The demand for lumber for home consumption is quiet, but the export trade continues active.

Among the most important new industries for the week the Tradesman reports the following: Window glass works to cost $150,000 at Mannington, W. Va.; the Austin Mining Company, capital $10,000, at Austin, Tex.; the W. C. Quinn Dry Plate Manufacturing Company, capital $30,000, at Henderson, Ky.; the Union Cement and Lime Company, capital $450,000, at Louisville, Ky.; the Big Sandy Oil and Gas Company, capital $450,000, Catlettsburg, Ky.; a cotton seed oil and delinting mill at Little Rock, Ark.; and a $200,000 cotton mill at Valdosta, Ga. Large woodworking plants to cost $100,000 will be erected at Columbus, Ga., and at New Orleans, La.; the Hines Bros. Lumber Company, capital $50,000, has been chartered at Winston, N. C., and $10,000 lumber companies have been organized at Little Rock, Ark., and Shreveport, La.

THE PLAN REVEALED.

Tom Parker Tells a Fearful Story of Intended Crime.

Birmingham, Ala.—Five negroes, Rome Scales, Emanuel Brittings, Tom Ingram, Tom Parker and Andrew Fagan, incarcerated in the county jail within the past week, have proven to be the worst wanted quintette of scoundrels that ever peeped through jail gratings.

Tom Parker, through skillful questioning by Sheriff O'Brien, gave a full and complete description of the entire plot—naming as the instigator Andrew Fagan—whereby passenger train No. 37, of the Southern railway, was to be wrecked at McComb's trestle for the purpose of robbing the express car and dead bodies of those on board the train.

Parker's confession, were it to appear in print, would read more like a dime novel than a real conspiracy in which the lives of hundreds of people were to be taken for the sake of gain. He told how Fagan induced him and the other negroes under arrest, to go to the bridge, and once there remove the spikes and plates which held the rail in position, and to make the plot more certain of success, removed the rail from its position, and then built a fire and calmly awaited the destruction of the train. Jim Hawes' keen sight and wonderful nerve, together with a divine providence, frustrated the hellish designs of the negro fiends.

Fagan alone denies the statement made by Parker, the others acknowledging its truthfulness in every minute detail. Sheriff O'Brien has the negro's confession in writing, which will be used in meeting out to the scoundrels their just deserts.

AND THIS IS CALLED WAR.

Huts of the Peasantry Burned and Forage Destroyed.

Havana, Cuba.—Several detachments of Col. Melguizo's column, while reconnoitering at Montes Caplaso and other places, have destroyed over 400 huts of all kinds and demolished all of the forage and other resources of the enemy south of Lajas and Pilato Hills. The detachments also surprised a rebel camp occupied by a small party of insurgents, three of whom were killed. The troops suffered no losses.

Francisco Padron was shot in the Cabanas fortress at sunrise Monday morning for the crime of rebellion.

FIVE MINERS KILLED.

Through the Carelessness of a Fire Boss in a Coal Mine.

South McAllister, I. T.—Five miners were killed by an explosion of gas which occurred in the Anderson mines at 4 p. m. Monday. The names of the men killed are Martin Roy, Joe Cox, Tom Curry, William Bishop and Simon Pitty, colored.

The explosion is supposed to have been caused by Fire Boss Cox unscrewing the bottom of a safety alve lamp, which ignited the gas. No damage was done to the mine property.

WORST FOR YEARS.

Sioux City, Ia.—The worst blizzard known for years has been raging here for thirty-six hours. In this town the street railway traffic is practically blocked. Many trains have been abandoned and are all late. The conditions are steadily growing worse, and a general blockade is feared. Deaths are reported from the outlying districts, but until after the storm nothing definite can be learned.

A HOSPITAL BURNED.

Omaha, Neb.—The Wyoming State General Hospital, at Rock Springs, Wyo., burned to the ground Monday morning. The ten patients were removed, but one, a woman, died from fright while being taken to the temporary quarters. The loss is $18,000, with $18,000 insurance.

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McKinley will not have to materially alter Grover's message.

That was only a skirmish; let us get ready for a battle.

That promised prosperity isn't worth a 53 cent dollar yet.

Cleveland and McKinley would make a good pair—two of a kind.

A few farmers in Congress would be a very desirable ingredient.

Mark Hanna has moved his President factory to Washington.

The idle should apply to the advance agent of prosperity for work.

Some of the old populites are becoming a little crank themselves.

President Cleveland's antagonism to trusts comes too late to do any good.

Less money and more starvation is Doctor Cleveland's prescription for hard times.

The next thing Mark Hanna knows he will be charged with running a President.

Some seem to think that the way to get reform measures is to vote for them.

Illinois is the finest woman's prison in the world; yet there is but little demand for the rooms.

We have heard a great deal about prosperity, but have seen no one that has seen any of it as yet.

A brick trust is being organized; it is time the Attorney-General was "throwing a brick" or two.

The plutocrats seem bent on compelling us to take flat prosperity; we would rather have flat dollars.

After the 4th of March all eyes will be turned to the Republicans for the enactment of measures of relief.

We are glad to see the silver men organizing, but the next issue will be the money question and a few others.

The 150,000 yellow-hammers have expressed their willingness that the 4,000,000 silver Democrats may come back into the party.

Grover Cleveland might palliate, to some extent, his short-comings by making it hot for the trusts for the balance of his administration.

An exchange asks: "What are we going to do with the trusts?" It would come to the point to ask: "What are the trusts going to do with us?"

The trusts are increasing prices on the necessities of life, and the manufacturers are reducing wages of employes. The wage-worker is getting what he voted for.

Bankers have robbed the people of more money than all the highway robbers have, yet they are considered a very respectable class—and some of them are.

About the only personal inconvenience General Weyler has experienced in his recent campaign in the field against the Cubans was to miss a meal or two and get his nose sunburned.

Money is simply an order on society for the value expressed on its face. It is money by creation of law—that is, by a general agreement among all the people to receive it as such. Its principal use is to facilitate exchange of commodities.

Want It on a Safe Basis.

Bankers and "business men," led on by Mark Hanna, now want the currency put off a "safe basis." The gold basis isn't "safe," it is now ascertained, and prosperity must linger by the way until "the government is taken out of the banking business." You see they are afraid that the gold reserve will be depleted and the government compelled to issue bonds. And what is the remedy, my lord? In order to prevent the depletion of the gold reserve and the consequent issuance of bonds, they propose to issue five hundred millions of bonds, retire the greenbacks and have the national banks issue the currency. Hot remedy! One remarkable thing in this little game is, that while the government notes are a "source of weakness and distrust" that the bankers "must have government bonds on which to base their circulation." See anything? The bankers' own credit won't float their notes, but they must have the government behind them, at the same time the government's notes, issued direct to the people, are a "source of weakness and distrust." When Uncle Sam says to you or me, "Here is one of my bills, it's OK," the bill is N. G., but when he says, "I guarantee Mr. Banker's currency," then the banknotes are good. Strange that the government's word is so unreliable, according to the broadcloth gents; stranger still that they should scheme so hard to get this untrustworthy personage to say that they are all right. Stranger still, is the fact that the voting king don't see through the game.—Coming Nation.

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THE MONEY POWER.

A TERRIBLE ARRAIGNMENT OF CORPORATE GREED.

Facts As Startling As Were Cited In the Declaration Framed by Our Forefathers—Corruption Rampant Throughout the Land.

The principles of the declaration of independence are just as potent today as they were in 1776. And the oppressions which the cowardly grandsons of revolutionary heroes suffer are just as galling and destructive of Liberty and equality as were the unjust taxation and tyranny our forefathers fought against. The English and American money power, which is the same, have crushed our government out of all semblance to a government of the people.

We submit facts as startling as were those recited in the declaration that was framed by our forefathers.

The money power has prevented the passage of laws necessary for the public good.

It has caused the repeal of laws that kept money enough in circulation to enable the people to do a cash business without paying tribute to the money brokers.

It has delayed the passage of laws so as to enable trusts, syndicates and combines to corner the market on staple products.

It has prevented the passage of laws for the benefit of the majority of the people.

It has forced its way into legislative halls in the form of a lobby to influence legislation for its own special purposes.

It has prevented state legislation accomplishing the work for which they were called in special session. For instance, the late session of the Illinois legislature.

It has openly, flagrantly and boastfully disregarded the inter-state commerce law, and defied the anti-trust law.

It has prevented the administration of justice by controlling the courts.

It has made judges independent of the law, the constitution and the people.

It has, through its political heelers, created hundreds of useless high salaried offices, and had them filled by appointment from the enemies of the people.

It is building military fortresses and garrisoning them with rich men's sons, besides drilling school children to be soldiers instead of useful citizens.

It indicates what kind of text-books shall be used in our common schools, controls our colleges, and prevents even the preaching of the principles of Jesus Christ in many pulpits.

It has made the military independent of civil power.

The American money power, has combined with England to force this country to maintain a financial policy that is robbing the people of their homes, and turning thousands out to beg, steal or starve.

It causes the building of war ships and cannon, and has secured an entire change in the tactics of the U. S. army, so that now soldiers are being specially trained to bombard houses and murder working people who dare assemble on the streets of our great infernos, called cities.

It has cut off our trade with the world by appropriating all our surplus products to pay interest on bonds and mortgages.

It has forced the issue of interest-bearing bonds to enslave the people.

It deprives men of the right of trial by jury, and has set up a system of "government by injunction."

It has caused the sending of armed troops into a state where the local officers were fully capable of enforcing the law.

It has doubled the debts of the people, and a few thousand of its representatives have stolen half the wealth of the nation.

It has secured by special grants enough land to maintain ten millions of people in honest industry.

It has rendered all our laws inoperative where the rich man is involved.

It has caused the supreme court to declare it unconstitutional to tax rich.

It has bribed men chosen to represent the people.

It has made protection of property the sole object of our government.

It has plundered the people, driven young girls to prostitution, starved wives and children, driven men from happy firesides to wander on the highways, and caused the murder and imprisonment of workingmen whose only crime was helplessness.

It has imprisoned men for stepping on the grass at Washington, and it has caused men to be sent to the penitentiary for asking for bread.

It has caused young men in the military service to shoot down their fathers, brothers, friends, to "protect property," when itself has hired incendiaries to burn property so as to make an excuse for using military force in driving men back to work at starvation wages.

It was the cause of the late war, in which thousands of able-bodied young men were murdered, and the principal result of which was the creation of a debt whereby not only the negro but the white man as well is made a slave, and the owner has not even the responsibility of feeding him. And there are a hundred more things we might mention.—Industrial Advocate.

REFORM PRESS MEETING.

Pres. Van Dervoort Gives Notice of the Time and Place.

In accordance with the vote of the majority of our executive committee and the approval of all of the officers, but one, our annual meeting will be held at Memphis, Tenn., Feb. 22, 1897. The municipal authorities, business organizations and railroads reaching the city will heartily co-operate to make the occasion a grand success. We have assurances that an excursion will be arranged to New Orleans and the Gulf coast. Our vice-president, Frank Burkett, reports that he attended an enthusiastic meeting at Memphis, and that our entertainment will be taken hold of cordially by all of the people and that immense interest is exhibited. Interesting papers will be read by the members. We earnestly desire a large attendance.

We hope that every member will be present and many new ones enrolled. All applications will be received and referred to proper committees at Memphis for investigation and report.

The bitterness of the campaign is now over and we can devise means to reorganize our party and continue the campaign of education on true People's party lines. We extend a hearty greeting to all and hope that they will prosper during the coming year and be able to keep up their work in defense of the cause they have sacrificed so much to build up. Upon the meeting depends the future of the People's party, and we earnestly urge every editor and publisher to make great sacrifices to be present.

Members will apply to the officers nearest them for assistance in securing rates and advertising. Jo. A. Parker, corresponding secretary, at Louisville, Ky., will have charge of arranging rates with Memphis lines.

We append list of officers and post-office addresses to this call.

President, Paul Van Dervoort, Omaha.

Vice-president, Frank Burkett, Okolona, Miss.

Secretary and treasurer, A. Rozelle, Lamar, Mo.

Corresponding secretary, Jo. A. Parker, Louisville, Ky.

Ready print editor, W. S. Morgan, Hardy, Ark.

Executive committee, J. H. Ferris, Joliet, Ill.; Charles X. Mathews, Indianapolis, Ind.; Abe Steinberg, Girard, Kan.; E. S. Peters, Calvert, Texas; Mary O'Neill, St. Louis, Mo.

PAUL VAN DERVOORT, President.

THE POPULIST CREED.

It Will Live Forever in the Hearts and Works of Men.

Tom Watson in People's Party Paper: The Populist creed is an immortal creed, because founded on principles for which just men have contended in all ages. Were there no People's party, the essential elements of our faith would live. They represent the wrongs of crushed masses, the hopes of those who love humanity, the aspirations of those who dream of just laws and happier conditions than those which now prevail. Even were there no political movement along the lines of Populism, the cause would not stand still. Busy pens would still elaborate its principles. In books and in newspapers the thinker would be at work. He would seek his audience and find it, in spite of all the boodlers and the traitors and the tricksters. He might know that the present held no reward for him in its unfriendly hand, but he would look over the present and beyond it, and he would be patient and strong and fearless, for he would know that the future comes hastening this way and that in God's own good time the little he has been able to do for right and for humanity will bear its golden harvest in those years that are to come.

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Long ago the lamp of Plato ceased to burn, and yet the light of his luminous thought is with us still. Long ago the voice of Gracchus, pleading for the deserving many against the too-grasping few, was hushed; but its plea thrills all noble hearts among us yet.

Burns no longer sings the equality of man, as he dashes in from the kitchen to face the aristocrats who were too proud to dine with him; but his defiant voice, ringing with undying truth lives forever, and shall move the souls of men till all human hearts are dust.

O'Connell no longer stands upon the hillside, with his thousands listening at his feet; denouncing tyranny, denouncing legislative injustice, demanding popular rights and arraying the resistless powers of public sentiment against a system of government based upon wrong, but every thought that he uttered lives and bears fruit; every inspiration of Grattan still inspires, every lion-like heart-beat of Sydney and Hampden, of John Bright and Gladstone, of Jefferson, Jackson, Lincoln Henry and Otis is a heritage of all the world; and while the leaders may perish, his example and his work are beyond the reach of death and the grave.

The Girl Agitator.

Quite a furore has been created in Indianapolis by a young woman named Belle Pierson Springer, who recently took her pen in hand and wielded it in the following fashion:

Girls, just look at this. If you do not think you should give the economic conditions some thought: The average wages per day paid an American workingman outside the trades union is $1.25 per day; the average number of days' work per year for laboring men either in or out of trades unions is steadily decreasing. Every year it becomes more and more impossible for the average man to marry the woman of his choice by reason of his financial standing. It in turn becomes impossible for this woman's father or brother to support her, and she enters the army of work seekers, thereby decreasing the chances of both her lover and her father for a job. It used to be the hue and cry that there were so few avenues open to women; now they are forced into them to the exclusion of men because they will work cheaper, but it is doubtful if they are greatly benefited.

Belle Pierson Springer is a young woman to whom we hasten to doff our hat. She utters sound logic, and evidently proposes to expose the objectionable features of the prevailing "new woman" humbuggery. The only "new woman" who is worthy of attention is the one who takes an interest in the welfare of her sisters despite the great disadvantages under which she labors. Every woman engaged in labor and reform work is more or less of a heroine, and is a thousand times more useful to society than the dawdling social swells whose mushy and gushy behavior gags men of common sense. The sterner sex should be more thoughtful than to uphold a system that forces women and children into workshops and factories. They ought to know that they are hurting themselves. We hope the number of women agitators will increase.—Cleveland Citizen.

The Bolting Prodigals.

There will be many fatted calves killed by Democrats in the future, we have no doubt, and there will also be much music and dancing, but the choicest cutlets will not go to the Indianapolis bolters, and none of them will be called upon to lead the grand march. They must flook with the servants for a season, and be content to eat at second table. If they don't like it we are sorry for them, and assure them kindly but firmly that they will have to lump it. The gold Democrats, from their showing at the polls, are so weak that it is not worth while to dicker with them, or else they voted for McKinley. In the latter case they are backsliders, and can reach full fellowship again only by way of the mourners' bench.—Chicago Dispatch.

Every bank should be required by law to protect its depositors to the last cent. This is a matter of business which the banks are particular to demand when people go there to borrow money, and it is a rule that should work both ways.

One good thing about the silver question is, if you get a man to listen to you you can talk over the money question with him.

ABOUT DIRECT LAWS.

WHAT THEY WOULD AND WOULD NOT DO.

Some Facts on an Important Question by One of "Facts" Interesting Correspondents—There Is Only One Side to This Question.

To the Editor of Facts: In a late number of the Atlantic Monthly is a short and very well-written article on "The Political Menace of the Discontented," in which, after picturing in frightful colors the dangers which threaten our nation from the Chicago platform and its adherents, the writer remarks:

"It is more than a coincidence that the menace to property and credit is more determined in the two parts of the union, the south and the west, which have nothing in common but a lack of thrift."

Farther on he states:

"It is the feeling that in some way the government has ceased to be his, as it was in a time nearer to the town-meeting, that has aroused the suspicion of the isolated man."

Granted that our Atlantic friend's conclusions are correct, it certainly behooves us of the thriftless and therefore rebellious west to make a great effort to allay the suspicions of the isolated man, by making the government once more his own.

How to make and keep our government one which shall be in reality a government by the people is, then, a question of the utmost importance to us.

Doubtless, the terms "initiative," "referendum" and "imperative mandate" are familiar to the ear. But lest some one may not understand them fully I will give a brief explanation.

The referendum is simply a referring to the people of a proposed legal measure for their approval or veto. We now have the referendum in our own country in a very limited measure, i. e., every amendment to our state constitution must be approved by the people before it becomes part of the law of the land. Certain questions as to bond issues are also submitted to the people. Several years ago the school board of Denver gave the people the referendum in regard to free textbooks.

In Switzerland, which country takes the lead in direct legislation, the referendum is either compulsory or optional. That is, in some of the cantons all measures must be submitted to the people before becoming laws, while in others and in the federal government they are submitted only on petition of a certain number of citizens.

The initiative is the natural complement of the referendum. By it the people have the power to initiate legislation when their legislators are too sluggish to do so, or when they are bound by "rings and strings" and unholy combinations. A demand by a certain number of voters then compels the law-making body to frame the desired legislation and submit it to the people for their acceptance or rejection.

The imperative mandate, or, as it is sometimes named, the recall, enables the people to remove from office an unworthy or incapable official, provided that the demand be made by a majority of the voters.

Perhaps it may be plainer to you if brought nearer home. Let us suppose that we have adopted some such system of direct legislation in our city. We wish to take into our own hands the business of supplying ourselves with drinkable water. Say twenty per cent of our people sign a request to our public servants to make all arrangements for purchasing the property of the water company or for putting in a new system. That is the initiative.

The city council thereupon must frame necessary measures and advertise thoroughly the date on which the question is to come before the people. On that day it is settled by direct vote. That is the referendum. Possibly during this operation one of our older men has shown a leaning toward the interest of somebody besides the people whose servant he is. Such things have been heard of in some of our cities. Possibly he has worked so plainly against us and for his own interests that the whole city is indignant. Very well, if more than half of us see fit we may, by signing our names to the demand, remove the gentleman from his public office. That is the imperative mandate, or recall.

Or, suppose that many of us think that our fair city would be fairer without saloons. Do you not see how direct legislation would simplify matters? I believe that if the question of saloons or no saloons were put directly to the people of Denver, the saloon would go. Perhaps not, but I should like to see it tried.

For a few moments let us consider some of the arguments for and against an adoption of this Swiss system.

It would destroy the lobby, that "third house," which is responsible for much of our class legislation.

It would tend to prevent politics from becoming a trade, for the power of the politician being curtailed, there would be little or no money in the business. It is hard to buy up a whole people, and he who would attempt it would have no money to waste on elected representatives.

It would weaken party spirit and probably make an end of party government.

It would put a stop to the wholesale, reckless legislation which is now rushed through our law-making bodies, much of which serves only to make mischief. Is it not true that to-day most reforms lie in the direction of repealing laws already on the statute books, rather than in making new ones?

But you may say the people are not capable of deciding such questions. True enough. We admit our ignorance. But neither are we capable of electing wise men to office, men able to decide these questions for us. What proportion of the people who voted for state legislators on Nov. 3 knew anything of the character and ability of the men for whom they voted? A few knew something of them personally, a few others knew something by hearsay, while the rest voted for them simply because they were the party nominees. Party nominees! Selected, then, in all probability, by a clique of the least trustworthy men in the community.

No, we are not wise enough or patriotic enough to legislate for ourselves, but I believe that we could soon learn how if we had a chance to do it. How much did we know about national finances two years ago? We have had the benefit of compulsory education on that subject of late, for by some strange process the last election turned itself into a referendum on the money question. It has been rather agonizing to our spirits—much of what we have learned with so much pains is not true. But after all we are wiser than we were, and I think that the average man is now about as capable of legislating on financial questions as the financiers we have been sending to Congress for the last twenty-five years. He couldn't make a worse mess of it or change his mind oftener.

Pardon me if I have given you a one-sided view of this subject. I can see but one side. To me it seems the one thing we must have in order to get the many things we want. We cannot get it easily. Working against us we shall have all the lawless and anarchistic elements of the country—the saloon and gambling element, those corporations which have found it to their interest to own our legislators and those legislators who have found it to their interest to be owned. But we have justice on our side, and there can be but one outcome.—Emily Marks in "Facts."

A POPULIST CITY.

It Will Levy No Taxes After the First of the Year.

Glasgow will levy no taxes after January 1, 1897. The revenues derived from the public utilities, owned by the city, including the street car service, the gas and electric light service, the water supply and other public monopolies are now sufficient to pay all expenses of the city government. The most surprising part of the whole matter is the fact that this remarkable achievement has been accomplished with an immense reduction in the cost of service to the public.

Glasgow is a city of about twice the size of San Francisco, population being 792,000. In 1891 it was only 77,000. It has made a larger growth than any other European city since that date. Its great university, over 400 years old is famous the world over. Its public libraries, museum and technical schools are the pride of the city. The general intelligence of this great university town is unequalled in Europe. Its sanitary condition is of the first class. It ranks next to London in size among the cities of Great Britain. In a word, it is the model city of to-day.

The leading source of municipal revenue in Glasgow is the street railway system, and although the city bought the street car service less than three years ago, July 1, 1894, and interest on the debt and provision for a sinking fund made, after meeting these fixed charges and the cost of repair and maintenance there was a balance at the close of the year past, July 1, 1896, of $403,014. The fare is one cent for half mile rides, and the average fare for the 36,462,000 passengers carried during the year is less than 1¾ cents. The cost of water and gas service has likewise been greatly reduced, and yet the revenue has been increased.

Our readers need not be told that Glasgow is a Populist city. Municipal ownership of the public utilities, street car service, water and light, etc., is a fundamental law of the People's party in city government. Another fundamental law is the system of initiative and referendum, otherwise known as direct legislation. With city ownership of public utilities and direct legislation as the foundation of municipal government, the boss in politics is eliminated, for there is nothing left for him to do, and he disappears just as a stone sinks in the water. When will Americans know enough to adopt a Populistic government?—The Californian.

Not a Bad Showing.

Election returns show Bryan more in touch with his home people than William McKinley. Lancaster County, Neb., where Bryan lives, is one of the strongest Republican counties of the state, giving a Republican majority in 1895 of 5,867. Bryan turned this majority under and carried the county by 773 plurality. Stark county gave a Republican majority in 1895 of 2,161. McKinley carried his home county by a reduced majority of 850.—Ex.

We are told by the "sound money" advocates that gold is worth as much without the government stamp as it is with it, and that the stamp adds nothing to the value of the material; that its intrinsic value is what makes it fit for money. Now, if this is true, why should it be declared by law a legal tender? If it rests solely on its own intrinsic merits, why not repeal the legal tender clause and let it rest solely on its own merits and the contracts? Let this issue be pushed and see if the bankers do not change front.

Watch Congress.

SOUTH'S ADVANTAGE

In the Iron and Steel Making Industry.

Washington, D. C.—The total absence of Southern iron and steel manufacturers before the Committee of Ways and Means Saturday, on the occasion of hearings on the iron and steel schedules, was a fact that excited some considerable comment. The explanation was given incidentally in the argument of the Pennsylvania manufacturer, when he said the Southern mills were making no money, and yet were producing steel and pig iron at less cost than the Northern makers, the ore costing at least $1 less delivered at Southern than at Northern mills. The Southern manufacturers, realizing this fact, know that their interests will be well taken care of before the committee of Northerners, for any concession they may secure will operate even more handsomely to the Southern mill owners. Generally speaking, cost of manufacturing in the South is cheaper than in the North, and in this fact is found the explanation of the very small attendance of Southern protectionists since the hearings began.

J. C. Thropp, of Everett, Pa., a member of the Eastern Association, addressed the committee. The smelters regarded the present condition of the market as abnormal, he said. Prices were lower than they should be, and prices abroad abnormally high. At present the Wilson law ($4 a ton) was sufficient protection. The depression in the United States market was due to domestic competition and decreased consumption. Last year's consumption was 1,700,000 tons less than that of 1892. The Southern mills were making no money. The view of the tariff question held by the association was that on products which American resources could supply for American consumption, the duties should be high enough to keep out foreign goods. The average cost of pig iron in Pennsylvania was $10 to $10.50 a ton. The ore laid down at the works in Pennsylvania cost $6.25 to $7 a ton, while the Southern smelters could secure it at $4 or more cheaper. Another advantage held by Southern manufacturers was that they could practically compel their workmen to deal at company stores, which was forbidden by Pennsylvania law. One Virginia company had made $48,000 on its store last year, while it had lost on every ton of iron turned out.

W.C. Cronemyer, of Pittsburg, asked the following advances in rates on tin plates and similar wares: On tin plates or sheets of iron or steel, from 1 1-5 to 1½ cents a pound; sheet iron or sheet steel, polished or glazed, from ⅛ to ¼ cent a pound; sheet, common or black, between 10 and 25 wire gauge, from 1 1-10 to 1 2-10 cents.

John Jarrett, of Pittsburg, said tin plate making could not have been continued in the United States under the Wilson law, except for the reduction of 25 per cent. in wages and the cheaper price of steel plates resulting from the general depression in business.

The shotgun manufacturers, through Thomas Hunter, of Cayuga County, New York, asked for specific instead of ad valorem duties.

R. E. Hastings, of Philadelphia, spoke for the makers of gold, silver and aluminum leaf and of Dutch metal; W. Schartman, of Elwood City, Pa., for makers of seamless tubes, and C. B. Storrs, of New Jersey, advocated higher duties on antimony.

TOBACCO REDUCED TO ASHES.

American Tobacco Company's Plant at Danville, Burned.

Richmond, Va.—A Danville special to the Dispatch, dated Saturday, says: "The big five-story brick tobacco factory of the American Tobacco Company, located at the Eastern terminus of Bridge Street, near the Southern Railway station, was entirely destroyed by fire, together with its contents, this morning. The factory was 180 x 75 feet, with an L 75 x 100 feet, was filled on all five floors with fine, bright wrappers and cutters, all of which were destroyed. About 145 hogsheads on the ground floor were rolled out during the fire. The alarm was sounded about 7 o'clock, but when the department arrived the building was aflame, and raged with ruthless fury. The costly equipment of the factory—modern machinery—is almost a total loss. The building and 500,000 pounds of fine, bright tobacco was burned.

"The origin of the fire is purely surmise. The loss on building, fixtures and stock, is conservatively approximated at $150,000, fully covered by insurance. The insurance in detail is: Stock, $124,000; building, $20,000; machinery, $350,000; office furniture, $1,250. It is placed with thirty odd companies.

"The American Company used the factory for storing, handling and shipping, doing manufacturing here. Their representatives will be on the market buying next week. Other quarters will be rented."

MAN BURNED TO DEATH.

Memphis, Tenn.—William Carter, aged 50, found his house on fire near Germantown, Saturday night. He ran in to get some money he had there. His charred corpse was found in the ashes, surrounded by the blackened iron he had tried to save.

Gun in his work—the well-digger.

From His Standpoint.

"Have you come to see about why the garbage wasn't collected?" asked the housewife.

"No, I ain't," replied the contractor's agent, indignantly. "I've come to find out what business you people have to make a complaint over a little thing like waitin' a week or two for the man to come around. That's what I'm here for."—Washington Star.

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The Krupp gun foundries at Essen, near Dusseldorf, employ 27,155 persons, whose families amount to 67,597 persons.

"How are you getting along with the bicycle?" asked Miss Cayenne. "Better than I expected," replied Willie Wishington. "So you have at last attempted to ride?" "No; I haven't gone quite that far. But I don't believe I'm quite as much afraid of it as I used to be."—Washington Star.

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A BACKWARD GLANCE.

Chronological Record of Important Events.

REVIEW OF THE YEAR.

Month of May Most Conspicuous by Its List of Appalling Disasters and Natural Catastrophies by Land and Sea.—Record of Fres and Crimes.—Perusing the Past.

Following is a chronological record of the most important events of the past twelve months: May, 1896, will be remembered as the month of disaster. On the 3rd twelve persons were killed by an explosion in Cincinnati; on the 15th, 120 by a cyclone in Texas; on the 17th, 33 by cyclones in Kentucky and Kansas; on the 18th, 44 by a cyclone in Nebraska; on the 21st, 10 by a cyclone in Oklahoma; on the 22d, 5 by a cyclone in Missouri; on the 24th, 40 by a cyclone in Iowa; on the 25th, 86 by cyclones in Michigan and Oklahoma and 40 by a cloudburst at McGregor, Ia.; and on the 26th, 12 by a storm at Cairo, and between 75 and 100 by the fall of a bridge at Victoria, B. C. Otherwise the record is not out of the ordinary.

JANUARY.

1. President names Venezuelan Commission.....British ship Jeannette Cowan wrecked on Vancouver Island; 12 men perished.

2. Six members of Hibbard family die, by fire, at Columbus, O. —Four killed, 32 hurt by exploding fireworks at St. Louis, Mo. —British force under Dr. Jameson attempts seizure of territory in Transvaal, South Africa, and is cut to pieces and captured by Boers; British Government disavows his invasion. —Earthquake in Persia destroys the village of Jaujabad and kills 300 people.

4. Cubans invest the city of Havana. —United States insists on indemnity from Turkey for plundered missions. —Six killed in a wreck near Chillicothe, Ohio. —Utah a state.

5. Carlisle offers one hundred million dollar popular loan. —Persian earthquake destroys the city of Golan and kills 800 people.

6. Report that Havana has fallen not confirmed. —Four miners killed in a Shamokin, Pa. shaft. —Tremendous prairie fires in western Kansas.

9. War fever high in England. —Transvaal demands independence and indemnity for the Jameson raid. —Report of alliance between Germany, France and Russia to sustain the Boers.

12. Peter Hougaard kills his wife, five children and himself, by asphyxiation, at Chicago.

13. The Sultan forbids the Red Cross society to enter his domains.

14. Foraker chosen Senator from Ohio.

15. Government victorious in Manitobia elections. —Severe fighting about Havana. —Allison chosen Senator from Iowa. —Bond syndicate dissolved; popular loan assured.

16. Chicago gets National Democratic Convention.

17. Announcement of Harrison-Dimmick engagement. —Campos relieved of Spanish command in Cuba. —Death of Frank Lawler of Chicago.

21. Five firemen killed by falling walls at St. Louis. —Three people killed by gas explosion at New Haven Conn.; two at Redkey, Ind. —Death of General Tom Ewing at New York. —Red Cross delegation starts for Turkey.

25. American liner, St. Paul ashore at Long Branch.

26. Cuban fillibustering steamer, sinks; 53 lost.

27. Fifty four Welsh miners killed by explosion. —Fued at Palon, Iowa, ends in two deaths.

30. Five killed, thirty hurt by exploding boiler at Hollidayburg, Pa.

31. Salisbury concedes justice of the Monroe doctrine and declares England's inability to suppress the Armenian outrages.

FEBRUARY

1. Senate passes silver bond bill. —Pearl Bryan murder at Ft. Thomas, Ky.

2. Two million fire losss in Philadelphia. —Tremenduous snow storm in northwest.

5. Richard Klatke kills his father, mother, wife, three children and himself at Chicago; despondent. —Bond bids aggregate $568,000,000, at a figure exceeding 110.

6. Three killed in Polish-Hungarian riot at Whiting, Ind. —Terriffic storm sweeps the Atlantic Coast; Morristown N. J. inundated by a bursting dam; Bound Brook wiped out by flood and fire; many lives lost, much property destroyed. —Bridge near Bristol, Conn. swept away drowning several workmen.

7. Death of W. H. English of Indianapolis.

8. Publisher Dunlop, of Chicago Dispatch, sentenced to two years and to pay $2,000 for circulating obscene matter.

9. Ten sailors drown off Newburyport, Mass.

14. Grant Arterberry lynched at Sullivan, Ill.

17. Twenty die in a factory fire at Troy, N. Y.

18. Sixty miners killed at Newcastle, Colorado. —Rain of mud in Chicago.

19. Bill Nye stricken by paralysis. —Mercury below zero all day, at Chicago, three die of exposure. —Clothing cutters strike, at Chicago. —Dynamite at Johannesburg, South Africa kills scores; fire at a masked ball at Lisbon, Portugal, kills fifty attendants.

21. Fitzsimmons whips Maher in 1 minute and 35 seconds. Commander and Mrs. Ballington Booth removed from command of salvation army in America.

22. Death of Bill Nye.

23. Ballington Booth revolts against his retirement from the salvation army. —Seven people die in a Baltimore fire.

27. N. Y. Yacht Club expels Lord Dunraven.

28. Senate passes resolutions to recognize Cuba.

15. Eighty killed by cyclone at Sherman, Texas.

17. Great loss of life and property by cyclones in Kansas. —Five sailors drown off Grosse Point, Ill. —Blue Island, Ill., fire-swept. —$300,000 fire at Atlanta, Ga.

18. Nebraska cyclone kills 44.

21. Oklahomo cyclone kills 10.

22. Missouri cyclone kills 5.

24. Four of Otto Malm's family die by gasoline fire at Chicago. —Cyclone in Polk and Jasper counties, Iowa, kills a score of people and does tremendous damage; Chicago and suburbs also suffer.

25. Over 100 killed by cyclone in Michigan. —Forty die at McGregor, Ia., in a cloudburst.

26. One hundred killed in street car disaster at Victoria, B. C. —James Dunham murders six people at San Jose, Cal. —Czar of Russia crowned. —Cairo, Ill., storm kills 12.

27. St. Louis, East St. Louis and several Missouri towns swept by one of the most destructive cyclones in the world's history; 1,000 reported dead.

30. Two thousand Russians killed in a panic at Moscow. —Eighteen people die in a cyclone at Seneca, Mo.

JUNE.

5. Excessive heat in northwest.

6. Anarchist bomb in Barcelona kills 7 and wounds 4.

13. Death of Ex-Governor Felch, of Michigan.

16. Earthquake in Japan kills thousands. —Republican Convention in St. Louis. —Steamer Drummond and 240 lives lost off France.

18. Ten thousand lives lost by earthquake and tidal wave in Japan. —McKinley nominated at St. Louis. —Silver men bolt the convention. —Ten killed by exploding yacht boiler at Little Falls, N. Y.

22. Five killed by collapsing building at San Francisco. —Death of B. H. Bristow, Ex-Secretary of the Treasury, at New York.

23. One hundred miners buried at Pittston, Pa. —Six drown in Shawano Lake, Wis.

JULY.

1. Death of Harriet Beecher Stowe.

7. Democratic Convention at Chicago. —Yale beaten at Henley.

8. Christian Endeavor assembles at Washington.

10. Chicago Convention nominates Bryan.

29. One million dollar fire in Halifax. —Riots in Barcelona, Spain upon receipt of news of the action of Congress; American consulate attacked.

MARCH.

1. Great floods in New England.

3. Rome in a rage because of the slaughter of 3,000 Italian soldiers in a battle in Abasynia.

4. Renewed anti-American demonstration in Madrid. —All Itally in an uproar over an Abasynian defeat. —200,000 fire at Johnstown, Pa.

14. Albert Wallace hanged at Pekin Ill.

16. Frankfort, Ky. under martial law.

18. Five killed by powder explosion at Ripton, N. Y.

23. Thirteen miners killed by an explosion at Dubois, Pa. —Death of Thomas Hughes, author, at London. Riot at Holland, Mich., over horsewhipping a sensational newspaper correspondent.

28. $400,000 fire at Louisville, Ky. —Illinois Supreme Court confirms imprisonment sentence of banker Meadowcraft.

Unknown man kills Alvin Stone and wounds three daughters, at Akron, Ohio; cause unknown. —Four die from fire in New York.

31. Storms in the Northwest. —Report of execution, by garote, of five Cubans at Havanna. —Opening of lake navigation.

APRIL.

1. Ten die of fire in a Brooklyn tenement house. Trains on Frisco and B. & O. roads held up. —Cubans capture Santa Clara.

6. Wedding of General Harrison and Mrs. Dimmick.

7. Chicago elections retire 21 boodle aldermen.

10. S. B. Minchell kills W. B. O. Sands, his own wife and three children and himself at Pentwater, Mich.

13. Six killed by a falling trestle at Bedford, Ind. —President Cleveland appoints Fitzhugh Lee consul general to Cuba. —Greater N. Y. bill vetoed.

14. J. W. Lehman, of Chicago, kills himself and three children. —$1,000,000 fire at New York. —$250,000 fire at Fairbury, Ill.

15. First fatal sun stroke at Philadelphia. —Phenomenal hot wave prevails.

16. Base ball season opens. —Temperature reaches 88 degrees at Chicago, breaking all records for April.

19. Nine sailors drowned off Long Island.

21. Baron Hirsh, millionaire Jewish philanthropist, dies at Komborn, Germany. —Leon Say, distinguished French political economist, dies at Paris.

25. At Rockville, Ind., Albert Egbert kills five people without cause, and commits suicide; his sick sister dies from shock. $1,000,000 incendiary fire loss at Cripple Creek, Colo. —Ten killed and twenty hurt in Kansas, and three killed in Virginia, by cyclones.

27. Fatal storms in South Dakota. —Boers pass sentence of death upon leaders of the Transvaal insurrection; President Kruger commutes sentence.

29. Second fire at Cripple Creek, Colo., does $1,500,000 damage and wipes out the town.

30. Illinois Republican Convention declares for McKinley.

MAY.

3. Fearful loss of life by explosion of a gas generator at Cincinnati; nearly fifty hurt.

5. Cleveland's sweeping civil service order protects 30,000 office holders.

8. Many points record temperature of 90 degrees.

9. L'Anse, Mich., has $750,000 fire. Ashland, Wis., loses half a million by fire. —Continued excessive heat.

11. Eleven killed by explosion of boiler of rafting steamer Harry Brown, at Vicksburg, Miss.

14. Bold bank robbery at Buffalo, N. Y. —Big windstorm at Chicago. —Methodists retire Bishops Foster and Bowman.

11. Twenty-eight killed in wreck at Logan, Ia. —$1,780 hold-up at noon in Chicago. —$300,000 fire at Nashville, Tenn.

12. Five killed in week at Chicago. —Four drowned at Lawrence, Kan.

13. Half million fire loss at St. Louis. —Intense heat at Chicago.

14. Hot wave sweeps the country; 94 degrees at Chicago.

15. Temperature drops 36 degrees at Chicago. —Twenty-eight drowned at Cleveland, O.

18. Three lives and half a million in property lost by fire at Chicago car barns. —Malvern, Ark., razed by incendiary fire.

24. Twenty-six drowned by cloudburst in Colorado. —Serious floods in Ohio and Pennsylvania.

25. Populists at St. Louis nominate Bryan and Watson.

27. Eleven die in a Pennsylvania cloudburst near Pittsburg.

28. Indiana gas belt swept by floods; three killed at Anderson.

30. Fifty killed in railroad wreck at Jersey City, N. J.

AUGUST.

4. Failure of Moore Bros., Chicago, Diamond Match brokers, for $4,000,000. —Phenomenal heat in Western, Central and Middle Northern States.

5, 6, 7. Continuance of killing heat. —Conference of National Democratic party at Indianapolis.

9. Furious heat increases; 72 deaths from sunstroke in New York and Brooklyn; 19 at Chicago; similar reports from all quarters. —Seven killed by trolley accident at Columbia, Pa.

10. One hundred and eighty people die of heat in New York and Brooklyn; 30 at Chicago; 12 at St. Louis.

12. Cool wave. —Thirty die in a Pennsylvania cloudburst. —Seven killed by boiler explosion near Alliance, O.

16. Undertakers and cemeteries in New York overwhelmed with business; hundreds of funerals postponed; heat the cause.

17. Death of Abigail Dodge (Gail Hamilton), at Hamilton, Mass.

18. Death of Nicholas Crouch, author of "Kathleen Mavourneen."

25. Whitney-Vanderbilt wedding. Ontonagon, Mich., destroyed by fire. National Democratic State Convention of Illinois nominates John C. Black for Governor.

SEPTEMBER.

1. Twelve killed by powder house explosion at San Francisco.

3. Gold Democrats at Indianapolis nominate Palmer and Buckner. —Slight frost in Northwest.

6. Eleven firemen killed at Benton Harbor, Mich. —Two men lynched at Glencoe, Minn.

8. Six of a coaching party killed near Warsaw, Ind. —Family of four killed at crossing at Oshkosh, Wis.

10. Cyclone at Paris. —Terrific storm on Atlantic coast.

19. Tremendous storm in the East. —British troops capture Dongola and rout dervishers in Egypt. —Riot in Leadville; four killed.

23. Leadville under martial law.

27. Mount Holyoke College burns at South Hadley, Mass.

29. Many Southern cities wrecked by storm; great life and property loss in Florida, Georgia and Pennsylvania.

OCTOBER.

1, 8. Iowa semi-centennial jubilee.

8. Death of Du Maurier, the novelist.

9. Chicago Day celebration.

10. Two bank robbers killed at Sherbourne, Minn.

14. Meeker, Col., citizens killed three bank robbers, and hold a celebration over it.

13. Flight of W. T. Rambusch, from Juneau, Wis., after embezzling over $200,000 during long term of years.

16. First snow in Northern Wisconsin.

17. First snow in Chicago. —$150,000 fire at Holland, Mich.

18. Death of Henry E. Abbey, the atrical manager, at New York.

25. Eight killed, 20 hurt, in wreck at St. Louis. —Six drown while boating at Denver.

26. $1,200,000 elevator fire at Chicago.

28, 29. Mercury at Chicago reaches 78 degrees. —Cyclones in the South and Oklahoma.

NOVEMBER.

3. McKinley elected President.

5. Storm of sleet and snow in Northwest and Middle States.

7. Schooner Waukesha and six men lost off Muskegon, Mich.

16. Mercury registered 70 degrees at Chicago.

19. Death of Mrs. Siddons, at Paris.

21. Steamer San Benito and five men lost off California coast. —Death of Inventor Ferris, of wheel fame.

23. Death of Campanini, the tenor, at Parma, Italy. —Mabley & Co., Detroit, fail.

26. Worst November blizzard ever known in Northwest; roads blocked and much stock killed. —Apparently authentic report of Weyler's rout in Cuba, with loss of 3,000 men.

27, 28, 29, 30. Continued severe cold in West and North.

DECEMBER.

2, 3, 4. Alarming ice gorge in Chippewa Valley, Wisconsin.

6. Strong indications that Cuban insurgents will be successful; Weyler fails in his campaign in Pinar del Rio. —Five killed in collision at Waelder, Tex.

7. Congress in session. —Reported death of Maceo, the Cuban insurgent general.

9. Loss of North German Lloyd steamer Salier, with 275 people, off Spain.

11. Collapsed building at Jeres, Spain, kills 400. —Mine disaster at Hedges, Cal., kills eight.

16. Tremendous snowstorm at New York City, accompanied by extreme cold; three people perish. —Chicago has mild temperature; no snow, and sunny skies. —Widespread agitation looking toward aid of Cuban insurgents.

17. England shaken by earthquake. —$300,000 fire at Pittsburg. —Death of Herrmann, the magician.

21. National Bank of Illinois, at Chicago, closes.

22. Three banks dragged down by Illinois National. —Two St. Paul banks fail. —Cash wheat at Chicago reaches 89½ after three months of almost uninterrupted advance, and market continues strong.

27. Disaster on Birmingham Mineral railroad near Blocton, Ala., in which 26 lives are lost. The railroad bridge gave way and precipitated the entire train and all passengers 110 feet below into the Cahaba river.

INDUSTRIAL SOUTH.

The Chattanooga Tradesman's Weekly Report.

Chattanooga, Tenn.—The Tradesman's Southern correspondents report but little change in industrial conditions, and the demand for manufactured products will not show much increase until the spring trade opens. An encouraging feature of the week is the increase in the number of new industries organized, which is a practical demonstration of the restoration of confidence in manufacturing circles.

The movement in iron and steel is light and buyers of Western and Southern brands of pig iron report a cut in prices of 25 cents a ton. The furnaces of the Dayton Coal and Iron Company, at Dayton, Tenn., were put in blast January 1, and the company will build 50 additional coke ovens.

The demand for lumber for home consumption is quiet, but the export trade continues active.

Among the most important new industries for the week the Tradesman reports the following: Window glass works to cost $150,000 at Mannington, W. Va.; the Austin Mining Company, capital $10,000, at Austin, Tex.; the W. C. Quinn Dry Plate Manufacturing Company, capital $30,000, at Henderson, Ky.; the Union Cement and Lime Company, capital $450,000, at Louisville, Ky.; the Big Sandy Oil and Gas Company, capital $450,000, Catlettsburg, Ky.; a cotton seed oil and delinting mill at Little Rock, Ark.; and a $200,000 cotton mill at Valdosta, Ga. Large woodworking plants to cost $100,000 will be erected at Columbus, Ga., and at New Orleans, La.; the Hines Bros. Lumber Company, capital $50,000, has been chartered at Winston, N. C., and $10,000 lumber companies have been organized at Little Rock, Ark., and Shreveport, La.

THE PLAN REVEALED.

Tom Parker Tells a Fearful Story of Intended Crime.

Birmingham, Ala.—Five negroes, Rome Scales, Emanuel Brittings, Tom Ingram, Tom Parker and Andrew Fagan, incarcerated in the county jail within the past week, have proven to be the worst wanted quintette of scoundrels that ever peeped through jail gratings.

Tom Parker, through skillful questioning by Sheriff O'Brien, gave a full and complete description of the entire plot—naming as the instigator Andrew Fagan—whereby passenger train No. 37, of the Southern railway, was to be wrecked at McComb's trestle for the purpose of robbing the express car and dead bodies of those on board the train.

Parker's confession, were it to appear in print, would read more like a dime novel than a real conspiracy in which the lives of hundreds of people were to be taken for the sake of gain. He told how Fagan induced him and the other negroes under arrest, to go to the bridge, and once there remove the spikes and plates which held the rail in position, and to make the plot more certain of success, removed the rail from its position, and then built a fire and calmly awaited the destruction of the train. Jim Hawes' keen sight and wonderful nerve, together with a divine providence, frustrated the hellish designs of the negro fiends.

Fagan alone denies the statement made by Parker, the others acknowledging its truthfulness in every minute detail. Sheriff O'Brien has the negro's confession in writing, which will be used in meeting out to the scoundrels their just deserts.

AND THIS IS CALLED WAR.

Huts of the Peasantry Burned and Forage Destroyed.

Havana, Cuba.—Several detachments of Col. Melguizo's column, while reconnoitering at Montes, Capiaso and other places, have destroyed over 400 huts of all kinds and demolished all of the forage and other resources of the enemy south of Lajas and Pilato Hills. The detachments also surprised a rebel camp occupied by a small party of insurgents, three of whom were killed. The troops suffered no losses.

Francisco Padron was shot in the Cabanas fortress at sunrise Monday morning for the crime of rebellion.

FIVE MINERS KILLED.

Through the Carelessness of a Fire Boss in a Coal Mine.

South McAllister, I. T.—Five miners were killed by an explosion of gas which occurred in the Anderson mines at 4 p. m. Monday. The names of the men killed are Martin Roy, Joe Cox, Tom Curry, William Bishop and Simon Pitty, colored.

The explosion is supposed to have been caused by Fire Boss Cox unscrewing the bottom of a safety valve lamp, which ignited the gas. No damage was done to the mine property.

WORST FOR YEARS.

Sioux City, Ia.—The worst blizzard known for years has been raging here for thirty-six hours. In this town the street railway traffic is practically blocked. Many trains have been abandoned and are all late. The conditions are steadily growing worse, and a general blockade is feared. Deaths are reported from the outlying districts, but until after the storm nothing definite can be learned.

A HOSPITAL BURNED.

Omaha, Neb.—The Wyoming State General Hospital, at Rock Springs, Wyo., burned to the ground Monday morning. The ten patients were removed, but one, a woman, died from fright while being taken to the temporary quarters. The loss is $15,000 with $18,000 insurance.

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McKinley will not have to materially alter Grover's message.

That was only a skirmish; let us get ready for a battle.

That promised prosperity isn't worth a 53 cent dollar yet.

Cleveland and McKinley would make a good pair—two of a kind.

A few farmers in Congress would be a very desirable ingredient.

Mark Hanna has removed his Presidential factory to Washington.

The idle should apply to the advance agent of prosperity for work.

Some of the old populites are becoming a little crank themselves.

President Cleveland's antagonism to trusts come too late to do any good.

Less money and more starvation is Doctor Cleveland's prescription for hard times.

The name being Mark Hanna knows he will be charged with running a President.

Some seem to think that the way to secure reform measures is to vote against them.

Illustrating the finest woman's prison in the world, yet there is but little demand for newsrooms.

We have heard a great deal about prosperity but have seen no one that has seen any of it as yet.

A brick trust is being organized; it is time the Attorney-General was "throwing a brick" or two.

The plutocrats seem bent on compelling us to take flat prosperity; we would rather have flat dollars.

After the 4th of March all eyes will be turned to the Republicans for the enactment of measures of relief.

We are glad to see the silver men organizing, but the next issue will be the money question and a few others.

The 150,000 yellow-hammers have expressed their willingness that the 4,000,000 silver Democrats may come back into the party.

Grover Cleveland might palliate, to some extent, his short-comings by putting it hot for the trusts for the balance of his administration.

An exchange asks: "What are we going to do with the trusts?" It would come to the point to ask: "What are the trusts going to do with us?"

The trusts are increasing prices on the necessities of life, and the manufacturers are reducing wages of employes. The wage-worker is getting what he voted for.

Bankers have robbed the people of more money than all the highway robbers have, yet they are considered a very respectable class—and some of them are.

About the only personal inconvenience General Weyler has experienced in his recent campaign in the field against the Cubans was to miss a meal or two and get his nose sunburned.

Money is simply an order on society for the value expressed on its face. It is money by creation of law—that is, by a general agreement among all the people to receive it as such. Its principal use is to facilitate exchange of commodities.

Want It on a Safe Basis.

Bankers and "business men," led on by Mark Hanna, now want the currency put on a "safe basis." The gold basis isn't "safe," it is now ascertained, and prosperity must linger by the way until "the government is taken out of the banking business." You see they are afraid that the gold reserve will be depleted and the government compelled to issue bonds. And what is the remedy, my lord? In order to prevent the depletion of the gold reserve and the consequent issuance of bonds, they propose to issue five hundred millions of bonds, retire the greenbacks and have the national banks issue the currency. Hot remedy! One remarkable thing in this little game is, that while the government notes are a "source of weakness and distrust" that the bankers "must have government bonds on which to base their circulation." See anything? The bankers' own credit won't float their notes, but they must have the government behind them, at the same time the government's notes, issued direct to the people, are a "source of weakness and distrust." When Uncle Sam says to you or me, "Here is one of my bills, it's OK," the bill is N. G., but when he says, "I guarantee Mr. Banker's currency," then the banknotes are good. Strange that the government's word is so unreliable, according to the broadcloth gents; stranger still that they should scheme so hard to get this untrustworthy personage to say that they are all right. Strangest still, is the fact that the voting king don't see through the game.—Coming Nation.

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THE MONEY POWER.

A TERRIBLE ARRAIGNMENT OF CORPORATE GREED.

Facts As Startling As Were Cited In the Declaration Framed by Our Forefathers—Corruption Rampant Throughout the Land.

The principles of the declaration of independence are just as potent today as they were in 1776. And the oppressions which the cowardly grandsons of revolutionary heroes suffer are just as galling and destructive of Liberty and equality as were the unjust taxation and tyranny our forefathers fought against. The English and American money power, which is the same, have crushed our government out of all semblance to a government of the people.

We submit facts as startling as were those recited in the declaration that was framed by our forefathers.

The money power has prevented the passage of laws necessary for the public good.

It has caused the repeal of laws that kept money enough in circulation to enable the people to do a cash business without paying tribute to the money brokers.

It has delayed the passage of laws so as to enable trusts, syndicates and combines to corner the market on staple products.

It has prevented the passage of laws for the benefit of the majority of the people.

It has forced its way into legislative halls in the form of a lobby to influence legislation for its own special purposes.

It has prevented state legislation accomplishing the work for which they were called in special session. For instance, the late session of the Illinois legislature.

It has openly, flagrantly and boastfully disregarded the inter-state commerce law, and defied the anti-trust law.

It has prevented the administration of justice by controlling the courts.

It has made judges independent of the law, the constitution and the people.

It has, through its political heelers, created hundreds of useless high salaried offices, and had them filled by appointment from the enemies of the people.

It is building military fortresses and garrisoning them with rich men's sons, besides drilling school children to be soldiers instead of useful citizens.

It indicates what kind of text-books shall be used in our common schools, controls our colleges, and prevents even the preaching of the principles of Jesus Christ in many pulpits.

It has made the military independent of civil power.

The American money power has combined with England to force this country to maintain a financial policy that is robbing the people of their homes, and turning thousands out to beg, steal or starve.

It causes the building of war ships and cannon, and has secured an entire change in the tactics of the U. S. army, so that now soldiers are being specially trained to bombard houses and murder working people who dare assemble on the streets of our great infernos, called cities.

It has cut off our trade with the world by appropriating all our surplus products to pay interest on bonds and mortgages.

It has forced the issue of interest-bearing bonds to enslave the people.

It deprives men of the right of trial by jury, and has set up a system of "government by injunction."

It has caused the sending of armed troops into a state where the local officers were fully capable of enforcing the law.

It has doubled the debts of the people, and a few thousand of its representatives have stolen half the wealth of the nation.

It has secured by special grants enough land to maintain ten millions of people in honest industry.

It has rendered all our laws inoperative where the rich man is involved.

It has caused the supreme court to declare it unconstitutional to tax rich.

It has bribed men chosen to represent the people.

It has made protection of property the sole object of our government.

It has plundered the people, driven young girls to prostitution, starved wives and children, driven men from happy firesides to wander on the highways, and caused the murder and imprisonment of workingmen whose only crime was helplessness.

It has imprisoned men for stepping on the grass at Washington, and it has caused men to be sent to the penitentiary for asking for bread.

It has caused young men in the military service to shoot down their fathers, brothers, friends, to "protect property," when itself has hired incendiaries to burn property so as to make an excuse for using military force in driving men back to work at starvation wages.

It was the cause of the late war, in which thousands of able-bodied young men were murdered, and the principal result of which was the creation of a debt whereby not only the negro but the white man as well is made a slave, and the owner has not even the responsibility of feeding him. And there are a hundred more things we might mention.—Industrial Advocate.

REFORM PRESS MEETING.

Pres. Van Dervoort Gives Notice of the Time and Place.

In accordance with the vote of the majority of our executive committee and the approval of all of the officers, but one, our annual meeting will be held at Memphis, Tenn., Feb. 22, 1897. The municipal authorities, business organizations and railroads reaching the city will heartily co-operate to make the occasion a grand success. We have assurances that an excursion will be arranged to New Orleans and the Gulf coast. Our vice-president, Frank Burkett, reports that he attended an enthusiastic meeting at Memphis, and that our entertainment will be taken hold of cordially by all of the people and that immense interest is exhibited. Interesting papers will be read by the members. We earnestly desire a large attendance.

We hope that every member will be present and many new ones enrolled. All applications will be received and referred to proper committees at Memphis for investigation and report.

The bitterness of the campaign is now over and we can devise means to reorganize our party and continue the campaign of education on true People's party lines. We extend a hearty greeting to all and hope that they will prosper during the coming year and be able to keep up their work in defense of the cause they have sacrificed so much to build up. Upon the meeting depends the future of the People's party, and we earnestly urge every editor and publisher to make great sacrifices to be present.

Members will apply to the officers nearest them for assistance in securing rates and advertising. Jo. A. Parker, corresponding secretary, at Louisville, Ky., will have charge of arranging rates with Memphis lines.

We append list of officers and post-office addresses to this call.

President, Paul Van Dervoort, Omaha.

Vice-president, Frank Burkett, Okolona, Miss.

Secretary and treasurer, A. Rozelle, Lamar, Mo.

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PAUL VAN DERVOORT, President.

THE POPULIST CREED.

It Will Live Forever in the Hearts and Works of Men.

Tom Watson in People's Party Paper: The Populist creed is an immortal creed, because founded on principles for which just men have contended in all ages. Were there no People's party, the essential elements of our faith would live. They represent the wrongs of crushed masses, the hopes of those who love humanity, the aspirations of those who dream of just laws and happier conditions than those which now prevail. Even were there no political movement along the lines of Populism, the cause would not stand still. Busy pens would still elaborate its principles. In books and in newspapers the thinker would be at work. He would seek his audience and find it, in spite of all the boodlers and the traitors and the tricksters. He might know that the present held no reward for him in its unfriendly hand, but he would look over the present and beyond it, and he would be patient and strong and fearless, for he would know that the future comes hastening this way and that in God's own good time the little he has been able to do for right and for humanity will bear its golden harvest in those years that are to come.

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Long ago the lamp of Plato ceased to burn, and yet the light of his luminous thought is with us still. Long ago the voice of Gracchus, pleading for the deserving many against the too-grasping few, was hushed; but his plea thrills all noble hearts among us yet.

Burns no longer sings the equality of man, as he dashes in from the kitchen to face the aristocrats who were too proud to dine with him; but his defiant voice, ringing with undying truth lives forever, and shall move the souls of men till all human hearts are dust.

O'Connell no longer stands upon the hillside, with his thousands listening at his feet, denouncing tyranny, denouncing legislative injustice, demanding popular rights and arraying the resistless powers of public sentiment against a system of government based upon wrong; but every thought that he uttered lives and bears fruit; every inspiration of Grattan still inspires, every lion-like heart-beat of Sydney and Hampden of John Bright and Gladstone, of Jefferson, Jackson, Lincoln Henry and Otis is a heritage of all the world; and while the leaders may perish, his example and his work are beyond the reach of death and the grave.

The Girl Agitator.

Quite a furore has been created in Indianapolis by a young woman named Belle Pierson Springer, who recently took her pen in hand and wielded it in the following fashion:

Girls, just look at this, if you do not think you should give the economic conditions some thought: The average wages per day paid an American workingman on side the trades union is $1.25 per day; the average number of days' work per year for laboring men either in or out of trades unions is steadily decreasing. Every year it becomes more and more impossible for the average man to marry the woman of his choice by reason of his financial standing. It in turn becomes impossible for this woman's father or brother to support her, and she enters the army of work seekers, thereby decreasing the chances of both her lover and her father for a job. It used to be the hue and cry that there were so few avenues open to women now they are forced into them to the exclusion of men because they will work cheaper, but it is doubtful if they are greatly benefited.

Belle Pierson Springer is a young woman to whom we hasten to doff our hat. She utters sound logic, and evidently proposes to expose the objectionable features of the prevailing "new woman" humbuggery. The only "new woman" who is worthy of attention is the one who takes an interest in the welfare of her sisters despite the great disadvantages under which she labors. Every woman engaged in labor and reform work is more or less of a heroine, and is a thousand times more useful to society than the dawdling social swells whose mushy and gushy behavior gags men of common sense. The sterner sex should be more thoughtful than to uphold a system that forces women and children into workshops and factories. They ought to know that they are hurting themselves. We hope the number of women agitators will increase.—Cleveland Citizen.

The Bolting Prodigals.

There will be many fatted calves killed by Democrats in the future, we have no doubt, and there will also be much music and dancing, but the choicest cutlets will not go to the Indianapolis bolters, and none of them will be called upon to lead the grand march. They must flock with the servants for a season, and be content to eat at second table. If they don't like it we are sorry for them, and assure them kindly but firmly that they will have to lump it. The good Democrats, from their showing at the polls, are so weak that it is not worth while to dicker with them, or else they voted for McKinley. In the latter case they are backsliders, and can reach full fellowship again only by way of the mourners' bench.—Chicago Dispatch.

Every bank should be required by law to protect its depositors to the last cent. This is a matter of business which the banks are particular to demand when people go there to borrow money, and it is a rule that should work both ways.

One good thing about the silver question is, if you get a man to listen to you you can talk over the money question with him.

ABOUT DIRECT LAWS.

WHAT THEY WOULD AND WOULD NOT DO.

Some Facts on an Important Question by One of "Facts" Interesting Correspondents—There Is Only One Side to This Question.

To the Editor of Facts: In a late number of the Atlantic Monthly is a short and very well-written article on "The Political Menace of the Discontented," in which, after picturing in frightful colors the dangers which threaten our nation from the Chicago platform and its adherents, the writer remarks:

"It is more than a coincidence that the menace to property and credit is more determined in the two parts of the union, the south and the west, which have nothing in common but a lack of thrift."

Farther on he states:

"It is the feeling that in some way the government has ceased to be his, as it was in a time nearer to the town-meeting, that has aroused the suspicion of the isolated man."

Granted that our Atlantic friend's conclusions are correct, it certainly behooves us of the thriftless and therefore rebellious west to make a great effort to allay the suspicions of the isolated man, by making the government once more his own.

How to make and keep our government one which shall be in reality a government by the people is, then, a question of the utmost importance to us.

Doubtless, the terms "initiative," "referendum" and "imperative mandate" are familiar to the ear. But lest some one may not understand them fully I will give a brief explanation.

The referendum is simply a referring to the people of a proposed legal measure for their approval or veto. We now have the referendum in our own country in a very limited measure, i. e., every amendment to our state constitution must be approved by the people before it becomes part of the law of the land. Certain questions as to bond issues are also submitted to the people. Several years ago the school board of Denver gave the people the referendum in regard to free text-books.

In Switzerland, which country takes the lead in direct legislation, the referendum is either compulsory or optional. That is, in some of the cantons all measures must be submitted to the people before becoming laws, while in others and in the federal government they are submitted only on petition of a certain number of citizens.

The initiative is the natural complement of the referendum. By it the people have the power to initiate legislation when their legislators are too sluggish to do so, or when they are bound by "rings and strings" and unholy combinations. A demand by a certain number of voters then compels the law-making body to frame the desired legislation and submit it to the people for their acceptance or rejection.

The imperative mandate, or, as it is sometimes named, the recall, enables the people to remove from office an unworthy or incapable official, provided that the demand be made by a majority of the voters.

Perhaps it may be plainer to you if brought nearer home. Let us suppose that we have adopted some such system of direct legislation in our city. We wish to take into our own hands the business of supplying ourselves with drinkable water. Say twenty per cent of our people sign a request to our public servants to make all arrangements for purchasing the property of the water company or for putting in a new system. That is the initiative.

The city council thereupon must frame necessary measures and advertise thoroughly the date on which the question is to come before the people. On that day it is settled by direct vote. That is the referendum. Possibly during this operation one of our older men has shown a leaning toward the interest of somebody besides the people whose servant he is. Such things have been heard of in some of our cities. Possibly he has worked so plainly against us and for his own interests that the whole city is indignant. Very well, if more than half of us see fit we may, by signing our names to the demand, remove the gentleman from his public office. That is the imperative mandate, or recall.

Or, suppose that many of us think that our fair city would be fairer without saloons. Do you not see how direct legislation would simplify matters? I believe that if the question of saloons or no saloons were put directly to the people of Denver, the saloon would go. Perhaps not, but I should like to see it tried.

For a few moments let us consider some of the arguments for and against an adoption of this Swiss system.

It would destroy the lobby, that "third house," which is responsible for much of our class legislation.

It would tend to prevent politics from becoming a trade, for the power of the politician being curtailed, there would be little or no money in the business. It is hard to buy up a whole people, and he who would attempt it would have no money to waste on elected representatives.

It would weaken party spirit and probably make an end of party government.

It would put a stop to the wholesale, reckless legislation which is now rushed through our law-making bodies, much of which serves only to make mischief. Is it not true that to-day most reforms lie in the direction of repealing laws already on the statute books, rather than in making new ones?

But you may say the people are not capable of deciding such questions. True enough. We admit our ignorance. But neither are we capable of electing wise men to office, men able to decide these questions for us. What proportion of the people who voted for state legislators on Nov. 3 knew anything of the character and ability of the men for whom they voted? A few knew something of them personally, a few others knew something by hearsay, while the rest voted for them simply because they were the party nominees. Party nominees! Selected, then, in all probability, by a clique of the least trustworthy men in the community.

No, we are not wise enough or patriotic enough to legislate for ourselves, but I believe that we could soon learn how if we had a chance to do it. How much did we know about national finances two years ago? We have had the benefit of compulsory education on that subject of late, for by some strange process the last election turned itself into a referendum on the money question. It has been rather agonizing to our spirits—much of what we have learned with so much pains is not true. But after all we are wiser than we were, and I think that the average man is now about as capable of legislating on financial questions as the financiers we have been sending to Congress for the last twenty-five years. He couldn't make a worse mess of it or change his mind oftener.

Pardon me if I have given you a one-sided view of this subject. I can see but one side. To me it seems the one thing we must have in order to get the many things we want. We cannot get it early. Working against us we shall have all the lawless and anarchistic elements of the country—the saloon and gambling element, those corporations which have found it to their interest to own our legislators and those legislators who have found it to their interest to be owned. But we have justice on our side, and there can be but one outcome.—Emily Marks in "Facts."

A POPULIST CITY.

It Will Levy No Taxes After the First of the Year.

Glasgow will levy no taxes after January 1, 1897. The revenues derived from the public utilities, owned by the city, including the street car service, the gas and electric light service, the water supply and other public monopolies are now sufficient to pay all expenses of the city government. The most surprising part of the whole matter is the fact that this remarkable achievement has been accomplished with an immense reduction in the cost of service to the public.

Glasgow is a city of about twice the size of San Francisco, a population being 792,000. In 1801 it was only 77,000. It has made a larger growth than any other European city since that date. Its great university, over 400 years old is famous the world over. Its public libraries, museum and technical schools are the pride of the city. The general intelligence of this great university town is unequalled in Europe. Its sanitary condition is of the first class. It ranks next to London in size among the cities of Great Britain. In a word, it is the model city of to-day.

The leading source of municipal revenue in Glasgow is the street railway system, and although the city bought the street car service less than three years ago, July 1, 1894, and interest on the debt and provision for a sinking fund made, after meeting these fixed charges and the cost of repair and maintenance there was a balance at the close of the year past, July 1, 1896, of $403,014. The fare is one cent for half mile rides, and the average fare for the 36,462,000 passengers carried during the year is less than 1⅞ cents. The cost of water and gas service has likewise been greatly reduced, and yet the revenue has been increased.

Our readers need not be told that Glasgow is a Populist city. Municipal ownership of the public utilities, street car service, water and light, etc., is a fundamental law of the People's party in city government. Another fundamental law is the system of initiative and referendum, otherwise known as direct legislation. With city ownership of public utilities and direct legislation as the foundation of municipal government, the boss in politics is eliminated, for there is nothing left for him to do, and he disappears just as a stone sinks in the water. When will Americans know enough to adopt a Populistic government?—The Californian.

Not a Bad Showing.

Election returns show Bryan more in touch with his home people than William McKinley. Lancaster County, Neb., where Bryan lives, is one of the strongest Republican counties of the state, giving a Republican majority in 1895 of 5,867. Bryan turned this majority under and carried the county by 773 plurality. Stark county gave a Republican majority in 1895 of 2,161. McKinley carried his home county by a reduced majority of 850.—Ex.

We are told by the "sound money" advocates that gold is worth as much without the government stamp as it is with it, and that the stamp adds nothing to the value of the material; that its intrinsic value is what makes it fit for money. Now, if this is true, why should it be declared by law a legal tender? If it rests solely on its own intrinsic merits, why not repeal the legal tender clause and let it rest solely on its own merits and the contracts? Let this issue be pressed and see if the bankers do not change front.

Watch Congress.

SOUTH'S ADVANTAGE

In the Iron and Steel Making Industry

Washington, D. C.—The total absence of Southern iron and steel manufacturers before the Committee of Ways and Means Saturday, on the occasion of hearings on the iron and steel schedules, was a fact that excited some considerable comment. The explanation was given incidentally in the argument of the Pennsylvania manufacturer, when he said the Southern mills were making no money, and yet were producing steel and pig iron at less cost than the Northern makers the ore costing at least $1 less delivered at Southern than at Northern mills. The Southern manufacturers, realizing this fact, know that their interests will be well taken care of before the committee of Northerners, for any concession they may secure will operate even more handsomely to the Southern mill owners. Generally speaking, cost of manufacturing in the South is cheaper than in the North, and in this fact is found the explanation of the very small attendance of Southern protectionists since the hearings began.

J. C. Thropp, of Everett, Pa., a member of the Eastern Association, addressed the committee. The smelters regarded the present condition of the market as abnormal, he said. Prices were lower than they should be, and prices abroad abnormally high. At present the Wilson law ($4 a ton) was sufficient protection. The depression in the United States market was due to domestic competition and decreased consumption. Last year's consumption was 1,700,000 tons less than that of 1892. The Southern mills were making no money. The view of the tariff question held by the association was that on products which American resources could supply for American consumption, the duties should be high enough to keep out foreign goods. The average cost of pig iron in Pennsylvania was $10 to $10.50 a ton. The ore laid down at the works in Pennsylvania cost $6.25 to $7 a ton, while the Southern smelters could secure it at $1 or more cheaper. Another advantage held by Southern manufacturers was that they could practically compel their workmen to deal at company stores, which was forbidden by Pennsylvania law. One Virginia company had made $48,000 on its store last year, while it had lost on every ton of iron turned out.

W. C. Cronemyer, of Pittsburg, asked the following advances in rates on tin plates and similar wares: On tin plates or sheets of iron or steel, from 1 1-5 to 1½ cents a pound; sheet iron or sheet steel, polished or glazed, from ⅛ to ¼ cent a pound; sheet, common or black, between 10 and 25 wire gauge, from 1 1-10 to 1 2-10 cents.

John Jarrett, of Pittsburg, said tin plate making could not have been continued in the United States under the Wilson law, except for the reduction of 25 per cent. in wages and the cheaper price of steel plates resulting from the general depression in business.

The shotgun manufacturers, through Thomas Hunter, of Cayuga County, New York, asked for specific instead of ad valorem duties.

R. E. Hastings, of Philadelphia, spoke for the makers of gold, silver and aluminum leaf and of Dutch metal; W. Schartman, of Elwood City, Pa., for makers of seamless tubes, and C. B. Storrs, of New Jersey, advocated higher duties on antimony.

TOBACCO REDUCED TO ASHES.

American Tobacco Company's Plant at Danville, Burned.

Richmond, Va.—A Danville special to the Dispatch, dated Saturday, says: The big five-story brick tobacco factory of the American Tobacco Company, located at the Eastern terminus of Bridge Street, near the Southern Railway station, was entirely destroyed by fire, together with its contents, this morning. The factory was 180 x 75 feet, with an L 75 x 100 feet, was filled on all five floors with fine, bright wrappers and cutters, all of which were destroyed. About 145 hogsheads on the ground floor were rolled out during the fire. The alarm was sounded about 7 o'clock, but when the department arrived the building was aflame, and raged with ruthless fury. The costly equipment of the factory—modern machinery—is almost a total loss. The building and 500,000 pounds of fine, bright tobacco was burned.

The origin of the fire is purely surmise. The loss on building, fixtures and stock, is conservatively approximated at $150,000, fully covered by insurance. The insurance in detail is: Stock, $124,000; building, $20,000; machinery, $50,000; office furniture, $1,250. It is placed with thirty odd companies.

The American Company used the factory for storing, handling and shipping, doing manufacturing here. Their representatives will be on the market buying next week. Other quarters will be rented.

MAN BURNED TO DEATH.

Memphis, Tenn.—William Carter, aged 80, found his house on fire near Germantown, Saturday night. He ran in to get some money he had there. His charred corpse was found in the ashes, surrounded by the blackened liver he had tried to save.

Cuts in his work—the well-digger.

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FERTILIZERS are much in evidence at the depot and the signs of the times point to our farmers preparing for another crop. We trust they will make their arrangements to first plant for their own consumption, and then the balance in cotton will be alright.

WE are in receipt of a copy of the World Almanac and Encyclopedia, got up in first-class style and brimful of information. To the busy man who has no time to spare and the poor man who has no surplus cash this Encyclopedia is invaluable. For $1.10 we give you a copy and THE BANNER for one year. Send in your orders right now.

THE Watson-Black contest case is being argued this week before electors committee No. 1. There seems to be quite a probability of Tom Watson being seated, but even if he should be successful the end of the session is close at hand and except for the vindication of his right to the seat this tardy recognition comes too late to be of any service.

ACCORDING to the Montgomery Journal, the capital city is to have a new morning daily to be called The morning Sun. It is announced to make its first appearance on Friday, February 17, under the management of Messrs A. E. Bayol and Ed J. Wiley. Evidently these gentlemen are not superstitious or they would not undertake to compete with the Advertiser and commence on that notoriously unlucky day, Friday.

Hon. W. F. Aldrich who has commenced taking testimony for his contest case with Mr. Plowman applied last week to the chief of police at Selma for police protection during the time the testimony was being taken, claiming that he had reasons to believe an effort would be made to prevent the testimony being made. Assuming that the testimony would be similar to that taken two years ago it is certainly not much to the credit of Dallas county that such an application should have been made.

MR. T. S. Plowman in his reply to Mr. Aldrich's notice of contest has made some grave charges which if they can be substantiated would place the latter gentleman in a very unfavorable ligh Until such time as they are proven we must decline to believe them and will continue to look upon Mr. Aldrich as a gentleman eminently fitted to represent this district in congress. But Mr. Plowman in going out of his way to assail the private character of Mr. Aldrich almost ignores the fact that it is a question of which of these two gentleman received the greater number of legal votes that has to be decided by the elections committee and not a question of the contestant's majority. However, we can safely leave the contest to the decision of the committee and have no doubt they will declare Mr. Aldrich was duly elected.

A Valuable Prescription.

Editor Morrison of Worthington, Ind., "Sun," writes: "You have a valuable prescription in Electric Bitters, and I can cheerfully recommend it for Constipation and Sick Headache, and as a general system tonic it has no equal." Mrs. Annie Stehle, 2625 Cottage Grove Ave., Chicago, was all run down, could not eat nor digest food, had a backache which never left her and felt tired and weary, but six bottles of Electric Bitters restored her health and renewed her strength. Prices 50 cents and $1.00.

"An Appeal to the Populists of the United States—We are to be congratulated upon the growth of our party and the fact that in the recent election nearly half the voters of the union indorsed much of our platform. Our party alone has a voting force larger than that which elected Lincoln and an able effective reform press of nearly 2,000 papers. We hold the balance of power in the United States senate and have four times as many congressmen as ever before.

"We united with the silver forces in the recent campaign—not because we believe free coinage of silver is the solution of the financial problem, but because it would better existing conditions, would meet with the least resistance and become the entering wedge for our main issue, viz: full legal tender paper money, issued and regulated by the government alone. Having proved our loyalty at the polls, we are free to act separately on advanced lines and to emphasize the real issues our party was born to advocate. We cannot in honor lay down our arms and cease our activity until the war for which we enlisted has ended in victory for our cause.

"The democratic party proposes to continue the silver fight. Two parties cannot exist on the same issue. The greater absorbs the smaller. Therefore, if we remain where camp followers of another party, disintegration will result. Our party success alone forced the democrats to adopt the Chicago platform and nominate a popocrat for president. Converts made by party regularity cannot be trusted with the reforms of the future.

"We are not democrats, and cannot be classed as such. We simply united for a single campaign. The democrats are but the real guard of our party. We do not stand upon redemption money, but for a scientific dollar, kept invariably by proper regulation of the money volume.

"The millions of converts to silver during the recent campaign must advance. They will not remain where they are. We must educate them up to the main issue and the time to do it is now, not just before a presidential election. We must also hold the democratic party to its present positiotion or compel it to advance.

"President Cleveland supplies us with fresh incentive for renewed effort in his official demand for the retirement of greenbacks and the issue and control of paper money (except coin certificates), by the banks. Senator Quay says this should be made an issue by the republicans and advocates the substitution of United States notes payable in gold for the greenbacks.

"Here we have a living issue with both wings of the gold forces, which brings our main question to the front—shall the paper money of the country be issued and regulated by the people or by the banks? This will precipitate a hot debate in congress that will focus public attention upon the relative merits of scientific and redemption money, which will become the absorbing question of the day, just as the silver movement followed the silver debate a year ago, and will afford our sentinels in congress an opportunity to measure the true attitude of the silver democrats and republican leaders on an issue vital to our party and the welfare of the country and to determine to what extend our recent allies can be depended upon.

"The proposen retirement of the greenbacks and the discussion of the Pacific railroad question will bring before congress the two strongest measures of our platform, and whatever issues the other parties may adopt, the logic of events will so force upon congress and the people the consideration of these measures as to overthrow all others and win to our ranks thousands of voters from both the republican and democratic parties.

"Let us act with patriotism, courage and sagacity. Let us lose no time. If any lack incentive, it will be found in the intense suffering every where and in the increasing arrogance, lawlessness and heartlessness of the trdsts and monopolises. Against their power we put principle; against their money we match manhood, and urge all populists to continue this contest during the next four years, and then hold an early national convention to strike the keynote of the presidential campaign, or if desirable, establish an honorable alliance on leading issues.

"I also suggest that a national conference of party leaders and workers be held as soon as practible, that we may have a full and free expression of opinion regarding future work. We hope, therefore, that the reform press will give the fullest possible exposition of their views on this important subject; and our friends are invited to write me or our national chairman expressing their ideas on the independent party action herein proposed.

"Shall we march to victory under our own banner, or contiue as stragglers under another?

"GEORGE F. WASHBURN."

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Political Points.

People's Press Bureau, St. Louis, Mo., Dec. 12, 1896.

Interest in political matters has necessarily flagged during the holidays. The center of political events, Washington, D. C., has been deserted by all save few to whom even the Christmas time brought no respite from axe-grinding.

The question of free homesteads in the Indian lands is before the committee on Indian Affairs and the measure provided for the opening of the land purchased by the government as free homes, is being bought by Tom Platt.

Some timorous congressman has sounded this note of alarm: "It is not plutocrats, who will ultimately control the country but the newspaper men." Then he disconsolately points out the men, in both house who owe their present position to the fact that they had a powerful newspaper behind them.

Sentiment against the Pacific Funding Bill is assuming proportions that promise its defeat.

Senator Jones, of Arkansas, has been placed at the head of the steering committee of the Silver Democrats and Republicans and Populists who intend to oppose the confirmation of recent goldbug appointees.

Senator Wolcott, of Colorado, sailed for London, January 3, to be present at a Bimetallic confab to be held in that city by one representative from each of the five great European powers. It is understood that, although he goes by invitation, he is heartily endorsed by republican leaders.

A bill giving the President power to appoint delegates to an international Bimetallic Conference is to be introduced shortly in the Senate.

We have again been regaled with an elaborate account of the New Year's reception at the White House. Seven thousand people lined up in a cold drizzling rain to wait to shake hands with Pres. and Mrs. Cleveland Such incidents tempt one to use the Carlyslian description of the people, "mostly fools."

Dr. B. G. Crowe, populist candidate from the Ninth congressional district of Alabama has served notice on Underwood (dem) that he will contest the seat. Fraud is charged ni every county. Dr. Crowe advocated that Gov. Kolb should be seated by force when he was elected two years ago.

At a banquet in Baltimore, Dec. 31st, Congressman Patterson, of Tenn., in his response to the toast, "The cotton states in the recent election," made a speech that in its endorsement of the Indianapolis platform is a very good offset to David Overmeir's letter that was read at a banquet given in honor of W. J. Bryan, of Lincoln, Neb., about the same date. Overmeir asserted that silver alone could not win but that some other great question, like government ownership of railroads must be taken up too by the party it looks to succeed in 1900.

In South Dakota, the fusion forces in the legislature have been so far unable to agree on the Senatorial caucus. The populists have 18 majority in joint session. Populist candidates are Loucks, Kyle, Koontz Goddy and Plowman.

The State Auditor of Minn., reports to the legislature that nearly one-half of the land in that state is owned by the railroads having been granted to them in direct violation of the law which requires that all state lands shall be sold at public auction. He also reports that 9 per cent. of the mining contracts are owned by Rockfeller and were secured by private sale.

Some Reform papers have been pushed to the wall, but new ones are starting up too. "Sound View" is a recent addition to the ranks.

A fight on the "old line" insurance companies is to be made in Kansas, as the records show that they cleared above all expenses and took out of the state $1,700,000 during 1896. It is proposed to require them to invest 65 per cent. of their earnings in state securities, which shall be deposited with the State Treasurer, who shall have a voice in settling all disputed death claims

A. R.

Twenty Years....

For more than twenty years we have been telling how Scott's Emulsion overcomes the excessive waste of the system, puts on flesh, nourishes and builds up the body, making it the remedy for all wasting diseases of adults and children, but it isn't possible for us to tell the story in a mere stickful of newspaper type.

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[We are willing to publish our subscribers views at any time, but it must be distinctly understood we do not hold ourselves responsible for these opinions.—EDITOR.]

Maplesville Music.

The grip, or la grippe (any way you call the terrible is the same in nature) is scurging our whole country; there has been much suffering but no fatality here; Mrs. Mary DuBose is now quite sick with this complaint.

We are glad to state that our friend Mr. Rufus McCrary has recovered from a severe attack of this trouble.

Mr. Walker Graham has returned from school and is now in business with T. U. Crumpton.

Mr. Crumpton Graham is off at school.

Mr. Rives Crumption and family have been visiting his brother here, T. U. Crumpton.

The young folks have had delightful entertainments from Miss Bessie Savage to Miss Gertrude Woolley. "It was given new year's night give the sold man with his sickie" a decent burial.

Our railroad and immigration talk is proving to be a certainty in tn the near future. Laborers for the work are being sought.

Mrs. Cooper has our deepest sympathy in the death of her father.

Farmers are in good spirits with their crops and and much new land is being taken in.

A happy new year to all readers of the BANNER.

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There were about 4,000 spo cotton sold in Montgomery during the week just closed, the latest sales having been made at 6⅞ basis middling, with many buyers and few sellers, owing to rapid advances in Liverpool, New York and decreased receipts. The chances are that middlings cotton will sell in teis market next week at 7 cents above.—Montgomery Journal.

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THE MISSING WORD.

A New Chance for Our Subscribers to Make Money.

We call the attention of our readers to the interesting details of our clubbing proposition with The Atlanta Weekly Constitution, published in full elsewhere. As will be seen, the joint price of our paper and The Weekly Constitution for one year is but $1.50. Every subscriber will not only get the two papers for little more than the price of one, but will, in addition, have a chance to participate without cost in the "Missing Word Contest," the premiums for which are offered by both papers. Every subscriber is entitled to guess at the missing word in the following sentence:

"Supply and demand are as intimately '.....' as cause and effect."

and the one who supplies the correct word will be entitled to 10 per cent. of the amount received from subscriptions not only from The Constitution, but all of the papers participating in the clubbing offer with The Constitution between now and the 1st of March. The Constitution guarantees that at least FIVE HUNDRED DOLLARS IN CASH will be distributed, and piobably the amount will be between $1,000 to $2,000. If more than one person supplies correctly the missing word, the cash amount will be distributed among the successful guessers.

A few months ago The Weekly Constitution offered $1,000 in cash to the subscriber guessing the size of the year's cotton crop as announced by the New Orleans exchange. The successful guesser was Mr. R. T. Poole, of Rockingham, N. C., who received immediately after the announcement of the crop by the New Orleans cotton exchange $1,000 in cash from The Weekly Constitution, enabling him to buy the farm which he was then renting and pay himself out of debt.

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The proposition is an attractive one, and it is to be hoped that some readers of this paper will supply the correct missing word in the above sentence.

$10,000 REWARD

For the arrest and evidence to convict the party or parties who wrecked or caused to be wrecked the bridge over the Cahaba river in Bibb county, Alabama, belonging to the Southern Railway, and thereby causing the wreck of Birmingham Mineral Passenger Train No. 40, Sunday, December 27th, 1896, and the consequent death of twenty-one persons and injury to others.

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W. H. GREEN, Gen. Supt.
Southern Railway Company.
December 30, 1896.

L. & N. Change of Schedule.

To go into effect December 20.

Train No 2	arv.	Clanton	9:54 a.m
" 3	"	"	5:59 p.m
" 4	"	"	10 35 p.m
" 9	"	"	7:43 a.m
" 10	"	"	5:26 p.m

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Sheriff's Sale.

By virtue of an execution issued out of the Justice Court of W. H. Strock a Justice of the Peace for beat 7 of Chilton county, and State of Alabama, and to me directed, whereby I am commanded to make the amount of a certain judgment recently obtained against J. E. White out of the goods, chattels, lands and tenements of the said J. E. White I have levied on the following property, to-wit: One (1) one-horse wagon.

Therefore, according to said command, I shall expose for sale, at Public Auction, all the right, title and interest of the above named J. E. White in and to the above described property, on

TUESDAY, JANUARY 26, 1897,

during the legal hours of sale, at the court house door in Clanton, Chilton county, Alabama.

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TOWN ITEMS

Commissioners' Court meets second Monday in February, first Monday in April, second Monday in May, second Monday in July, second Monday in August and first Monday in November.

Clinton Cotton Market.

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	3323

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L. H. REYNOLDS, M'g'r.

Mr. Neal Bell, of Montgomery visited his father's family Sunday.

The new store house being erected for Dr. Matthews is approaching completion. Mr. Ben Teel is the contractor.

Dr. Stewart has built a new porch at his residence.

Mrs. Evans Pinkard has gone on a visit to Tuskegea, returning with her mother who has been spending a short time here.

Rev. J. T. Stallings was in Clanton Wednesday night and made an appointment to preach at the Congregational church next Monday night at 7 p.m.

The reliable Capital City Insurance Company of Montgomery is represented in Clanton by W. L. Sampey.

Mr. G. L. Honeycutt went to Jemison Monday.

It is time the site of the old court house was cleared.

We are sorry to learn Mrs. L. A. Thrasher is sick.

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Married last Wednesday at the residence of the bride's parents at Strasburg, Mr. Adam Price and Miss Cora Riggins, Rev. L. B. Pounds performing the ceremony. We wish them much happiness and prosperity.

Judge Honeycutt united in wedlock on Thursday in the court house, Mr. I. W. Rice and Miss M. S. Adams. THE BANNER extends its congratulations the happy couple.

Mr. and Mrs. Finkf of Louisville, Ky., are guests of the Duke house.

Mr. Mary H. Wilkes, of Sylacauga, will teach a school in the Court House, commencing next Monday.

Mr. W. F. Culp has recovered sufficiently to be able to attend to business again.

See W. L. Sampey about insuring your property against fire.

Marriage licenses have been granted this week by the Probate Judge to the following persons.

Mr. I. W. Rice and Miss M. S. Adams, Mr. John Milton and Miss Ella Rudick, Mr. J. A. F. Pynor and Mrs. Christie E. Bailey; Mr. W. L. McDaniel and Miss Sallie Bailey.

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Miss Lailah Williamson, of Verbena, is visiting Miss Bettie Mullins.

Mr. Sid Blasingame, of Wadsworth, was in town to day.

Lowerville Locals.

The farmers are quite busy, preparing for another crop.

Mrs. C. R. Bruce is out again, much to the delight of her many friends, after a severe attack of grippe.

Mr. and Mrs. T. B. Teel visited Lakeville Sunday.

Mrs. M. J. Apperson visited Mrs. Mary Lowe last week.

Mr. G. J. Crosby, of Jemison, visited friends here Sunday.

Mr. J. B. Marlar has greatly improved one of his plantations by digging a new well and repairing the fence, etc.

Mrs. Will Wells and daughter, Miss C., visited Lomax Sunday.

Mr. Risty Armstrong is quite sick with pneumonia.

Mr. W. E. Lowe visited friends here Monday; come again Mr. Lowe.

Miss Rhoda Thacker was quite busy Sunday eve entertaining her many friends.

We are glad to note that Mr. Hart Gore's recovery after a serious illness.

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Under and by virtue of a mortgage executed to the undersigned by Sarah Mahan and recorded in mortgage book No. 36 pp 579-81 in the office of the Judge of Probate of Chilton county, I will proceed to sell on the

3rd DAY OF FEBRUARY, 1897,

for cash in front of the court house of said county within the hours of legal sale the following described property, to-wit: The w½ of nw¼ of section 8, township 21 north of range 12 east, containing 40 acres more or less, situated in Chilton county, Alabama.

J. H. JOHNSON, mortgagee.
By A. C. SMITH, his Atty.

Administrator's Notice of Final Settlement.

The State of Alabama,
Chilton County.

W. F. LAWRENCE, Deceased,
Estate of.

This day came W. M. Lawrence, the administrator of said estate and filed his statement, accounts, vouchers, and evidences, for a final settlement of his administration: It is ordered that the 15 day of February, 1897, be appointed a day on which to make such settlement, at which time all persons interested can appear and contest the said settlement, if they think proper.

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Final Proof Notice.

Notice No. 18,668.

Land Office at Montgomery, Ala., December 10, 1896.

Notice is hereby given that the following-named settler has filed notice of his intention to make final proof in support of his claim, and that said proof will be made before the Clerk of the Circuit Court, at Clanton, Ala., on January 23rd, 1897, viz.: Emmett W. Headley Homestead entry, No. 26,208, for the e½ of ne¼ section 20 tp 21 north of r 13 east.

He names the following witnesses to prove his continuous residence upon and cultivation of, said land viz.: Joseph Hayes, of Maplesville, Ala., Wiley Ramsey, of Lily, Ala., Simon Clark, of Maplesville, Ala., James Hayes, of Maplesville Ala.,

H. PURCELL, Register

Final Proof Notice.

Notice No. 18,758.

Land Office at Montgomery, Ala., Jan. 5, 1897.

Notice is hereby given that the following named settler has filed notice of his intention to make final proof in support of his claim, and that said proof will be made before The Clerk of the Circuit Court, at Clanton, Ala., on February 13, 1897, viz.: Mary J. Oates, Homestead Entry No. 26,049, for the sw¼ of ne¼ Section 25 tp 21 north of r 13 east.

He names the following witnesses to prove his continuous residence upon, and cultivation of, said land, viz.: Peter A. Vance, of Kincheon, Ala., William Roper, of Kincheon, Ala., Bowen L. Jones, of Kincheon, Ala., William W. Williams, of Lily, Ala.

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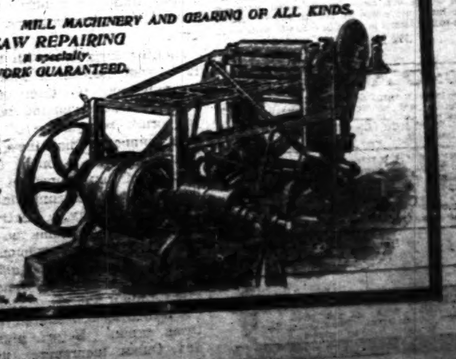

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A PECULIAR FORM OF PARCLE.

Demonstration of Sympathy at Havana on the Departure of the Marquis of Apeztugia.—Gomez Still Declared to Be Negotiating for Peace.—Other Matters.

Philadelphia, Pa.—James McGuire, of this city, Jeremiah Bonds, of New York, and Chas. W. Allen, of Stamford, Conn., have just reached this city after a thrilling experience in Cuba, in the course of which Wm. Barry, of New York, who had accompanied them, was shot and killed by the Spaniards.

On the 10th of last September the trio mentioned, in company with Barry, started for Cuba to join the forces of the belligerents and arrived in Havana September 21st. Here they fell in with Josef Ruiz, a Cuban patriot, who volunteered to guide the quartette to the retreat occupied by the commanders. They headed for the Pinar del Rio district and when near Mariel in the Guanajas district were surprised by a body of about fifty Spaniards. They were taken, searched, and finding papers confirming suspicions on Ruiz had a consultation and decided to kill all the prisoners. The conversation was carried on in Spanish but Ruiz interpreted their remarks for his American friends. Recognizing the desperate position in which they had placed themselves, the quintette decided to risk their lives in a vigorous effort to escape, rather than wait and be shot. Maguire rolled over to Ruiz and the young Cuban used his teeth with such success that he soon had Maguire's bonds cut through. Maguire then took a pen-knife and liberated his companions. It was dark, but the moon showed light sufficient to illuminate the ground for some distance. With a rush the five men ran to the spot where they noticed some machetes and guns. They armed themselves each with a machete, revolver and belts, full of ammunition. They then attempted to get away, but the Spaniards pursued, firing a deadly volley after their escaping prisoners. Barry fell, shot through the heart, at the first fire, and Bond's right arm was perforated by a bullet. The remaining four succeeded in out-distancing their pursuers. They made every effort to get back and recover Barry's body, but were unsuccessful, and were compelled to make their way further into the mountainous regions of Pinar del Rio, and after a tortuous journey they arrived in the region of San Cristobal.

A few days after they were recaptured by a band of Spanish patrolers. Their hands were tied behind their backs and they were compelled to march for a distance of over ten miles, when they were thrown into prison. The next day they were forced to march again until late in the afternoon, when they were put in another prison, and so they were marched from prison to prison until Havana was reached. Here they were thrown into a well guarded prison where they were separated.

On December the 23rd the Americans were brought before some commanding officer, whose name they did not learn, but it is presumed by them that it was General Weyler. They were told that Ruiz, the young Cuban had committed suicide by shooting himself with a revolver which he had snatched from one of the guards. The three friends said nothing but they discredited the suicide story and were firmly convinced that the young Cuban had been murdered.

The trio of Americans were offered their liberty and passage home if they would sign a paper, promising to do all they could against the Cuban cause. This they did and were released.

BOY BUTCHERED

By Spanish Soldiers.—Dogs Eat Human Flesh.

New York, N. Y.—A dispatch to the World from Tampa, Fla., says: A school boy of ten years was killed in Guanabaccoa on Thursday evening by a Spanish patrol because he refused to hurrah for Spain. The lad smiled when the soldiers asked him to hurrah, not comprehending what they wanted. They cursed him as a "Cuban Whelp," butchered him not two squares from his home, and left his body in the street.

In the fields surrounding the city dogs have been seen eating human flesh and gnawing human bones.

More than five hundred people have moved from Guanabaccoa within ten days.

Another large pit with dead bodies in it was discovered Thursday near Guanabaccoa in thick underbrush. Decomposition was too far advanced to permit recognition of the bodies. It is supposed that these victims of Spanish cruelty belonged to the poorer class of that suburb, as many have been reported "missing" lately.

Antonio Roginy, a native Cuban, forced to leave home as the police were after him on suspicion, has arrived here. He says the raid of Cabotillas, called a Spanish victory, was a great Cuban success. The town was garrisoned by 500 Spaniards, who had three canon. Before night Wednesday, Cuban insurgents, under Maj. Sorres, stormed the outposts and almost captured the entire place before the Spaniards knew what was going on. The canon in one block house was turned on the Spaniards and they retreated in the intrenchments. Maj. Sorres threw part of his forces in the rear of the Spaniards and routed them. The Cubans did not pursue; they were after the spoils and supplies. The Spaniards had managed to spike one canon, but the Cubans took the other two with them, as well as the complete camp equipment, including a large supply of ammunition.

GOMEZ HAS ENOUGH.

According to Papers Published at the Spanish Capital.

Madrid, Spain.—The Epoco officially confirms the report that Maximo Gomez has informed the Cuban Committee in the United States, that the Insurgents are demoralized, their supply of munitions of war being exhausted, and that they are unable to continue the struggle.

The Correspondencia Espana asserts that Maximo Gomez is disposed to negotiate for peace.

M'KINLEY'S INAUGURATION.

Arrangements Making for Elaborate Spectacular Affair.

Washington, D. C.—The arrangements for the inauguration of President-elect McKinley are progressing in a manner very satisfactory to the committee having them in charge, and it is believed that the decorations, illuminations and ceremonies incident to this event will at least equal in beauty and impressiveness those of any former inauguration. A large number of committees, composed of prominent citizens, each having in charge a single feature, are working in perfect accord, and the results so far obtained give assurance of complete success. All of the money asked for by the Executive Committee has been contributed, and a number of contracts have already been let. At a meeting of the Executive Committee, Chairman Wright, of the Committee on Public Comfort, reported that he would be able to furnish lodgings for 100,000 persons if necessary. He had already registered 9,100 places where meals may be obtained, and 171 windows and a number of balconies from which the parade can be witnessed.

General Clay, from the Committee on Military Organizations, reported that there would be in the parade one entire division from Pennsylvania, consisting of the Governor and his staff, division and brigade commanders and their staffs; three regiments of ten companies each; twelve regiments of eight companies each; one battalion of four companies; one separate company; three troops of cavalry; two companies of naval militia, in all 8,600 men. Maryland will send her entire national guard and large bodies of troops are expected from New York, Ohio, New Jersey, Rhode Island, Massachusetts and other States. The cadets from the United States Military Academy at West Point and from the United States Naval Academy at Annapolis also will be in line, as well as a large number of crack military organizations from different parts of the country. Applications from many civic societies and clubs for positions are being received, and this feature of the parade will, no doubt, be unusually fine.

The inaugural ball promises to be an exceptionally brilliant affair. The decorations will be very elaborate, and all of the appointments of a high order. The contract for the banquet was let to Carl G. Essner, of Philadelphia, after a spirited competition among caterers in the East. A military band of sixty-five pieces and an orchestra of 125 pieces will furnish the music from separate stands, to be erected at the East and North fronts.

The Committee of Civic Organizations contemplates the erection of information booths along the line of the parade and in the business portions of the city, to be manned by members of the Washington High School cadets. The Washington Light Infantry Veteran Association has tendered its services to the committee to do escort duty during inaugural week. The usual reductions in railroad rates from all parts of the country are expected.

HANNA TO BE A SENATOR.

He Will Succeed Sherman, Who Goes Into the Cabinet.

Cleveland, Ohio.—The opinion among those who claim to know is that Senator Sherman will be offered and will accept the Secretaryship of State in Mr. McKinley's Cabinet, and that Mr. Hanna will not be one of the Cabinet advisers of the next President. It is believed certain that Mr. Hanna will be appointed as the successor of Mr. Sherman in the Senate, a place which he very much prefers to any portfolio which the President-elect could offer him. Inasmuch as the Senatorial appointment would be made by Governor Bushnell, the arrangement herein suggested is said to indicate the friendly feeling which Senator-elect Foraker has for the President-elect and for the Chairman of the National Committee.

Regarding the selection of Cornelius N. Bliss, of New York, for Secretary of the Navy, it is said that Mr. Bliss has been offered the place, but that he deferred his acceptance until he could ascertain whether he could so arrange his business affairs as to permit of his taking the place. General Alger, of Michigan, is counted on as certain to be Secretary of War.

DISOBEYED ORDERS.

Fort Worth, Tex.—A disastrous collision occurred on the Santa Fe, fifteen miles North of here early Saturday morning. Two freight trains came together, completely demolishing both engines and killing Engineer Haggerty and Head Brakeman Marshall. Both were married. Several head of cattle and a number of hogs were killed. The South-bound train had orders to take a side-track at Haslett, but disobeyed them.

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KILLS AND WOUNDS ELEVEN

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HE IS FINALLY CAPTURED AND HUNG

And Meets His Just Deserts at the Hand of an Enraged Populace.—Carted Through the Streets of Sumter and Viewed By Both Whith and Black People.

Columbia, S. C.—Sumter County, this State, is in a state of intense excitement over the bloody career of Simon Cooper, who has in the past week killed and wounded eleven citizens of that county.

At a colored emancipation celebration at Magnolia, on January 1, he became involved in a difficulty with another negro and finally shot and killed him. Application was made to a local magistrate for a warrant for his arrest, but for reasons which have never been explained, the warrant was not issued. The negroes then attempted to capture him without a warrant, but he fortified himself in a railroad culvert, and from the shelter of it shot down five of his pursuers, all of whom were seriously wounded. The party then retreated, and the murderer escaped to the swamps, where, armed with a Winchester rifle, he defied arrest.

Nothing more was seen of him until Thursday evening, when he appeared at the house of a colored woman whose daughter had promised to marry him, and threatened to kill her if she refused. She made her escape to the woods, and finally reached the shelter of a white man's house.

Cooper then proceeded to the house of a Mrs. Wilson and forced her to let him remain in the house all night. Early next morning he went to the house of a colored man named Boyle and forced him to loan him his horse, taking Boyle's son with him to return the horse.

From Boyle's he went to the house of West Wilson, a respectable white farmer, over 60 years of age, and demanded that Mr. Wilson loan him his buggy. This Mr. Wilson refused to do, whereupon, without warning, Cooper shot him three times. Mr. Wilson's son, who had been within, then appeared in the door of the house, and was shot down in his tracks.

Leaving the Boyle boy with the horse, Cooper then forced Mrs. Wilson to accompany him to the stables and show him the harness. He then returned to the house with her and was inside with her for some time. When he came out he told the Boyle boy that he had ravished her and afterward cut her throat.

His next move was to load Mr. Wilson's buggy with everything in the way of provisions and valuables that could be found about the place.

He had driven only a few hundred yards from the scene of the slaughter, when he met a young negro named Preston Smith, whom he commanded to fall upon his knees. Smith did so, and was brained with an ax by the fiend, while in that position.

A short distance further on he passed the house of Mr. Baker, and fired at his children, who were playing on the piazza.

The Sheriff of the county organized several posses, which scoured the country, determined, despite the fact that it might cost several lives, to capture the fiend, who seemed to be raging for blood.

Blacks and whites alike joined in the pursuit.

He was betrayed by his half-brother and uncle, and was located in his uncle's house, five miles from Sumter, early Friday morning, and the building was surrounded by a posse of twenty men, under Sheriff Pierson, of Sumter. Cooper kept the men at a safe distance with a Winchester rifle; none dared to rush on what seemed to be certain death. The Sheriff telegraphed the conditions to the Governor, and asked that a cannon with "solid" shot and a supply of long-range rifles be sent to him on a special train. Governor Evans replied that no cannon was available, and ordered Cooper's capture, dead or alive.

Backed in this, the Sheriff got a cannon in Sumter, but while it was being conveyed to the seat of war, Cooper was killed. It seems that under protection of another house some members of the posse got within a short distance of where Cooper was, and kept up a hot fire.

He hailed them and offered to talk. One of the members told him it would be best to give himself up, but he blasphemed terribly at the suggestion. He was told if he came out unarmed, with his hands up, he would not be killed. Finally Cooper did come out. One member of the posse, keeping him covered, walked up and took hold of him. The others then surrounded the negro, who began to resist. Then he was shot in the head with a pistol and afterwards with a rifle. He fell, but regained consciousness and kept up his cursing. It was suggested to burn him, but the half dead man was started to Sumter. On the road the posse, which had assumed the proportions of a mob, tied the officers of the law, hauled Cooper out of the cart in which he was, and strung him up to a tree, riddling him with bullets.

A coroner's inquest held on the spot resulted in a verdict that the killing had been done by persons unknown to the jury.

Cooper's body was carted through the streets of Sumter and viewed by a large crowd. The negroes seemed joyous over the killing of Cooper. The desperado's last wish was that he might have a chance to kill the brother who betrayed him.

REUNION IMPOSSIBLE.

Sound Money Democrats Hold an Interesting Meeting.

Chicago, Ill.—The conference of gold standard Democrats held at the Auditorium Saturday declared for continued opposition to the tenets of the free silver wing of the party, and for a continuance of the party organization. Reunion with the Bryanites was declared to be out of the question, and a resolution was offered by John P. Irish, of California, was adopted, calling upon gold Democrats throughout the country to perfect their State and local organizations with the purpose of placing State and local tickets in the field at the next election.

About sixty men were present, representing the States of Illinois, Michigan, Wisconsin, Iowa, Nebraska, Missouri, Minnesota, Kentucky and California.

Franklin McVeigh called the meeting to order, and named Gen. S. B. Buckner, of Kentucky, as chairman.

Gen. Buckner, in taking the chair, said the meeting was called for the purpose of conferring with reference to the future course of the National Democratic party, which was the only Democratic party in existence. Speeches were made by men from every State represented, showing that the party was everywhere in good condition. A motion urging the members of the party to perfect their organizations throughout the country was presented and adopted. The question of a name for the party came up for consideration, and John P. Irish said he would not be surprised if the party at its next convention, assumed the name of the Democratic-Republican party, the original name of the Jeffersonian party.

$2,000,000 STEEL PLANT.

Joint Stock Company Formed By Pennsylvania Mill Workers.

Braddock, Pa.—Mill workers at the Carnegie plants here and at Homestead, Duquesne and Pittsburg, and employees of the Westinghouse works at Turtle Creek and Wilmerding are forming a joint company to build a $2,000,000 iron and steel plant at Port Angeles, on Puget Sound. The Company has been incorporated under the Washington laws. The officers are: George M. Ninon, of Braddock, president; Thomas Murphy, of Pittsburg, vice-president; M. E. George, Braddock, secretary; William J. Weissel, Allegheny City, treasurer.

Twelve hundred prominent mill workers of this section have in the past fortnight subscribed for about $1,000,000 worth of stock. The plant will employ 2,000 men, and will cover thirty acres of ground. The work on the mill buildings will be started in April, and the subscription books will remain open until that time.

The company has been given great inducements to locate at Port Angeles. Eighty acres of land for a manufacturing site and 200 acres for a town, with 500 feet of wharfage on Puget Sound, and railroad rights of way to the wharves, with water power, and the necessary rights of way for proper development, compose the bonus.

BRUTAL CALIFORNIANS

Hang Six Unoffending Japanese Until Life Is Almost Extinct.

Sacramento, Cal.—A crusade against coolie labor has been inaugurated at Orangeville, a citrus colony in the Southeastern part of this country. C. G. Roose, an orchardist, employed six Japanese on his place, and Saturday night fifteen citizens with gunnysacks over their heads seized the Japanese and placed ropes around the neck of each and took them to a big oak tree. There they were strung up and left hanging until life was almost extinct. The Japanese were then lowered, and when they revived the hanging process was repeated several times. The Japanese were then forced to march out of the settlement and were warned never to return on penalty of being hanged until dead.

Roose, the employer, remonstrated at the outrage, and then a rope was thrown about his neck with a threat to hang him if he interfered or employed any but white labor on his ranch hereafter.

A BANK SENSATION.

Dreyer & Co. Had On Hand $9,000.—Liabilities, $1,400,000.

Chicago, Ill.—Sensational charges concerning the business of E. S. Dreyer & Co., the bankers whose assignment was caused by the collapse of the National Bank of Illinois, were made in Judge Freeman's Court today in an intervening petition brought in behalf of Mrs. Mary Leicht. It is charged that property mortgaged as security for a note for $3,000, upon which Mrs. Leicht has regularly paid interest, has been disposed of.

The Economist says to-day, referring to the Dreyer failure: "The depositors in the bank will get little or nothing. The statement which has been prepared shows that the bank was an empty shell, with some $1,400,000 of liabilities when the bank closed, with only $9,000 cash on hand."

NEBRASKA BANK FAILS.

Alma, Neb.—The First National Bank of this city was closed Saturday morning by order of the Controller of the Currency, and is now in the hands of the Bank Examiner. Liabilities are $125,000. Assets about the same. The chief item of indebtedness is a State deposit of $20,000.

TO ESCAPE ARREST.

New York, N. Y.—The police of Paterson, N. J., raided a dog fight in that city Saturday night. To escape arrest, Francis Frain jumped through a second-story window, landed on his head, and suffered a fracture of his skull, from which he died.

A TALE OF FRONTIER LIFE.

RECOLLECTIONS RECALLED BY INDIAN INCURSIONS.

What a Lowell Reporter Discovered in the Historic Town of Dunstable—Miraculous Escape From a Miserable Existence of a Descendant of One of the Pioneer Warriors of Colonial Times—The Talk of the Neighborhood.

From the News, Lowell, Mass.

Mr. Hiram Spaulding, who was for many years the proprietor of the Massapoag House, a Boston summer resort, is undoubtedly as well known as any man in Middlesex County. Mr. Spaulding, besides having been a popular hotel man, boasts of being a lineal descendant of John Spaulding, a well known soldier who was killed in action with the Indians while serving in the command of the famous Captain John Tyng in 1804. He also is well known as the first leader of the celebrated Dunstable Cornet Band, of Dunstable, Mass., familiarly known as the "mounted band." Altogether Bandmaster Spaulding is perhaps the best known citizen in town, and respected everywhere for his uprightness and sterling character.

Mrs. Nellie A. Spaulding is the wife of this gentleman, and almost as well known as her popular husband. A recent severe illness from overwork and malaria caused grave fears among her numerous acquaintances, and the local physicians seemed powerless to aid her. Chills and fever, impaired action of heart and liver, and general wretchedness were her portion, until her attention was called to Dr. Williams' Pink Pills for Pale People, and she began to use them. On Labor Day, Monday, Sept. 7, 1896, Mrs. Spaulding finished the first box of Pink Pills, and she informed the *News* reporter that on that day she performed one of the hardest day's work ever accomplished by her. She is still taking Pink Pills according to directions, and all traces of malarial poison seem to have vanished.

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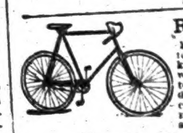

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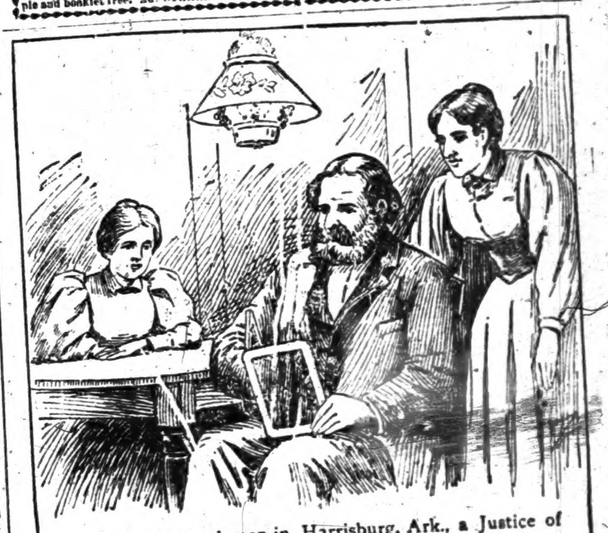

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Congress is talking.

Professional politicians will do to watch.

The world is going mad after wealth and power.

Push the work of education on government railroads.

There is a strong mistrust that the great trust is hoggish.

A howler for office is out of his place in the People's party.

"Banks are more dangerous than standing armies."—Jefferson.

Let the war against banks of issue be waged all along the line.

The Republican party has a large batch of promises to redeem. Watch it.

Agitate the question of compelling the banks to give full security to depositors.

The Jaw Gymnasium, alias the American Congress, is now in full blast.

If we had Direct Legislation we could wipe up the earth with the politicians.

One of the demands of the times, and one that the people will have soon, is an income tax.

The banks have declared war on the people's money, now let war be declared against the banks.

The People's party is no one man's party or two men's foolishness. The rank and file must rule.

One of the principal objections which plutocratic papers urge against Populism is Peffer's whiskers.

In Illinois a banker has been sent to the penitentiary for robbing his depositors. Mark one for Illinois.

It costs about $20,000,000 a year to sustain the navy, and the proposition now is to increase this expense.

The little dollar of contract and the big dollar of payment is what makes the rich richer and the poor poorer.

If the law does not make money, then let us demand the repeal of the law which makes gold a legal tender.

The New York Journal is authority for the statement that the Republicans had a campaign fund of $16,000,000.

The Republicans threaten to break up the trusts. If they do they will earn the gratitude of a long suffering people.

Don't depend too much upon the question of free silver as an issue; educate along the lines of the Populist platform.

A number of the men who marched in Chicago for "sound money" in the recent campaign are now marching for something to eat.

If it is unconstitutional to tax the rich then we should have a system that would make it impossible for a man to become very rich.

Did you ever think what little respect the rich anarchists have for the laws. They seem to think that laws are made for the poor to observe only.

Finance, Transportation and Land constitute the main issues which concern humanity most. Let every Populist continue to educate along these lines.

The law cannot make a wrong right; robbery is robbery whether a violation of law or not. Trusts, however, are unlawful combinations and therefore unlawful robbers.

The Imperative Mandate enables the people to vote office-holders out of office when they don't do to suit them. Of course plutocracy and the office-holders will oppose it.

The war against excessive rates of railroad and express companies is increasing in its intensity. The logic of events points to government ownership as the only remedy.

More rotten armor plate has been discovered going into the construction of some of our war vessels. The armor plate companies seem to be in the steal business as well as the steel business.

Railroad corporations have done more to corrupt our courts and legislatures than all other things combined. Government ownership will avoid all this, as well as be a great saving to the people.

The Republicans seem to be in a peck of trouble; they are asked by the bankers to retire the greenbacks and they don't see their way clear to do it without issuing bonds, which they fear to do. If they do either, or both, defeat stares them in the face at the next election.

There is considerable fear expressed among Populists at the proposition to increase the standing army, but a greater danger than that threatens us. It is the aggressive spirit of the banks. Having disposed of silver, as they think, they now propose to destroy the greenback and assume full control of the currency.

THE MONEY QUESTION

TRUE MONEY AND OUR PRESENT VICIOUS SYSTEM.

The Intrinsic Value Fallacy Is the Sum of All Villainies and the Foundation of All the Montary Evils That Afflict the World.

Rev. D. Oglesby in Chicago Express: A true system of money would secure a just exchange of the products of labor. But the money systems of the world are perverted, and money is made the instrument to rob and enslave labor. It is so perverted that it places the cart before the horse. Ignoring the fact that labor fixes and regulates prices of all property to be exchanged, money is made to usurp the place of labor, and it becomes master instead of servant. It sets and regulates prices of everything on earth, of money too, when as a matter of fact it is nothing but the price of property itself. We read of money being "cheap," or "dear," an "easy money market," a "tight money market," etc. Money, true money, bears a similar relation to property that the yard stick does to a bolt of cloth, or the surveyor's chain to a tract of land.

The yard stick does not make the bolt of cloth longer or shorter, but is used to ascertain its actual length. So the surveyor's chain is used to ascertain the boundary of a tract of land, not to change the area. If the chain was made of rubber the quarter section might be made to contain 1,000 acres instead of 640; just as our rubber system of money makes the farmer's wheat sometimes $1.50 per bushel and sometimes 50 cents; or the laborer's day of work sometimes $2.00 and sometimes $1.00, all of which is accomplished by expanding or contracting the volume of money in the country.

It is a wicked perversion of money to give it such power.

It makes it the master and enslaves the toilers.

This perversion of money is based on the false idea that money is property; that it possesses intrinsic value.

It is even recognized as not only property, but elevated above all property.

1. This idea gives rise to a class of money-mongers—men who deal in money. Money is not made to deal in, but to do business with.

2. This property idea is the basis on which usury or interest stands. There is no other foundation for interest to stand on but this false property claim.

3. This property idea is the source of all debt. Debts are made to draw interest, and for no other purpose.

4. Interest, rents, and profits, all spring out of this same prolific soil—property money—because if the wealth producer always received the actual value for his product there would be no ground for profits; only compensation for labor.

5. This property idea of money causes it to be hoarded and the volume contracted so as to make their property (money) more valuable than all other property.

6. This produces panics and hard times, causing all prices to shrink, banks to fail, business houses are ruined and business paralyzed.

7. This property fallacy is the foundation for the theory of redeeming one kind of money with another kind; of swapping dollars.

8. This property fallacy causes the world to cling to coin as the only material to use for money. All money made out of paper is only currency redeemable in coin.

The object is to make money scarce and produce debts in order to get interest. And the theory now is to have no real money in the world but gold; all other money must stand on that.

We are assured that all the minted gold in the world could be stowed away in an ordinary church, house or hall. This little pile of metal is to fix the price of, and measure the value of, every kind of property on the earth.

It is absurd and monstrous. It is so contemptible that, as the boy said, it isn't fit to be ridiculous.

Thus we must keep $100,000,000 of gold as a sacred reserve, to accommodate the banks. Nobody else wants to redeem greenbacks.

9. This intrinsic property idea of money is the cause of Wall street gold gambling.

10. To sum it all up in few words, this property idea of money adopted by the world, is the sum of all villainies. It is the upas tree breeding death to all governments.

It not only robs mankind, but robs God too. Here is the proof: God makes the oak tree. It bears acorns. The acorn is invested with vitality. It will grow and make another oak tree.

Man makes money—the dollar. It is falsely invested with vitality. The dollar will grow and make another dollar. Thus man becomes a creator too, and man's work, money, is equal or superior to God's work. The oak tree will grow old and die. But the dollar planted in debt never grows old or dies.

Sam Jones said when the old prophet Daniel waked up in the lion's den after pillowing his head on the shaggy mane of the lion and sleeping soundly all night, he rubbed his eyes, and, looking round, said, "This beats h—ll."

His idea was that if he had disobeyed his God he would have been cast into hell instead of the lion's den.

But this property theory of money beats the great God.

His intention was that every man should eat his bread in the sweat of his face, or by labor. But this system lifts the money-monger above God's law of labor. He can snap his finger in defiance of his creator's law.

Some one made the calculation that 1 cent put at compound interest on the day Christ was born at 6 per cent would amount to more now than all the wealth of every kind on the American continent. Only 1 cent.

One dime placed at 5 per cent compound interest on the first Christmas would now amount to over 32,000,000,000,000 of spheres, as large as our earth of solid gold. It would take a man 1,600 years to count these globes, counting 100 a day. It would make over 800,000 rows of globes as large as the earth made of solid gold, reaching to the sun. Only a dime.

That is the outcome of property money. The world is groaning under its load and it is getting heavier every hour. No wonder it crushed to powder Rome, Greece, Egypt, and all the great empires of earth.

We are traveling the same road and unless we "face about" we will land where they did.

But we don't propose to "face about." We voted to stick to the gold standard because the Republican party wanted us to do it.

For thirty years or over the Republican and Democratic parties pretended to fight each other with all their might. The reformers told the people that it was a sham war. The old parties held up the tariff before the people, like shaking a red rag at a mad bull, so as to keep the country from seeing that they were manipulating the money question so as to enslave them. Now the two old parties are married and enjoying their honeymoon.

It was not free coinage of silver that both the old parties hated. This was sham again. It was the income tax, government by injunction, but especially the war on national banks that these our enemies hated.

The hard conditions of life produced by this heathen system of money is awful. "The destruction of the poor is their poverty." Bible. The harvest of mammon worship is appalling.

In the year 1895 over two hundred men were caried each day to drunkard's graves. Over thirty murders each day, and over ten suicides. Estimate if you can the anguish, the tears, the groans, the crushed hearts and blasted lives of the wives and children of wrecked families.

Yet we voted to worship the gold calf on Nov. 3.

So this dance of death is to continue. The priests of mammon rejoice. They have gained a great victory.

They have put down anarchy. They have crushed out repudiation. They have their feet on the neck of the toilers, and their slaves are subdued. Hanna's money did it and they shout for joy. Let the masses weep, starve, suffer and die. What care they? Gold is God. "What is the Almighty that we should serve him." "Is there knowledge in the Most High?" Yes, "He shall laugh at their calamity and mock when their fear cometh," and it cometh.

Richview, Ill.

The Fewer the Better.

For three successive elections Mississippi has chosen seven Congressmen on a total vote of less than 66,000. In 1894 the total vote was less than 40,000. The Fourteenth Amendment to the Federal Constitution reads in part as follows:

"But when the right to vote at any election for the choice of electors for President and Vice-President of the United States, representatives in Congress, the executive and judicial officers of a state, for the members of the legislature thereof, is denied to any of the male citizens of such state, being twenty-one years of age and citizens of the United States, or in any way abridged, except for participation in rebellion or other crime, the basis of representation therein shall be reduced in the proportion which the number of such male citizens shall bear to the whole number of male citizens twenty-one years of age in such state."

Outside of South Carolina there were perhaps no three Congressmen, who will occupy seats in the next house whose districts did not cast in the aggregate more than 66,000 votes, and in many single districts in the late election more than half that vote was thrown. Now if the clause of the constitution above quoted means anything it means, that under such conditions as now prevail in this state and South Carolina the representation in Congress shall be cut down in the proportion which the number of male citizens disfranchised by state laws bear to the whole number of male citizens in the state over twenty-one years of age.

This would give Mississippi two, certainly not more than three Congressmen, and unless we had a wonderful improvement on the old gang who have masqueraded at Washington the past six years, we do not hesitate to say the fewer the better.

The People Are Getting What They Voted For.

The coal monopoly is turning its screw once more for the oppression of the people. There is no duty on anthracite coal and never has been. It was thought the reduction of the duty on soft coal from 75 to 40 cents per ton would tend to reduce the price of anthracite. But it has not had that effect, and gradually coal has been going up while all other products are going down. It simply shows that there is a combine or trust and that they have the people by the throat. Government will have to take hold of that monopoly, as of the railroads and other great corporations, and exact that which is just and right for the benefit of the public. Even wages in the mines have been crowded down. The poor man everywhere suffers while the rich mine-owner prospers. Often the railway companies are partners in helping to give another turn to the monopolistic screw.—Western Rural.

REFORM THAT DON'T REFORM.

Government Issue of Paper Money Is the Big End of the Money Question.

We have never yet seen the Democratic politician who did not talk and act as if all the monetary reform needed in this country was the free coinage of silver.

Mr. Bryan following the habit of his kind whenever he begins a discussion of the money question commences with silver and ends with silver.

In a recent article of his published in the North American Review we find this characteristic Democratic sentence:

"The declaration of the Chicago convention in favor of the free coinage of silver forced upon the people of this country," he says, "a study of the money question in general; and within the last four months more people have been studying the silver question with deliberation than ever before in the history of the world."

From a Democratic standpoint "free coinage of silver is the money question" entire and the "money question" is the "silver question," nothing more and nothing less.

It seems never to have filtered through a Democratic skull that free coinage of silver would not add more than 73 cents per capita to the circulating medium in this country per annum, and that the amount would be so small the next generation would scarcely perceive the increase, for the population would increase in nearly the same proportion.

The idea that the national bankers who at present control our money volume and contract and expand it at will and pleasure—always for their benefit and to the injury of the nation's industries, should be forced out of the governing business and that Uncle Sam alone should issue our paper currency seems never to have reached a Democratic brain. And it never will, notwithstanding the fact that this is the big end of the "money question."

Until Mr. Bryan and men like him can muster up the courage to abandon party name for principle and set his great energies to work unhampered by the dead weight of Democracy, he will never comprehend the real needs of the people. Free silver is an incident in the monetary reform for which the country is clamoring, but it is not a remedy for the evils suffered and the man who thinks so has much yet to learn and he who knowing better attempts to make the "silver question" and the "money question" synonimous terms, only for fear he will incur the enmity of the national bankers, is an arrant demagogue.

Democratic reform is a reform that don't reform worth a cent.—People's Messenger.

Postal Savings Banks.

From the Boston Globe: The people of Europe seem to get much more accommodations out of great functions like the postoffice than we secure in this country.

In Germany the postoffice is a mammoth express office as well as an agency for mailing letters. Within the border of the empire one can send almost anything through the mails, from a pin to a piano.

In Great Britain the postoffice serves an even greater variety of purposes. Besides taking care of regular mail matter it is an express office, a savings bank, a life insurance company and an agent for the sale of annuities.

In the savings bank line one may deposit from a shilling to £50 a year, interest being paid at the rate of 2½ per cent. Through the postoffice the depositor can buy consols, and the office will also sell stock obtained through it.

Thus, by means of the British postal system, many poor people become owners of government stock.

There are 12,000 local postoffices which deal in life insurance policies and sell annuities. In fact, the British postoffice largely prevents poor people from being seduced into unreliable speculative schemes. Backed by the goverament it enables the poor to find a safe deposit for their earnings, and the branch offices serve to circulate money among the poorer classes.

What can be done under a monarchical system successfully cannot always be done successfully in the same way under a republican form of government. But it is not strange that the success of certain postal savings banks and other "foreign institutions" should cause many to ask why America cannot adopt them.

Congress could be engaged in far less profitable work than in considering the strong points of the postal systems in Germany and Great Britain, and the practicability of incorporating them, in some form or other for the benefit of our own people.

Postal Savings Banks.

From the Philadelphia City Item: In Great Britain the postal savings bank system has proved an unalloyed success. It is a boon to the workingman of frugal habits, and, besides, creates a foundation upon which that "sure thing" dear to English hearts, the annuity, is built. Savings banks do not suspend in England, leaving depositors nothing to show for their years of thrift and self-denial. And the system is as simple as it is satisfactory.

Boatner. Democratic free silver Congressman from Louisiana, wants to increase the salaries of congressmen from $5,000 to $7,000. That's a sample of Democratic economy.

The wealthy classes will always oppose anything like the Initiative and Referendum, because it means actual government by the people.

Brave men never give up the fight. Let us take it up with renewed effort.

ALABAMA'S CHRONICLES.

The Latest Happenings of a Great State.

MORE DAMAGE SUITS.

Birmingham.—The following suits have been entered in the City and Circuit courts against the Louisville & Nashville Railroad Company growing out of the Cahaba River bridge disaster:

William T. Tibbs, administrator of Jennie H. Tibbs, deceased, vs. Louisville & Nashville Railroad Company, damages; suit for $40,000. Three cases.

James W. Fencher, administrator of F. W. Tibbs, deceased, vs. Louisville & Nashville Railroad Company, damages; suit for $40,000.

ATTEMPT TO BREAK JAIL.

Scale.—One morning the past week when Jailer Chadwick carried breakfast to his prisoners they attempted a break for liberty. By hard work, with a piece of water piping, which they had managed to secure, they had bent and sprung the cell door so that it would not fasten, and when Mr. Chadwick went up, two or three negroes made for him. He promptly covered them with a evolver, and they beat a hasty retreat to their cells, begging him not to shoot. When they get away from Mr. Chadwick they will be older than they now are and will have more experience.

STATE UNIVERSITY COMMITTEE.

Tuskaloosa.—The committee appointed by the General Assembly to investigate the State University have completed their labors and returned home. The committee consists of Hibbard, of Monroe; Robertson, of Mobile; Longshore, of Shelby, and Kilpatrick, of Wilcox. The report of the committee will cover 150 pages, and there will be no minority report. The report will create a profound sensation. The committee made a thorough examination, and examined forty persons, comprising the president, faculty, cadets, citizens, etc. The testimony taken fills 236 pages. The committee was treated with the utmost courtesy, and every opportunity given to obtain the fullest information. The committee found much to deplore, many defects to be remedied, and will make some radical recommendations.

PROUD OF THEIR ARMORY.

Alexander City.—The armory of the Alexander City Rifles has been beautified in many ways the past two weeks, and is now as handsome as any parlor. It has been overhauled, repainted, repaired, refurnished, etc., and new shades and new curtains add to the good looks. A large curtain hangs gracefully across the large room, which divides it into apartments—one to be used for the assembly room and the other for the gun rack and accoutrements. The work was left to Messrs. Hodo, Smith and Bush, and they have displayed the most artistic taste. Pictures will be hung, carpets laid, new furniture put in and other improvements made.

The boys are justly proud of the armory, and will not feel in the least embarrassed when their lady friends and invited guests visit them.

AN IMPORTANT ARREST.

Blocton.—Last Tuesday night Mr. Miller's store, at Green Pond, was broken open and robbed of two double-barreled guns, candy, etc., amounting to about $60, and Friday night H. C. & W. B. Reynold's store, on Smith Hill, at this place, was broken into and a lot of watches, money, clothes, etc., stolen.

Saturday morning Tom Miller, William T. Blackburn and John Miller went to arrest Hillery Guy, when he drew his gun on Tom Miller, and was in the act of shooting, when Mr. William Blackburn threw his pistol in his face and made him (Guy) drop his gun. lot of stolen property, in his possession, was identified by Mr. Miller, and Guy was brought here this afternoon, and Mr. Sam Allen, storekeeper for Messrs. Reynolds, identified and swore to the clothing the man had on. The watches were described, and even the money found in Guy's possession had a smell on them that Mr. Allen told before he saw it, satisfying the spectators that it was Reynold's money.

BURGLARS CAPTURED.

Brewton.—Our night policeman, E. A. Rogers, "covered himself with glory" Saturday morning, about 2 o'clock, by capturing a gang of robbers, supposed to be the ones wanted at Letohatchie and Evergreen for robbing the postoffices at those places.

Mr. Rodgers detected them in our postoffice here, drilling the safe. Slipping off and getting some help, he came back and surrounded the place. One of them evidently "heard something," and tripped to the rear door, and was silently stealing away, when a double-barreled shotgun was presented, with the business end toward him, and he was invited to remain inside.

They were taken without resistance, together with their kit of tools. They had drilled a hole about a half an inch in diameter entirely through the safe door. There were two white men in the office, and two others, supposed to be their pals, were arrested later in the night. They were tough-looking tramps, and were all turned over to Sheriff McWilliams and locked up.

Birmingham.—An important conference was held in the Commercial Club rooms Friday noon, at which it was determined that Alabama will be represented by a fine exhibit at the Tennessee Centennial, in Nashville. The State Board and mineral owners came together and discussed the exhibit. Four big corporations promised to make a display of minerals. This promise of the corporations insures the appropriation by the Department of Agriculture.

The Board of Commissioners met promptly, and Birmingham's representatives were on hand. Among those present were the following: Maj. U. F. Culver, Commissioner of Agriculture and President of the Board; Mr. H. G. McCall, of Montgomery, Secretary of the Board; Maj. F. Y. Anderson, Land Commissioner of the Queen and Crescent system, and a member of the Board; P. G. Shook, of the Tennessee Coal, Iron and Railroad Company; Maj. T. D. Radcliff, of Sheffield, Ala., manager of the properties of the Sheffield Coal, Iron and Steel Company; T. M. Byars, editor of the Blountsville Journal; Thomas W. Furman, editor of the Albertsville Journal; J. F. Fletcher, contractor; P. Byrne, architect, and others.

YELLOW FEVER.

The Disease Prevelent in Havanna. Soldiers the Victims.

Washington, D. C.—The current number of The Public Health Reports, issued by the Marine Hospital service, contains a report from Sanitary Inspector Burgess, at Havana, who says:

"During the week ending January 7, there were 306 deaths in the city, 61 of which were caused by yellow fever, approximately 170 new cases; 78 were caused by smallpox, with 702 new cases, approximately; 9 were caused by enteric fever, 3 by so-called pernicious fever; 4 by paludal fever, 1 by diphtheria, 15 by dysentery, 18 by enteritis, 1 by the grippe, 8 by pneumonia and 37 by tuberculosis.

"Sixty of the 61 deaths from yellow fever during the week were among Spanish soldiers in the military hospitals, while all of the 78 deaths from smallpox occurred among civilians in the different parts of the city.

"Yellow fever, on the whole, rather diminishes, as might be expected from the cooler weather which has been prevailing for some time, but smallpox increases."

The Vice-Consul-General at Port au Prince, Hayti, under date of December 16, reports that the yellow fever epidemic that prevailed there has ceased its ravages.

Henry S. Caminero, sanitary inspector at Santiago de Cuba, says that 52 deaths have been reported during the week ended January 2, of which three were from yellow fever. The latter disease has abated somewhat, but the inspector says that as a new regiment arrived from Spain January 1, he has no doubt the fever cases will again increase. Malaria is, as usual, causing many victims.

ON SUSPICION.

A Pole is Arrested.—Believed to be Connected with the Cahaba Wreck.

Birmingham, Ala.—Deputy sherif James Ball returned from Eatonton, Ga., Monday morning, bringing with him Sam Palatka, a Pole, who is suspected of knowing something about the wrecking of the Birmingham Mineral train, on the Cahaba River bridge Sunday, December 27th, which caused the death of twenty-eight people.

Ball secured requisition papers from Governor Johnston and the Governor of Georgia duly recognized them.

Palatka was arrested by parties in Eatonton after he is said to have made a number of statements concerning the wreck. It is stated that he told of the wreck so accurately, descibed the country where the horrible catastrophe occurred and made known many other incidents connected therewith that he excited suspicion. He was watched closely and finally arrested.

Sheriff O'Brien was notified and it was thought advisable to bring him back for interrogation.

The parties making the arrest are said to have some strong evidence against Palatka, who is a wandering sort of a fellow.

The Southern Railway and Louisville and Nashville offer a reward of $10,000 for the conviction of the party or parties who wrecked the train.

TILLMAN WITHDRAWS.

And Governor "Bob" Taylor Will Be Inducted Into Office.

Nashville, Tenn.—Hon. George N. Tillman is out in a card formally abandoning the contest for the gubernatorial chair. Mr. Tillman assigns as his chief reason the enactment of the Bond bill, which has passed the Legislature and received Executive sanction. This bill provides for the execution of bond in the sum of $25,000 by the contestant when such contest is not made in "good faith" or for political effect.

Mr. Tillman says it would be useless for him to contest the election when the men who enacted this measure would be in effect the court of last resort. His action is approved by the leading Republicans of this city and State.

In view of Mr. Tillman's withdrawal the inauguration of Governor-elect Robert L. Taylor has been arranged to take place on Thursday. The occasion will be without demonstration, and ultra democratic in its simplicity.

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SAW MACEO BURIED.

Colonel Hernandez, of the Cuban Force Writes Interestingly.

New York, N. Y.—A Tribune special from Jacksonvill, Fla., dated Sunday, says:

A letter was received here on Friday from Lieutenant Colonel Andre Hernandez, now in command of the department of the Cuban army encamped near Havana, giving the true account of Maceo's death and his subsequent burial. As he says that he was in command of the Cuban detachment that recovered the body from Major Cirujeda's command, and afterwards buried it, his statement should settle the matter.

The letter was sent to J. A. Huau, the Florida representative of the Cuban junta. It came through the underground channel. It is dated January 9th and from the "encampment near Havana." After extending to Mr. Huau thanks for past favors, the letter goes on:

"It was on December 7th that we suffered a great misfortune in the tragic death (by ambush) of our leader, Maceo. This is the greatest misfortune we have suffered since the war began, but it only encourages us to fight the harder and to avenge his death.

"We were camped near the fight that day and heard the firing. Maceo came across the trocha, unknown to us, with but forty men. More than 1,500 Spaniards, who had been informed of his trip, ambushed him. He rode into it and was shot at the first fire.

"We heard the firing and thinking that some of our friends were attacked by the Spanish Guirillas, started off at once to their aid, though we had but 400 men. When we reached the scene of the slaughter it was most over, and then we were told that Maceo was dead and that the enemy had his body tied to a horse's tail and were taking it off. Our men were perfectly frantic over the report and begged to be lead against the Spaniards. We dashed forward with drawn matchets and what a fight that was!

"The Spaniards met us and the encounter was horrible. Our men fought to kill; only bent on avenging Maceo's death. Our trusty and sharp machetes fell with regularity and I think that we killed more than two hundred of the enemy; and, what is more, we had the consolation of recovering the body of our beloved Maceo. The Spaniards fought hard again to regain it, charging upon us repeatedly, but our charry machetes were too much for them and they suddenly retreated.

"Our little force suffered terribly. Our cavalry, which went into the fight eighty strong, came out with only 22 men, and the infantry suffered almost in the same proportion. But for all that we were consoled by the fact that our brave brothers gave up their lives in a good cause, and to save the body of our lamented Maceo from the desecration which the Spaniards would have inflicted.

"We buried the body in a secret place and a secure one. Only myself and a few selected officers know the location. In due time it will be marked. If known now the murderous Spaniards would try to get it, and parade it as showing their great triumph.

"Poor Maceo sleeps in pence, but his brothers remain to avenge him, and that they are doing daily. I have a good many important things to tell you in connection with this, but I do not care to put them in this, as I am not positive that the latter will not through safely."

WRECKERS THROW A TRAIN.

Crosstie Placed on Iron Mountain and Texas.

Dallas, Tex.—The through express from St. Louis on the Iron Mountain and Texas and Pacific route, due at Dallas at 6.20 a. m., was wrecked Saturday night at the little station of Forest, in Cass county, near Springdale.

Engineer Clemmons had both legs broken and sustained other injuries so severe that he died shortly after the accident. His home was at Marshall, Tex.

The express messenger is reported as being fatally injured, and a postal route agent as seriously injured.

The wreck was the work of the train wreckers, who had piled cross ties on the track. The full details have not yet reached Dallas. Two trains have been abandoned and two others are late, and are expected to arrive between 9 and 10 o'clock.

Half a dozen or more passengers are reported injured, but none fatally.

The engine and three cars, mail, baggage and express, were thrown down an embankment, but no passenger coaches left the track.

TO KEEP OUT THE PLAGUE.

Precautions Taken by the Health Department of Brook'yn, N. Y.

New York, N. Y.—The Brooklyn Health Department fearing that the bubonic plague now ravaging India, may be carried to this country by steamships, has made preparations to have all vessels arriving from India subjected to thorough disinfection and quarantined. Health Commissioner Emery has issued orders to inspectors and health officers to take extra precautions in the examination of ships. Especial vigilance is directed to the docks where hemp is landed.

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SENATOR Sherman is to be secretary of state in President McKinley's administration, and possibly the choice is as good a one as could be made in the republican ranks.

A MAN has been arrested in Georgia and taken to Birmingham charged with causing the wreck at the Cahaba bridge, but there does not appear so far to be much evidence against him.

THE State Democratic Executive committee have let the bars down again and anyone can vote in their future primaries who will pledge himself to support the nominees of the party.

THE eleven electors of Alabama met at Montgomery on Monday and cast the vote of the State for Bryan and Sewall. Mr. John W. A. Sanford, Jr., was chosen the messenger to carry the vote to Washington.

THE dispensary law of South Carolina has been declared by the Supreme court of the United States to be unconstitutional as it conflicts with the inter-state commerce act, that is so far as it prevented a citizen from importing liquor for his own use. This decision in a very great measure will render the dispensary law inoperative.

THE committee of the Georgia legislature who have been investigating the charges against Judges Reese and Sweat have decided there is not sufficient ground for impeachment. Judge Reese appears to have come clear of the various charges, but Judge Sweat would do best to resign his judicial position.

WE are in receipt of a copy of the World Almanac and Encyclopedia, got up in first-class style and brimful of information. To the busy man who has no time to spare and the poor man who has no surplus cash this Encyclopedia is invaluable. For $1.10 we give you a copy and THE BANNER for one year. Send in your orders right now.

THE Legislature re-convened at Montgomery yesterday and will remain in session twenty-five days. Among the new bills introduced was one to abolish the present election law and revert to the old one. A bill was introduced in the Senate which proves that no registered elector shall require to be registered again so long as he resides in the precinct or ward in which he is registered for the last general election.

FROM recent developements it would seem that if a little exertion had been made at the time the notorious Frank Randolph skipped it would not have been very difficult to have brought him back and some of the money he had stolen would have been recovered. As it is a draft for $1250 bought by him in San Francisco on a bank in London has just been stopped payment at the request of Gov. Johnston and that amount saved to the State.

THE Alliance Co-operative Co. at Jemison which since its establishment has been constantly increasing its business, has branched out in a new line, and one that should fill a "long-felt want." As will be seen from their advertisement elsewhere they have gone into the business of supplying our farmers with plow-horses, mules and milch-cows—not swapping them like gypsies, but selling them to you on easy terms. We hope this new venture will meet with the success it deserves.

The Friends of W. F. Aldrich Speak.

Editor Birmingham State Herald,
Birmingham, Alabama:

Our attention having been called to a scurrilous and uncalled for article in the columns of your Sunday edition, reflecting on the personal character of Col. W. F. Aldaica, of this place, we, the undersigned white citizents of Aldrich, and vicinity, irrespective of party lines and political influences, request the privilege of replying to said article, in vindication of the fair name of our fellowtownsman, during his absence from our midst.

We can not see why Mr. Plowman should resort to this method of warfare in a matter of simple contest for a seat; or why he should invoke such unusual methods to determine a matter of purely legal rights. He certainly has not strengthened his cause to any degree, either with fair minded democrats or republicans, by assailing the personal character of Col. Aldrich, and even breaking over the conventional barriers of propriety and decency, and dragging into publicity the innocent ladies of his household. We have seldom known such a want of chivalry manifested in congressional timber.

We have known Col. Aldrich long and well; and while most of us are opposed to him politically, yet we deem it a matter of simple justice to denounce the slanderous assault made upon him in the public prints, and to deny emphatically and unequivocally the malicious charges therein made, reflecting on himself and his family.

Had Mr. Plowman sought other sources of information, he would hardly have essayed to prejudice his cause by resort to such a puerile and silly warfare; and we fear he has not always been so particular in scrutinizing the private characters of all candidates he has supported for office. There is nothing to be gained by these unfair attacks on a man who stands high as gentleman in his own community.

We feel that we cannot remain silent under these ill-timed aspersions without raising our voices against such splenetic exhibitions of malice and envy; and we surely are better located to know the facts whereof we speak, than the wily opponent—miles away—who ruthlessly tramples to scorn the sacred safeguards that every gentleman respects, in almost every condition of life."

It is signed by twenty residents in the vicinity of Mr. Aldrich's home.

A Small Wreck at Clanton.

ON Friday last, shortly after noon, our town was stirred by news of a wreck on the L. & N. R. R. which had just occurred in the cutting. It appears that the first section of freight train No. 73, with Conductor Dyer in charge, had come to a standstill in the cutting, and while Engineer Lofton was waiting for instructions to proceed, the second section under the control of Conductor Black with Engineer Brennan at the throttle, ran into the caboose of the first section, telescoping it into the next car. Mr. W. R. Seay, of Lebanon, Tenn., who was in the caboose, in charge of some stock he was carrying to Montgomery, says the flagman had placed some torpedoes for the purpose of warning the second section of the train, and that when he saw the locomotive of the second section rapidly approaching the caboose he ran out and jumped up the embankment. Mr. Seay had a narrow escape. The flagman says he placed two torpedoes on the track, which means stop, and Engineer Brennan declares he only heard one explosion, which means slow up; he did so but had not sufficient time to avoid the collision. The result was the demolition of the caboose and the next car. Very fortunately no one was hurt, and in a short time both trains proceeded on their way.

Death of Mrs. Nat. Watts.

ON Thesday morning the spirit of Mrs. Nat. Watts made its flight to the better land. Mrs. Watts had been sick for the last three months and finally succombed to consumption. The deceased lady was born in 1841 and was consequently in her fifty-sixth year. She was married in 1866 in Lowdnes county to Mr. Nat. Watts, who with six children, survives to mourn a devoted wife and fond mother. For some years she was a faithful member of the Methodist church and Rev. W. B. Dennis had the mournful duty of consigning the body of a beloved member of his flock to its final earthly resting place. The funeral which, despite the inclement weather, was largely attended by sympathizing friends, took place on Wednesday morning, in the cemetery at Clanton. To the bereaved family we say "She is not dead, but sleep eth."

Political Po.n.ers.

People's Press Bureau, St. Louis, Mo., Dec. 19. 1896.

The Kansas Farmers Alliance, that was reported to be in a moribund condition, has taken a new lease on life and a plan for co-operative work is being prepared by Anna L. Diggs and others.

W. J. Bryan was an honored guest at Chicago the 7th and at Lincoln the 8th, the banquets having been so arranged that he could attend both.

Gov. Pingree in his inaugural address urged the abolishing, in his state, Michigan, of political conventions and the use of the direct vote in nominating candidates; the use of the referendum in granting quasi public franchises; two cent railroad fares; and inheritance and income tax. Pretty good People's party man is Pingree, if he is, like others, afraid of the name! At the joint meeting of Populists, silver democrats and republicans held there they did not endorse this message in its entirety but warmly commended the portions referred to. The joint meeting was harmonious.

Gov. Altgeld in his final message displayed his wonted vigor. He scored newspaper men and methods and it is generally believed that he intends starting a paper to show just how it should be run. Tanner cut Altgeld's name off the inaugural program and then openly declared himself against the "common" people and for corporate wealth.

Gov. Holcomb's message is characterized by great good sense. He urges a better ballot system, economy in state affairs, an anti-railroad pass law and speaks against the beet sugar bounty.

It is conceded that Gov. W. J. Stone could have succeeded George West in the Senate had he indicated a wish for the place. He was urged by the new democracy and Populists to accept the nomination but he declined.

Bank Examiner Breidential of Kansas announces that there are too many banks in that state for the volume of business and urges consolidation.

After a most harmonious meeting January 6, at Lincoln, Nebraska, the State Bi-metallic Union appointed a committee consisting of one Populist, one silver democrat and one prohibitionist to have charge of the affairs of the union until such time as another meeting should be held.

President McKinley is having a serious time getting his cabinet made up. All so far honored decline, and Thos. Reed gives it out cold that they do not desire to be the tools of Mark Hanna and that is what all McKinley appointees must be.

Among the many signs of better times (?) is the eviction of 51,000 families in Greater New York. Kansas will be avenged for the recent slanders of the press of that metropolis by sending sending several train loads of grain and provisions to the sufferers.

George F. Washburn of Boston, whom every Populist knows, has issued an address filled with earnest words to the party but the rather unnecessary assertion that Populism is not democracy. He reiterates the facts, in which all Populists join without argument, that Populists are not silverites, but believers in scientific money, that the union in the last election did not injure our cause or party but on the contrary we have to-day every reason for satisfaction. Mr. Washburn closes with the suggestion that a meeting of party leaders be held as soon as practicable to perfect plans for the future.

Very stories are current as to Hanna money having been used in the North Carolina legislature to secure the re-election of Prichart, who was a pronounced goldbug in the recent campaign.

Coxey's meeting at St. Louis on Jan. 12, to organize a new party, was something of a "frost." About twenty persons of more or less prominence were in attendance and regrets were read from as many more.

The Kansas Farmers' Alliance has taken on a new lease of life. A. R.

Are You Thin?

Look about you! See for yourself! Who suffer most from sleeplessness, nervousness, nervous dyspepsia, neuralgia, despondency, general weakness? Who are on the edge of nervous prostration all the time? Those who are thin, Opium, chloral, bromides, headache powders, only make matters worse. Iron and bitters are only stimulants. To be cured, and cured for good, you need a fat-making food. You want new blood, rich blood; and a strong nerve-tonic.

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Lowe.i le Locals.

It must be ackuowledged that it was something of a surprise last Wednesday night when a party of young people called upon Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Marlar for the purpose of celebrating Mr. W. E. Lowe's birthday, it was indeed an enjoyable occasion.

Mr. C. A. Marlar, of Stanton, visited relatives here last week.

Mrs. Geo. Lodge, of Lomax, visited Loweville Saturday.

Mr. J. H. Marlar visited Thorsby Sunday.

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Longstreet Locals.

We are sorry to say that Mr. J. D. Grant has a severe attack of la grippe.

Mr. Aristy Armstrong has greatly improved after a long spell of pneumonia.

Mr. Tom Baker has moved into the house recently vacated by Mr. E. C. Baker.

Mr. Mart Gore has added very much to the beauty of his home by erecting a new buggy house.

Mr. P. M. McKee spent last Sunday here. Mr. Will Lowe visited Loweville Monday.

Some of our girls are wearing long faces since the Misses Willis moved down.

Mrs. Dr. Matthews paid Mrs. Gilchrist a pleasant visit Monday eve. Mr. W. E. Lowe called to see Mr. J. D. Grant Monday.

One of our young ladies was very much disappointed Sunday account of rain. UNCLE DICK.

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THE MISSING WORD.

A New Chance for Our Subscribers to Make Money.

We call the attention of our readers to the interesting details of our clubbing proposition with The Atlanta Weekly Constitution, published in full elsewhere. As will be seen, the joint price of our paper and The Weekly Constitution for one year is but $1.50. Every subscriber will not only get the two papers for little more than the price of one, but will, in addition, have a chance to participate without cost in the "Missing Word Contest," the premiums for which are offered by both papers. Every subscriber is entitled to guess at the missing word in the following sentence:

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and the one who supplies the correct word will be entitled to 10 per cent. of the amount received from subscriptions not only from The Constitution, but all of the papers participating in the clubbing offer with The Constitution between now and the 1st of March. The Constitution guarantees that at least FIVE HUNDRED DOLLARS IN CASH will be distributed, and probably the amount will be between $1,000 to $2,000. If more than one person supplies correctly the missing word, the cash amount will be distributed among the successful guessers.

A few months ago The Weekly Constitution offered $1,000 in cash to the subscriber guessing the size of the year's cotton crop as announced by the New Orleans exchange. The successful guesser was Mr. R. T. Poole, of Rockingham, N. C., who received immediately after the announcement of the crop by the New Orleans cotton exchange $1,000 in cash from The Weekly Constitution, enabling him to buy the farm which he was then renting and pay himself out of debt.

Every intelligent person should subscribe to his home paper and take at least one general newspaper which covers the news of the world. This The Constitution does better than any southern weekly newspaper, and the fact that it has now the largest circulation of any weekly newspaper published on the wistern hemisphere attests to its popularity. It publishes 156,000 copies every week and goes into more homes in the southern and western states than any weekly newspaper published in America.

You want your home paper; and when you can get it in connection with The Weekly Constitution for almost the price of one and in addition become a participant in the great missing word contest, announced elsewhere, you should take prompt advantage of the combination. Remit the combination price to us and send your guess of the missing word along with it, and we will forward your name to The Constitution, and your guess will be duly recorded. If you are already a subscriber to our paper and want The Weekly Constitution, forward us ONE DOLLAR with your guess of the missing word and we will see that it is sent to The Constitution.

The proposition is an attractive one, and it is to be hoped that some readers of this paper will supply the correct missing word in the above sentence.

Jemi.on.

The farmers of Jemison are all busy preparing for another crop.

We are sorry to say that there are several attacks of la grippe and pneumonia around Jemison now; much suffering but no fatality.

We are glad to say that Prof. C. C. Slaton has a large school now and is progressing. His sister and assistant teacher is much loved by all the scholars and also by the community.

Mr. W. A. Mims of Collins Chapel has moved to Jemison for his children to get the benefit of Jemison High school. Our town is improving very much; there are several new buildings started which will add much beauty to the town when completed.

Mr. J. C. Langston, of Sixmile, has moved to Jemison and opened up an office in which he will repair clocks, watches and also jewelry.

Mr. H. I. Honeycutt, of Clanton was in Jemison Monday on business.

Miss Mattie Lowe, of Jemison, is visiting relatives in Montgomery this week.

Mr. A. J. Atkinson has greatly improved his plantation by new buildings, fence, etc.

Last Saturday was horse-swapping day in Jemison. There were many people in town for the purpose of swapping horses, and all seemed to enjoy the day very much.

The young people of Jemison had a nice entertainment at Mr. I. L. Beddings last Friday night and all enjoyed themselves very much. Success to BANNER and all the readers. X. Y. Z.

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J. G. METCALFE, Gen. Man.
Louisville & Nashville R. R. Co.
W. H. GREEN, Gen. Sup't.
Southern Railway Company.
December 30, 1896.

L. & N. Change of Schedule.

To go into effect December 20.

Train No 2	arv.	Clanton	9:54 a.m
" 3	"	"	5:59 p.m
" 4	"	"	10.45 p.m
" 9	"	"	7:43 a.m
" 10	"	"	5:26 p.m

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Sheriff's Sale.

By virtue of an execution issued out of the Justice Court of W. H. Strock a Justice of the Peace for beat 5 of Chilton county, and State of Alabama, and to me directed, whereby I am commanded to make the amount of a certain judgment recently obtained against J. E. White out of the goods, chattels, lands and tenements of the said J. E. White I have levied on the following property, to-wit: One (1) one-horse wagon.

Therefore, according to said command, I shall expose for sale, at Public Auction, all the right, title and interest of the above named J. E. White in and to the above described property, on

TUESDAY, JANUARY 26, 1897,

during the legal hours of sale, at the court house door in Clanton, Chilton county, Alabama.

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TOWN ITEMS

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Clanton Cotton Market.

Price to-day 6¼ cents.
Bales received to-date:

Stanley	1881
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If you want a Piano or Organ we can sell you one at a low figure and on easy terms. THE BANNER, Clanton.

Miss Xyr Hunt, after a pleasant visit to relatives in Troy, returned home, to the delight of her many friends, last Saturday.

Mr. Clifford Gullahorn went to Selma last Sunday.

Mr. Tom Gullahorn, operator at Selma, is visiting his parents here this week.

Mr. Henry Honeycutt went to Jemison Monday on business.

Mr. John Stanfield went to Birmingham last week.

FERTILIZERS for sale by
W. L. SAMPEY, Clanton.

Mr. W. H. Merritt has just completed the purchase of a plantation in Montgomery county, seventeen miles west of the capitol city, at a cost of $12,000. Mr. W. R. Kempt has been placed in charge.

Mr. Chas. J. Williams, of Comanche, Texas, after spending the Xmas holidays with his parents near Jumbo, and with friends in Talladega, returned last Friday to Texas.

Miss A. O. Davis, who has been staying awhile with her parents in Clanton, left for her Texan home on Monday.

Mr. W. J. Parrish recently killed a gray eagle on his place weighing 11 lbs and measuring 7ft. 8in. from tip to tip. He made a present of it to Judge Callen who took it down to Montgomery to be preserved.

If you want a Plow Horse or Mule or Milch Cow go to the Alliance Co-operative Co. at Jemison. We have horses and mules and milch cows to sell on time.
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Tax-collector T. J. Hubbard was in town Wednesday.

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Mr. W. L. Sampey is making preparations to move his present store house to the rear of its present position to clear the site for his brick building.

Mr. George R. Watts, of Brewton, Ala., came up to attend the obsequies of his mother.

Dr. J. S. Johnson, Sr., has had various internal improvements made at his new residence, the Kemp house.

Capt. Middleton is beautifying his residence with new paint and paper.

Mr. E. B. Deason, who has recently taken a position with Mr. W. L. Mullins as bookkeeper, is very sick.

Mr. Robt. Croswell, of Deatsville, is in town to-day.

Mr. M. A. Wilson was in town yesterday morning.

Hon. L. H. Reynolds paid a visit to Clanton Monday en route to the Legislature.

Marriage licenses have been granted this week by the Probate Judge to the following persons.

Mr. J. D. Ousley and Miss Mary Jones, Mr. J. T. Burnett and Miss Mary Foshee.

Colored. George Martin and Lizzie Atchison; Thomas Smitherman and Berta Hall.

Billingsley Bits.

Prof. Walter Hinton's school closed on Friday last with a most beautiful entertainment which was enjoyed by a goodly number of people.

We are sorry to say that Mr. W. W. Carter has had a serious spell of la grippe, but we are glad to know he is improving.

Miss Minnie Letcher is spending a few weeks with her sister, Mrs. Grant.

Miss Lily Hunt of East Tallassee is visiting her grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Grainger.

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Under and by virtue of a mortgage executed to the undersigned by Sarah Malone and recorded in mortgage book No. 36 pp. 579-81 in the office of the Judge of Probate of Chilton county, I will proceed to sell, on the

3rd DAY OF FEBRUARY, 1897,

for cash in front of the court house of said county within the hours of legal sale, the following described property, to-wit: The nw¼ of nw¼ of section 8, township 21 north of range 12 east, containing 40 acres more or less, situated in Chilton county, Alabama.

J. H. JOHNSON, Mortgagee,
By A. C. SMITH, his Atty.

Administrator's Notice of Final Settlement.

The State of Alabama,
Chilton County.

W. F. LAWRENCE, Deceased,
Estate of.

This day came W. M. Lawrence, the administrator of said estate and filed his statement, accounts, vouchers, and evidences, for a final settlement of his administration; It is ordered that the 15 day of February, 1897, be appointed a day on which to make such settlement, at which time all persons interested can appear and contest the said settlement, if they think proper.

R. M. HONEYCUTT,
Judge of Probate Chilton County.

Mortgage Sale.

Under and by virtue of a mortgage executed to the undersigned by J. B. Crane and A. M. Crane, and recorded in mortgage book No. 36, pages 573-6 in the office of the Judge of Probate of Chilton county, I will proceed to sell on the

10th DAY OF FEBRUARY, 1897

for cash in front of the court house of said county within the hours of legal sale the following described property, to wit:

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Final Proof Notice.

Notice No. 18,668.

Land Office at Montgomery, Ala., December 10, 1896.

Notice is hereby given that the following named settler has filed notice of his intention to make final proof in support of his claim, and that said proof will be made before the Clerk of the Circuit Court, at Clanton, Ala., on January 23rd, 1897, viz.: Emmett W. Headley Homestead entry, No. 26,268, for the e½ of ne¼ section 20 tp 21 north of r 13 east.

He names the following witnesses to prove his continuous residence upon and cultivation of, said land, viz: Joseph Hayes, of Maplesville, Ala; Wiley Ramsey, of Lily, Ala., Simon Clark, of Maplesville, Ala., James Hayes, of Maplesville Ala.,

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Final Proof Notice.

Notice No. 18758.

Land Office at Montgomery, Ala., Jan. 5, 1897.

Notice is hereby given that the following named settler has filed notice of his intention to make final proof in support of his claim, and that said proof will be made before The Clerk of the Circuit Court at Clanton, Ala., on February 13, 1897, viz.: Mary J. Oates, Homestead Entry No. 26,049, for the sw¼ of ne¼ Section 26 tp 21 north of r 13 east.

He names the following witnesses to prove his continuous residence upon, and cultivation of, said land, viz: Peter A. Vance, of Kincheon, Ala., William Roper, of Kincheon, Ala., Bowen L. Jones, of Kincheon, Ala., William W. Williams, of Lily, Ala.

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Notice No. 18791.

Land Office at Mon'gomery, Ala., Jan. 15 1897.

Notice is hereby given that the following named settler has filed notice of his intention to make final proof in support of his claim, and that said proof will be made before the Clerk of the Circuit Court at Clanton, Ala., on Feb 27th, 1897, viz: Elizabeth Motes, Homestead entry, No. 25,279, for the w½ of ne¼, section 10 tp 22 north of r 13 east.

He names the following witnesses to prove his continuous residence upon and cultivation of said land, viz: John Chandler, Anderson Baker, Jesse Thomas, Thomas Smith, all of Clanton, Ala.

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Final Proof Notice.

Notice No. 18795.

Land Office at Montgomery, Ala., Jan. 17, 1897.

Notice is hereby given that the following named settler has filed notice of his intention to make final proof in support of his claim, and that said proof will be made before The Clerk of the Circuit Court at Clanton, Ala., on Feb. 27th, 1897, viz: Noah Pritchett, Homestead entry, No. 26,364, for the nw¼ of sw¼, sw¼ of nw¼, section 28 tp 20 n of r 13 east.

He names the following witnesses to prove his continuous residence upon and cultivation of, said land, viz: William H. Anderson, Willis F. Sims, Thomas Anderson, Artar E. Hicks, all of Clanton, Ala.

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Vices and Virtues of Chinatown.

If you made with me a complete tour of Chinatown, visiting every place where a Chinaman dwells, when you had returned you would sum up what you had seen about as follows:

Places where opium was smoked by Chinese in their own private apartments: about one-fourth of the whole.

Places where opium was sold to white visitors who smoked and slept on the premises, and which is commonly called an "opium joint": possibly three in your whole tour.

Places were gambling was in progress: about one-twentieth of the whole.

Places where men were pursuing the ordinary vocations of life: nearly three-fourths.—Century.

Thorough in Her Work.

"And is Jennie thorough in her work?" asked Mrs. Jarley of Mrs. Perkins, having reference to a would-be waitress."

"Very," said Mrs. Perkins. "When she broke one of my royal Worcester soup plates she really didn't appear satisfied until she had broken the other eleven. Oh, yes, Jennie is thorough."—Harper's Bazar.

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Dukane—Spiffins has refused to honor that sight draft. Gaswell—Perhaps he regarded it as an oversight draft.—Pittsburg Chronicle.

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REPORTS CONFLICT

Dun's and Bradstreet's Agencies Disagree

AS TO TRADE CONDITIONS.

One Brings Good News, While the Other Contradicts the Promised Era of Prosperity.

MERCANTILE COLLECTIONS SLOW.

A Large Demand for Steel, Owing to Large Purchases of Wool and Some Bridge and Terminal Improvements, Though Prices are Slightly off.—Large Purchases of Wool and Some Dealings in Leather.

New York, N. Y.—R. G. Dun & Co., say in their weekly review of trade: The greatest growth and prosperity the country has ever seen, came suddenly in 1879, after several months of disappointment, because specie resumption had not brought the benefits expected. It takes time for new confidence to reach through easier money markets, larger orders, resuming bills, expanding employment and larger distribution, to the results which make still greater and lasting gain possible. Such gradual and steady improvement has been in progress for more than two months. The out-put of pig iron has gained 41.6 per cent since October 1. Sales of wool have again become large. Money markets feel a steady increase in demand for commercial and manufacturing loans. Additional works have gone into operation each week in January and the working force is larger than at anyother time for six months.

It is no time for high prices. Many who are anxious to get an early hold on the market, are making, for the moment, lower prices than they could afford to maintain. With the increase of the out-put of pig iron to 150,720 tons weekly against 142,278 last month the price is a shade lower at the east and at Chicago, but heavy purchases already advance Bessemer a shade, at Pittsburg. Steel bars have been reduced to one cent, and some other finished products $1 per ton, but the demand is, on the whole, steadily increasing. The coke output has risen from 50,000 to 94,000 tons weekly, and minor details are a shade stronger.

Textile manufacturers are not encouraged by the demand for goods, though more print cloths were sold than for many weeks. Lower prices are expected in goods and slow buying is not unnatural since cotton has fallen 17.8 perc ent.; bleached goods 3½ to 5½, and brown goods 2½, 3 and 4 per cent. Though woolen goods do not improve, there have been purchases by large mills which cover for two weeks of January 11,110,300 pounds at the three chief markets, against 11,817,600 last year. Some large purchases of leather indicate that some shoe manufacturers are seeing their way to more active work, and shipments from the East in January, thus far, are 20 per cent. larger than last year.

The Pennsylvania and some other roads have commenced to buy rails and several costly improvements have been ordered, the Columbia bridge, alone caling for 7,000 tons of steel and a terminal improvement for the Erie to cost $1,000,000.

The money market has been disturbed by a combination of large banks not to lend money on call below 2 per cent. which invited all sorts of financial institutions to take the market, caused payment of bank loans for some millions and left supplies of funds so heavy that the loans were sharply marked down. More was doue in commercial paper, though offerings increased but moderately. Receipts for the interior exceeded shipments by $1,500,000. Exports continue to exceed last year's for the same week 8 per cent., while imports fell 10 per cent below that of same week of last year.

Failures for the week have been 457 in the United States against 395 the same week of last year and 71 in Canada against 81.

BRADSTREET'S REPORT.

New York, N. Y.—Bradstreets of Saturday had the following report: Except for a few southern cities, as reported last week, wholesale merchants throughout the country note no change in trade features and few indications of improvement in the near future. Mercantile collections continue slow. Some jobbers in St. Louis, Chicago, Baltimore and other large cities report increased demand in dry goods shoes and hardware and groceries for spring deliveries, but that all other lines of business are very dull. Dealers in staples in cities in Texas, Louisiana, Georgia, Tenn. and South Carolina, report a better demand for hardware and agricultural supplies, as compared with last week. Some Baltimore salesmen are securing relatively fair orders. There has been no revival in textile circles, except increased purchases of wool at Boston, by some large manufacturers: Cotton goods contiue depressed at first hands, with little prospect for improvement until production has been restricted.

December gross railway earnings are relatively more favorable than those in the preceding months, showing a decrease of 1 per cent. from that of December 1895. The best December reports were by Southwestern and Southern railroads, which show gains over December totals for 1896.

Bradstreets comparison of prices of products and staple articles, at quarterly intervals for a series of years, shows an upward tendency on the part of quotations during the last quarter of 1896. Advances during the last quarter of 1896 were conspicuous among most of the leading cereals, for live stock, meats, dairy products, some vegetables, hides, leather wool, various grades of iron, copper, lead, brick, glass and spruce lumber.

Prices the past week show advances for leather, pork, lard, petroleum and while decreases are reported in prices of hides, wheat, corn, coffee, pig iron and steel billets. Heavy stocks continue to depress cotton goods. Iron and steel have not met the increased demand that was expected, while sugar and coffee prices have been affected by competition between leading dealers.

There has been 478 business failures in the United States this week, as compared with 488 last weeek, 412 in the second week of January of last year, 378 in the like week of 1895, and as compared with 404 in the corresponding week in 1894.

A COMMON CAUSE

Bring Together Fred Grant and Gen. S. P. Lee.

Washington, D. C.—In the disturbed condition of affairs in the Southern States which followed the war, a commission sent out by President Johnson to investigate matters, and of which Gen. J. S. Fullerton, of the Chickamaugua Park Commission, is now almost the only survivor, found in every Southern hotel they visited Gen. Robert E. Lee's portrait displayed in the post of honor in the office. The one particular exception was Vicksburg, where the portrait of Lee on the right was flanked by that of U. S. Grant on the left. Friday last, this incident was recalled by a remarkable rencontre which occurred in the Speaker's room, at the Capitol.

Col. Fred D. Grant, of New York, son of the great Union general, and Lieut. Gen. S. D. Lee, of Mississippi, one of the Confederate leaders, met for a common purpose. Grant and Lee are here, both advocating the perpetuation of the battlefield on which Grant won his greatest laureds as a strategist and a fighting soldier.

Colonel Grant represented the Army of the Tennessee, and General Lee represented the Confederate Veterans' Association. They are the leaders of a commission having for its object the purchase of the country surrounding Vicksburg, to be held by the Federal Government in perpetuity so that future generations may see how the great Federal general manoeuvred to capture the Gibraltar of the Confederacy.

The Park Commission, represented by Grant and Lee, appeared before the Committee on Rules, consisting of Speaker Reed and Messrs. Henderson and Dalzell, to plead that a day may be set aside for the consideration of their bill, making an appropriation for the preliminary work of surveying and marking the lines of battle. As the bill carries an appropriation, Speaker Reed would not make a positive answer, saying that the matter could not be considered alone in its sentimental side.

INDIA COTTON BARRED.

For Fear That It Will Transmit the Bubonic Plague.

London, Eng.—The Rome correspondent of the News telegraphs that paper that the perfects of the northern provinces of Italy, have prohibited the entry into those colonies, of cotton from India, fearing that it will convey the bubonic plague that is now ravaging Bombay and other places in India. This cotton is imported into Italy by way of Genoa. As a result of the prohibition many of the operatives of the important factories have been thrown out of work owing to the lack of material. The idle operatives are very indignant over the action of the perfects and it is feared that there will be disorders.

The government has announced that an international conference will be held, probably at Rome, to consider measures for the protection of Europe against the plague. It is stated that six powers have already given their adhesion to the proposed conference.

The French Government has declared a quarantine against vessels arriving from Plymouth, England, owing to the recent arrival there of the transport Nubia with cholera on board. Passengers from Plymouth will be detained in French ports for five days.

REV. THOMAS DIXON, JR.,

The Famous New York Preacher, to Visit Birmingham.

The coming of the famous New York preacher, Rev. Thomas Dixon, Jr., on the 28th of this month, to appear in a lecture at O'Brien's Opera House, is exciting deep and widespread interest. Mr. Dixon is the successor of Rev. T. De Witt Talmage, in the great Music Hall—the largest auditorium in New York city, and crowds that vast structure as even Dr. Talmage did not pack it. He is called by competent critics "The King of the American platform." The Rev. Sam P. Jones says of him: "Thomas Dixon is the best lecturer I ever heard, and I have heard them all. He is a live wire." Mr. Dixon's theme in this city will be "Modern Babylon."

HANGED TO A TREE.

Negro Highwayman Murdered by a Mob in Louisiana.

White Castle, La.—Saturday night George P. Beauvis was waylaid, robbed and beaten over the head by a negro in the Texas Pacific yards, the weapon used being a coupling-pin. Beauvais reached the hotel and gave a description of the would-be murderer. Before midnight the highwayman had been arrested, was brought before his victim, and fully identified. The negro was then placed in jail, but at daybreak next morning his body was found dangling from a convenient tree, where it remained for several hours. The Coroner's jury investigated the case, and returned a verdict of death by hanging at the hands of unknown parties.

DRIVEN FROM HOME

By Gen. Weyler's Infamous Bayate Edict and Cubans Are

CROWDING INTO THE TOWNS

Extenuated by Hunger and Emaciated by Fever in a Way to Resemble Skeletons.

THEY TROOP DOWN FROM THE HILLS.

Their Mysery Now Being Augmented By the Privations They are Obliged to Undergo.—The Situation Depicted.—United States Army Officer Will Fight for Cpba.

Key West, Fla.—Advices from Havana state that the effect of Weyler's famous Bayate edict of the 1st inst., is being felt with more intensity in the Provinces of Havana and Matanzas than in that of Pinar del Rio, since these Provinces are more thickly populated and with more farms and estates than the former. The wholesale abandonment of the properties and the concentration of the people in the towns will not only augment the misery already prevailing, but also present the serious inconveniences of lodging so many people in towns already full to overflowing.

Without discussing Weyler's barbarous and inhuman measures in thus depriving peaceful and unoffending citizens of their rightful means of existence, and huddling them in already crowded places, exposed to all the rigors of hunger and disease, simply for the sake of clearing the country of so-called rebel sympathizers, a legal point has been sprung by the foreign property owners, especially the Americans, who own large properties in the Provinces of Havana and Matanzas, which will surely lead to complications and claims on the Spanish Government.

Weyler distinctly states in his decree that those who wish to remain on their properties must exhibit the last tax bill paid. Now, it is a recognized law that taxes are only levied on productive industries, and these planters have not been able to work on account of the abnormal conditions in the Provinces since Gomez's invasion in December, 1895. No taxes have been collected since that time, the Government tacitly admitting such unusual circumstances, or being powerless to collect them because the rebels were in possession of the country, did not press their collection, consequently no taxes have been paid in the country since the date mentioned. Besides that, Weyler has unofficially ordered that no sugar crop should be made, and now he wants the sugar planters to pay taxes on an industry which they have not been able to produce. The legal authority can readily be seen.

The result has been that the manager of the sugar estate "San Antonio," near Madruga, Havana, owned by Mr. Antonio Terry, an American, residing in Paris, presented himself to Consul Lee, demanding protection, because the milltary commander of Madruga ordered him to abandon the place (which, by the way, is one of the most valuable estates in the Province, worth at least half a million dollars), because he did not present the required tax bill. Consul Lee at once took the case in hand and simultaneously presented the same to the Captain-General and the State Department at Washington. No replies have been received yet, either from Weyler or from Olney.

To depict the situation in Pinar del Rio, nothing can be better said than to translate the report of a trip made to the city of that name by a correspondent of La Luch:

"All the way traversed by the railroad from Artemisa to Consolacion del Sur, is, without exaggeration the most chastised and undoubtedly has suffered most from the rigors of war.

"The fields lie waste, and abandoned, the bushes and trees burned, and the yellow and decayed leaves strewn by the winds; tears drawn from the mother (illegible) pained and anguished at the fate of men; the huts destroyed; the stone houses, in other times happy homes, converted by the hands of rebels and Spanish alike into heaps of ruins, the black and fallen walls of which, covered with lichen, only serve as a refuge for the lizards and owls; the cane fields dried up and covered with bushes by the ravages of the fire; the towns—the authorities of which are making great efforts to remedy the necessities of the residents—full of people, of poor families, who daily swoop down from the hills, extenuated by hunger and emaciated by the fevers, in such a way that they resemble skeletons risen out of their tombs to appear before the final judgment; to the right and left of the road, as much as the train winds its rapid march, the traveler observes with painful anguish the desolation and ruin within the inextinguishable poetry of these exuberant fields, always green with the eternal verdure of Spring, as if God, with His eloquence, would point us that the only thing we can do is to destroy the beauties which surged from His bounteous will."

FOR GALLANTRY IN 1864.

Washington, D. C.—A medal of honor has been awarded to Samuel J. Churchell, of Lawrence, Kas., late corporal Battery G, Second Illinois light artillery, for most distinguished gallantry in action at the battle of Nashville, Tenn., December 15, 1864. This non-commissioned officer, being under detachment, and when the enemy's batteries opened fire on his guns, compelling the men of his detachment, for a short time, to seek shelter, stood manfully at his post for some minutes, working his gun alone.

HORRIBLE AFFAIR

An Orphan's Home Near Dallas, Texas, Burned.

SIXTEEN LITTLE LIVES

Destroyed by the Merciless Flames and Many More are Seriously, Though not Fatally Injured.

ALL OTHERS ACCOUNTED FOR.

Seeking to Save the Little Ones, the Matron Forgot Her Own, Till Her Efforts Proved Futile, and She Was Forced to Flee with Their Death Cries Ringing in Her Ears.

Dallas, Tex.—Fire completely destroyed the Buckner's Orphans' Home, near here, early Saturday morning. Sixteen children were cremated, and nine injured, three of them fatally.

The search for bodies was completed in the evening. Sixteen corpses were taken from the ruins.

The following is the list of the dead: Bertie Britton, 10 years old; Martin and Milton Britton, twins, 10 years old; Carlos Jones, 6 years old; Grover Cleveland Yarborough, 12 years old; Oscar Jackson, 12 years old; Preston Kribler, 10 years old; William Miller, 7 years old; Virgil Nelson, 9 years old; Eugene Black, 9 years old; Arthur W. Edwards, 10 years old; Oscar Coward, 7 years old; Ray King, 6 years old, and Charles O. Bannon, 13 years old.

The following were injured: Dick Richards, 10 years old, fatally; P. Charles Friend, 10 years old, fatally; Sadie Britton, 18 years old; Bennie Ward, 8 years old; Samuel Henderson, 11 years old; Earle Doodle, 7 years old; James Scott, 8 years old, and Frank Chaffin, 7 years old.

All the dead, except one, were buried Saturday evening in the cemetery of the home, Rev. Mr. Buckner, manager of the home officiating.

The home physicians are in attendance on the injured.

All the farmers in the vicinity turned out and assisted in making coffins, digging graves and burying the victims. There were 147 boys and more than 100 girls in the home. All are accounted for.

The fire was discovered about midnight. Mrs. Britton, the boys' matron, had been in bed some time, when she was awakened by the smell of smoke. She jumped to the floor, but found it so hot she could not stand on it, and she immediately raised the cry of fire. The attaches were hastily aroused, and sent in all directions to rouse the children. Such was Mrs. Britton's anxiety for the safety of the inmates, that she forgot her own children, and despite her frantic efforts at rescue, they were burned to death. The fire is believed to have originated in the room under that of Mrs. Britton.

Before Mrs. Britton retired for the night she had the boys clean out, and prepared a stove in the room just under hers for the morning fire. She then sent one of the large boys to see if the work had been properly done. He reported that everything was all right, but it is believed that some live coals were scattered on the carpet, near the stove, which ignited and soon spread to the woodwork.

The building is of wood, and the fire communicated to its various wings with incredible rapidity. The children were hastily aroused and hurried out of the building, wrapped in their night clothes and bed quilts. All were badly frightened, and when the shrieks of those who were being cremated in the roaring mass of flames reached their ears they became almost unmanagable, and were, with difficulty, prevented from rushing into the fire in an effort at rescue.

The building was soon destroyed, and at daylight the work of searching the ruins was taken up. All the children were accounted for by noon. The home was ten miles from Dallas, and it would have been impossible to get aid out in time had it been requested. The matter will be investigated.

A BIG REFINERY.

Arbuckle & Co. to Erect a Large Sugar Refinery.

Brooklyn, N. Y.—Ground was broken Friday, for the Arbuckle sugar refinery, on the lot adjoining the Arbuckle coffee plant. It is the intention of the Arbuckles to push the erection of the building with all possible speed. To this end, day and night gangs of workmen will be employed, and the great plant may be in operation by next August.

The building will cover the block bound by John, Jay and Pearl streets and the river. The refinery will have a capacity of 6000 barels per day. The increase from 1,200 barrels, which was the original intention of the Arbuckles, has been made necessary by the agggressively agnostic attitude of the sugar trust.

EMBEZZLER ARRESTED.

A Judge Served with a Warrant While Sick in Bed.

Fort Scott, Kan.—While sick in bed, Judge J. F. McDonald, accused of the embezzlement of several thousand dollars in fees and moneys paid as compromise in the Frantenac explosion cases, was arrested and held under bond for $2,750. Judge J. D. McCleverty is the prosecuting witness. The warrant alleges that McDonald collected $5,000 in fees in the cases; that he is still holding $1,346 due McCleverty, which he has converted into money for the purpose of placing it beyond the reach of his creditors, and that he has it fraudulently concealed; that he settled the cases secretly and without consulting his partner.

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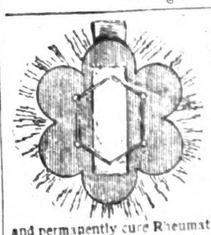

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Prosperity was evidently billed too soon.

If this is prosperity give us something else.

Mosco may be dead but his spirit is in evidence.

Place hunters and spoilsmen are the bane of all parties.

Sound money don't seem to be sounding to any alarming extent.

The plutocrats are pressing down upon the "crown of thorns."

Old party platforms can only be regarded as a sop to the people.

As long as corporations can skin the people the people will be skinned.

The transportation question enters into every little transaction of the business world.

Cleveland evidently considers it his duty to sit on the safety valve of this Cuban war excitement.

It ought to be apparent now to everybody that confidence alone will not restore prosperity.

The "business interests" voted for the gold standard and now they are getting it—in the neck.

At the rate national banks have been failing recently they will soon settle that question themselves.

A broad platform will hold more people than a narrow one; a single issue platform is a mistake.

When the little bugs hear from the big bugs they will tell you why prosperity has not arrived yet.

The people might easily declare that on the Cuban question Mr. Cleveland is in a state of belligerency.

Unless the brand is changed the present wave of prosperity is likely to sweep the Republican party off its feet.

Even if the money question is not the most important one to be solved it is the one that is now up for immediate solution.

Under our present system one of the first things a man thinks of after being elected to office is how to secure his re-election.

The most good the silver issue has done is to open up the discussion of the whole money question. Now let the good work be followed up.

Explain the theory of direct legislation to your Republican and Democratic neighbors and tell them to look for it in their old party platforms.

If some one would volunteer to go to Cuba as Grover's substitute in case we had war with Spain old "Fatty" might consent to acknowledge Cuban independence.

And now the Commercial agencies are admitting that trade is dull, and business men are disappointed. But we've got the gold standard, so what's the use to kick?

It is to be hoped that congress will pass some kind of a bill to restrict foreign immigration to this country. There exists a pretty general opinion that we have about all we can assimilate.

The net earnings of the banks of the United States over all expenses, including high salaries to the owners, is $60,000,000 a year. All of this could be saved, and much more, with a system of government banks.

Don't let the enemy side-track you on the Cuban question, the Venezuelan controversy, or any other fake issues, but stick to the text, shall the banks or the government control the currency and the business of the country.

By the way, it is the "business men" and the "financial experts" that are failing now at the rate of over 350 per week. They know all about it, you know, and want sound dollars. They are getting what they voted for.

The Republicans are now on record. They have promised the people prosperity. If they don't give it to them the people will have an opportunity to even up with them at the ballot box. Keep your eye on the Republican party.

C. P. Huntington claims the honor of saving Oregon and California to the Republicans. What effect this will have upon his Pacific railroad funding bill now pending in congress remains to be seen. It is reported that he contributed a large sum of money to the Republican campaign fund.

It seems like all the things that the sound money men prophesied would happen in case of Bryan's election are happening since McKinley's election, just as the Populists said they would. This proves that the Populists were right and the Republicans were wrong and the people are finding it out.

The train robbing industry seems to be reviving. It and the frequent holdups in St. Louis and other large cities are about the only signs of returning prosperity we have, but other industries may start up in the near future. There seems to be no diminution in the activity of the trusts, except the extortions have been raised a notch higher.

MORGAN'S COLUMN.

THE ARKANSAN ON SOME CURRENT DOINGS.

He Takes a Few Snap Shot Pen Pictures of the Passing Show—No Quarter for the Wicked—His Views on Present Prosperity.

The Pacific railroad funding bill is now one of the most important measures before congress. The railroads have defefaulted in the payment of their debt to the government and the mortgage can now be foreclosed. This is an opportunity to begin in a practical business way the government ownership of railroads.

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The government issued bonds to aid in the construction of these railroads. The proceeds of the bonds were sufficient to construct and equip the road. Besides this millions of acres of lands were granted to the companies. For thirty years now the railroad companies have been defaulting in the payment of interest on these bonds until now they owe the government something over one hundred million dollars.

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It has been ruled by government officials that a default in payment of the interest was not such default as to authorize foreclosure of the mortgage, and the effect of this ruling was such as to give the companies the use of both principal and interest for thirty years without compounding. Governor Pattison of Pennsylvania, who was a member of the commission appointed by the President to investigate the methods of the companies, in his minority report said that the use of this interest money was worth to the companies one hundred and ninety-nine million dollars.

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The proposition now is to fund this debt into two per cent bonds, some of which may run for seventy years longer. This bill is now pending before congress, and C. P. Huntington is there to assist with his lobbying methods to get it through. As he was a large contributor to the Republican campaign fund he may be successful. But the people of the whole country should see to it that everything possible is done to prevent it. In states where United States senators are to elect, no man should be supported who will not pledge himself to vote against this funding scheme and do all he can to protect the government from any further loss in the matter.

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Here is an opportunity for Populists to press the issue of government ownership of railroads and insist on the seizure of this opportunity to test its utility. There is no good reason why the government should not foreclose. It was manifestly the intention to do so when the aid was given if the roads defaulted. Ample provision was made to do so, and there is now no question as to the legal right to do so. Here is the law covering the case (act of July 1, 1862): "On the refusal or failure of said company to redeem said bonds or any part of them when required to do so by the secretary of the treasury, in accordance with the provisions of this act the said road, with all the rights, functions, immunities and appurtenances thereunto belonging, and also all of the lands granted to the said company, which at the time of said default shall remain in the ownership of said company, may be taken possession of by the secretary of the treasury for the use and benefit of the United States."

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Two years ago, when Collis P. Huntington first went to Washington to lobby for an extension of time on the debt of the Central and Southern Pacific roads, Senator Stewart acted as his go-between to the other senators, conducting them from the senate chamber to the lobby rooms and introducing them to Mr. Huntington. Stewart was also on the committee to which the Huntington bill was referred and voted to report it favorably to the senate. Stewart is evidently Huntington's attorney. The Missouri World, commenting on this phase of the case, says: "Watch the Silver Knight, published at Washington, D. C. When congress was in session last winter the Pacific railroad funding bill was up, but readers of the paper saw little or nothing in it on the subject. An alleged populist paper, published at the national capital, keeping mum on that stupendous subject! Senator Stewart, the editor, is on the Pacific railroad senate committee, and, strange to say, is in favor of the funding bill, which the national platform of the people's party denounced as 'infamous.'"

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The Loud bill is up before congress again. The purpose of this bill is to restrict the present scope of mail carriage. It provides against accepting "books published as serials" as second-class matter, and the mailing of free sample copies. There can be no good reason given for the passage of the bill. Whatever deficiency is caused by the carriage of second-class matter is simply gain in one way and loss in another. What the people save through the postal department they pay out of the treasury, and we see no reason why the law should be changed and compel the people to pay ten times the amount to the express companies, whose business would be greatly increased by the passage of the Loud bill. If Mr. Loud is working for the express companies, he should be confined to their offices, and to their pay. Another influence that is being brought to bear in favor of this measure is the publishers of the great dailies, whose large Sunday editions are designed to supplant the literature of the magazines and serial books. The people should protest against the passage of the bill.

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A recent dispatch from London says: "The Times' Paris correspondent says: 'The washington government has been confidentially informed, although in very friendly terms, that the European powers would not remain passive should the United States recognize or encourage the Cuban insurgents. If my information is correct, an intimation has been further given that Germany is quite ready, even now, to take Spain's side should the United States show a disposition officially to side with the rebels. These warnings originated in the course of pourparlers for a European coalition against revolutionary socialism.'"

Now, who cares whether the "European powers" remain passive or otherwise? The United States should do just what is right by Cuba, regardless of the action of other nations. Spain recognized he independence of the Southern confederacy within forty-five days of the firing on Fort Sumpter, before any battle was fought, and almost before the north had an army in the field. Other powers were not slow to follow. From a military standpoint; from a commercial standpoint; and from a humanitarian standpoint, the United States is more directly interested in Cuba than are any of the European powers save Spain. It is right that some kind of recognition should be given the Cuban cause, and if "the powers" don't like it, let them shy their castor in the ring and out of the wreck we may hope for something better to come. Uncle Sam is not hunting any row with any one, and is not going to Europe to fight, but he's going to look a "leetle" after his weak neighbors, and if "the powers" don't like it and want a rumpus, let them come over on our "dung-hill" and we can lick the stuffin' out of 'em as fast as they can land.

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There must be something the matter with Hanna. Business failures are increasing right along. The banks are going under, "confidence" is shaken and "Old Prosperity" is getting it in the neck.

Failures for the week ending Nov. 7, 223.

Failures for the week ending Nov 14, 258.

Failures for the week ending Nov 21, 308.

Failures for the week ending Nov 28, 296.

Failures for the week ending Dec 5, 351.

Failures for the week ending Dec 12, 381.

Failures for the week ending Dec 19, 387.

This "business revival" reminds us forcibly of a negro baptizing, which occurred in the south in the days of slavery. The stream was flushed with recent rains and the current was so swift that the old negro minister could scarcely "hold his feet." Several times he had to have help to "hold his subject" from washing away. Finally he did lose his hold on a little negro boy to whom he was administering the sacred rite, and the lad was washed rapidly down the stream. But he was a good swimmer, and paddling out to a pile of driftwood on which he climbed he said: "Look heah! If dis kin' of foolishnis haint stopped somebody's gwine ter lose a nigger." The application is apparent.

W. S. MORGAN.

THE LEAVEN IS WORKING.

The People Begin to Acknowledge the Justice of Our Cause.

Populist leaven is working. What Populists and Greenbackers have seen for years is becoming more and more apparent to a large majority of the people. Four years ago when the Omaha convention issued its note of warning and appeal to reason, stating that the country was verging onto moral and financial ruin and that a continuation of the systems which are aggregating all the wealth and power into the hands of a few heartless capitalists would soon end in the death of the republic and American liberty, the party was pronounced crazy, and was said to be composed of a lot of irresponsible numbskulls, fanatics and peace disturbers. Even a large majority of those who voted for Bryan this year harbored that opinion and many of them were open and above board in so expressing themselves. But now they see their mistake. They see matters just as those who formulated the Omaha platform, four years ago, saw them. Instead of denouncing those who oppose the present monopoly, disrupting and obnoxious systems as cranks and fanatics, they themselves have become advocates of the anti-monopoly doctrines, and the army is growing more rapidly each day. And the converts are not confined to the laboring and producing classes either. Many men of wealth and high political standing are beginning to see the tendency of things and are turning from them. Among others of this class we notice Senator Quay, who recently expressed himself in an emphatic manner along this line of thought as follows: "I am opposed to the * * * theory that organized wealth shall dictate high office, and so take possession of the government. * * *The people * * * most in need of protection are the farmers, the small storekeepers, the artisans and the laborers, and I stand by them. * * * I go into the barricades with the burgeoise and the men in blouses. * * * There must be less business and more principle in our politics. * * * The business interests are making our politics sordid and corrupt. The tremendous sums of money furnished by business men are polluting the wellsprings of our national being."—Farmers' Tribune.

WATSON ON MONEY.

FREE COINAGE ALONE IS INADEQUATE.

The Destruction of Paper Money and Its Effect On Prices — Banks Must Go Out of the Government Business—Populism to the World.

From the St. Louis Chronicle: Gold, silver and treasury notes constituted the legal currency of this government from Jefferson's time to Lincoln's.

That gold and silver should be used as money, the constitution recognizes; that paper could be likewise used, if the government saw fit, was recognized by the practice of Jefferson, Jackson and Lincoln and the supreme court of the United States, in the broadest, directest terms, declared the practice legal.

Populism agrees with the advocates of silver coinage as far as they go. We say they do not go far enough.

Money can be controlled in its price by any one who controls the supply. In other words, a trust can be based upon money, just as it can upon wheat or cotton. The only way to break the grip of a trust is to bring into the market another supply of the commodity "cornered."

The wheat trust is broken by bringing in more wheat, the cotton trust by bringing in more cotton.

A money trust can only be broken by bringing in more money.

If gold were the only legal currency, it could easily be "cornered," because the supply is so small.

If both gold and silver constitute the only legal money the formation of a money trust is more difficult, but still it could be done.

There being no legal money but gold, how could a trust in gold ever be broken?

The world would be helpless. Every citizen who owed a dollar of debt or taxes would be absolutely at the mercy of the trust which held control of the only money in which the debt or taxes could be paid.

The free silver men tell us that this gold trust could be broken by opening the mints to silver, and thus bringing into market another supply of legal money.

True enough, but suppose that the available supply of both gold and silver be cornered, how then is this trust to be defeated?

Populism says it can only be done by reserving to the government the power to issue paper money, and thus to bring in the supply, without which the grip of the money trust could never be broken.

The very fact that the speculators in money know that the government was vested with the power, and its administration in the hands of a party which would exercise this power, would be the surest guarantee that if the populist principles were adopted no corner on money would ever be attempted.

We say that scarce money means dear money, just as scarce wheat means dear wheat. The more money there is in circulation the easier it is for each citizen to go into the market and buy dollars with corn, cotton, land and labor. The demand for money depends upon the number of people, the amount of business, the amount of debt and the amount of taxes. This people being in debt to the aggregate of $40,000,000,000, and the taxes growing heavier every year, while the number of the people and the volume of business constantly increases, the demand for money has enormously increased over than it was in 1867.

The demand being greater than in 1867, the supply of money should be greater, in order that the equilibrium between money and all other commodities should be preserved.

But the supply has not only not increased, but is about eight times less than it was in 1867.

We need not wonder then that money, being so much scarcer is correspondingly dearer.

"Money is a measure of value," the book-makers tell us.

In 1867 money "measured" the two million bales of cotton and found them more valuable, in dollars, than the nine million bales were in 1895.

"How is that?" says Populism. The bale of cotton had precisely the same intrinsic value in 1895 which it had in 1867.

Not only that, but it had the same commercial value as compared with all other commodities—except money.

In 1867 money "measured" seven hundred million bushels of corn, and found them to be more valuable than twenty-one hundred millions in 1895.

Yet the bushel of corn would feed man and beast just as long in 1895 as in 1867. The intrinsic value is precisely the same. Why then does the corn raiser have to pay six bushels of corn to get the money one bushel used to get?

Simply because when the corn raiser goes into the market to buy dollars he finds that the demand has increased and the supply decreased.

Populism says that the silverite does not reach the marrow of the question at all. He does not go deep enough. He weakens the case by commencing with 1873 as the starting point of "falling prices," when everybody knows they commenced in 1866.

The silverites also denounce "contraction of the currency," and yet takes pains not to explain that the contraction consisted in destroying the paper money. Gold currency has not been contracted, nor has silver. Both have been increased, silver specially.

The contraction took place in destroying the paper money, and Populism says that, while silver coinage will help the people to the extent that it enlarges the supply of money, our people need never expect to be as prosperous as they were in 1867 until the government restores to the channels of trade the paper money which has been destroyed.

And we say that the government itself should issue this money, and not the banks. The power to issue money is a sovereign power, and if vested in any corporation creates a privileged class clothed with the tremendous agency of creating currency, setting its own price upon the currency, exercising autocratic rule over the markets and values.

"Money is not a mere measure of value," says Populism; it is an instrument of tyranny.

Let the law once say taxes and debts can be paid in nothing but money and you have a civilization based upon the highwayman's simple code of "Your money or your life."

Let the law further say that non-payment of taxes (as in Georgia) works forfeiture of the right to vote, and you have the dollar acting as political boss, and becoming the test of political liberty.

Populism says the disease cannot be cured save by making the supply of money correspond with the demand. Under no other circumstances can this people ever pay off the public and private debt. Under no other circumstances can the wheels of trade be put in motion, a demand for labor created and a profitable market be found for labor and its products.

Populism presents these facts and these reasonings to the world, asks impartial consideration of its creed and invites all patriotic citizens to reflect upon these vital issues, to the end that the truth may be reached and the Republic saved.

Very respectfully,

THOMAS E. WATSON.

CHURCH ROBBERY.

The Church Losing the Respect of the People.

From St. Louis Evening Journal: The robbery committed Sunday morning in the Grand Avenue Presbyterian church furnishes a good topic for a lay sermon. In former times church robberies were exceedingly rare. They have been increasing in numbers in recent years. In past generations the most hardened criminal, either from a tinge of religious sentiment or from superstition, avoided any desecration of the temple in which the principles of humanity, as taught by Christ, are expounded. That used to be the one thing and place sacred. It was the "ark of the covenant" uncontaminated by sacrilegious hands. It is such no more. The altar is as likely to be profaned as the barroom. It is a bad omen.

It indicates that the church has lost its spiritual influence over the minds of men, and that men have lost faith in the church. It has long been apparent to impartial observers that the church was gradually losing its hold on the people. Robbery in the house of God ought to convince the most orthodoxical fanatic that something is wrong in the relation of the church with the people. What is the trouble? It is the church itself that has brought this indifference and contempt upon it. The church has lost its spirituality, has abandoned its true mission as a repository of moral power and ministering to the wants of humanity.

The self-sacrificing and sanctifying energy of the Nazarine's principles are emasculated into a mercenary system of compromises that the blessed Savior himself would scarcely recognize if he came into our midst again. The money changers seem to control the church militant as their class controlled the temples of Jehova during Christ's mission. He whipped them out in his time, and religion and the churches again were revered by men. The masses gladly heard and believed the heavenly inspired reformer and lover of humanity and his sect, although made up from the rejected ones of earth, grew and spread until they became the elect of the world. The church was intended to be a home for the homeless, a refuge when all other sources failed. It was intended to be balm for injured souls, and a wall of fire protecting the innocent, the helpless, the oppressed and the heavy laden. The church now is a social corporation where nice songs are sung by vocal artists, and so-called sermons are preached by well-groomed pastors; sermons made up of meaningless platitudes and glittering ethical generalities that would not offend even his Satanic majesty. The church today is compromising with the world, the flesh and the devil, and has thereby lost the respect and reverence rightly its due.

It now appears that the Dingley tariff bill was only introduced for campaign purposes. Half of the time spent by our law-makers is for partisan advantages, and party spirit is the greatest obstruction to all measures introduced in the interests of the people. Moneyed interests alone that are represented at the Capitol by lobbyists seem to be able to obtain legislation.

Occasionally a railroad train is held up and the papers make "a great to do" over it, but the men who own and control the railroads are holding up the people every day, and but little is said of it. The same can be said of the banks—by violations of law the banks swindle the people out of millions of dollars annually.

Sponges, slates and slate pencils are no longer allowed in the public schools of Cambridge, Mass. Paper, pens and pencils have been substituted.

Congress is talking again.

ABSOLUTE POWER.

VESTED IN SECRETARY OF THE TREASURY.

The Power of Making Money Scarce or Plenty, to Expand or Contract the Currency, Rests All on His Caprice—Place for a Wall Street Fool.

The world's history furnishes no parallel for the absolute power of one man and the abject humiliation of the whole people, as exhibited today in this country. One man sitting in Washington is endowed with larger powers than was ever any other in any country since the world began. He holds the key to the industrial, commercial, agricultural, mechanical, banking, in short all the interests of the country that have any relation with money or currency. On his breath hangs, with greater or less degree, the welfare and prosperity of forty millions of people. The power of making money scarce or plenty; to expand or contract the currency of the country, rests all on his caprice.

Speculation rides rampant on the changes of his fickle will. Values rise and fall. Men are rich today and poor tomorrow, as he may dictate. The country lies at his feet. Could the people sit down for one single, thoughtful moment in front of the great shame of this situation and consider the amazing possibilities of power in the hands of this man, there would surely be a revolution. No such power over all the monetary interests of so many millions was ever in any age intrusted to a single individual. It is not in the possibilities of human wisdom to administer such a trust wisely. No man ever lived who could administer such a trust honestly. There is not virtue enough in human nature to withstand all the innumerable subtleties of temptation that must assail the holder of such enormous power.

The privilege of debasing coin, which has sometimes been exercised by sovereigns and parliaments, was always guarded with the greatest jealousy, and the instances in which it has been done are reckoned landmarks of national folly and set up as the warnings of history. But here in the nineteenth century, in the midst of what we boast as the highest civilization, we clothe one man, or rather allow one man to clothe himself, with the power of debasing the currency or appreciating it at his own sweet will, and we hardly put up so much as a protest against it, while trade and commerce, and about everything, except the actual drawing of our breath, are at his mercy. Talk about the tyrannies and despotisms of the old world, of the suppression of free thought and free speech, of the absolute control exercised by despots over their subjects. They are hardly to be compared to the tremendous power of the finance minister who holds between his thumb and finger the business interests of the whole continent. It was urged as such an objection to the old United States bank that it could make money cheap or dear at its will, and this, it is said, gave it enormous political power that was dangerous in the extreme. If this power was dangerous then, when the country was small, population scarce and business limited, what shall be said of the present condition, when one man, instead of a corporation, controls more absolutely the vastly extended business interests of the country, and commerce and trade depends entirely upon the fiat of his will?

Compared with the present secretary of the treasury and his power, the influence of the United States bank was as that of a puling infant to a full-grown Hercules.

Is any demonstration needed of the terrible dangers to which we are momentarily exposed by this wild bestowal of authority? Witness the effect of this man's action during the presidential canvass, when, with no authority except what he himself assumed, and for that matter, may at any time assume again, he diluted the currency by expansion to the extent of millions for political and partisan purposes, and by that means contributed largely to the perpetuation in power of the administration of which he was a part. Witness, too, the fluctuations in our money markets for weeks past, the uncertainty of all legitimate trade and commerce, and the subsequent damage to the industrial and the business interests of the country.—New York Tribune.

Hear Ingalls.

In one of his great speeches, some time ago, Ex. U. S. Senator John J. Ingalls had this to say:

"Labor and capital should not be antagonistic, but allies rather. They should not be opponents and enemies, but colleagues and auxiliaries, whose co-operating rivalry is essential to national prosperity. But I cannot forbear to affirm that a political system which under such despotic power can be wrested from the people and vested in the few is a democracy only in name. A financial system under which more than one-half of the enormous wealth of the country, derived from the bounty of nature and the labor of all, is owned by a little more than 30,000 people, while 1,000,000 American citizens, able and willing to toil, are homeless tramps, starving for bread, requires adjustment. A social system which offers to tender, virtuous and independent women the alternative between prostitution and suicide as an escape from beggary is organized crime for which some day unrelenting justice will demand atonement and expiation."

That is just what the People's party is saying now. Ingalls urged this view of the situation in this country as a Republican U. S. Senator.

A NEW CHARGE

Will Probably Be Made Against The Three Friends.

ARE THEY PIRATES?

United States Attorney Genera Harmon is Considering the Matter of Charging the Officers and Crew of the Filibusterer

WITH BEING PIRATES.

Spanish Gunboat Burned by Cubans.—Citizens of France Arrested and Thrown Into Prison.—Recent Crimes and Causalties.—Chinese Holocaust.

Washington, D. C.—If the sensational stories in certain New York newspapers regarding the Cuban filibustering tug Three Friends, on her last voyage, training a Hotchkiss gun on a Spanish gunboat and firing at that vessel have any foundation in truth, the Attorney-General of the United States Government declares that the Three Friends is amenable to the laws of piracy, and her officers and crew are liable to be surrendered and punished as pirates.

Attorney-General Harmon, it is officially stated is considering the advisability of instituting proceedings against the Three Friends on that charge. The Attorney-General was originally of the opinion that the Three Friends had not committed a piratical act, even assuming that the reports published of her exchange of shots with the Spanish vessel were true. But a careful consideration of the law and decisions on similar cases had made him doubt his primary view.

In order to expedite the case of the Three Friends the Attorney-General has prepared an application to present to the United States Supreme Court for a writ of certiorari on the United States Circuit Court at New Orleans for the transfer of the case to the Supreme Court, so that the latter tribunal may pass on Judge Locke's decision given at Jacksonville. Judge Locke held that the Government in its bill of libel against the Three Friends did not show that the vessel had violated any law. He gave the Government ten days to amend its libel, and declared that unless this was done, he would dismiss the application.

SPANISH GUNBOAT BURNED.

Brave Attack of Cubans, with a Successful Result.

Key West, Fla.—Havana advices received in Key West are to the effect that the Spanish gunboat Cometa has been captured and burned by the insurgents.

The Cometa, one of the most powerful of the smaller Spanish vessels in Cuban waters, has been cruising near Cardenas to prevent the landing of filibustering expeditions. For some time she has been accustomed to anchor at night off Sercia Morena. The place where the gunboat anchored was favorable for an attack from shore; and the insurgents determined to capture her. Last Tuesday night they opened on the vessel with a twelve-pound Hotchkiss gun. The vessel was struck several times and badly damaged. While the crew was in confusion, boats loaded with insurgents left the shore, and the Cometa was boarded. A desperate hand-to-hand fight took place on the deck of the gunboat, the Cubans using the machete with deadly effect. Finally, after the Spanish commander and half of his men had been killed, the survivors surrendered. The vessel was then burned.

CITIZENS OF FRANCE

Arrested and Sent to Cabanas Fortress: Plantations Destroyed.

Havana, via. Key West, Fla.—Salvador and Pedro Laborde, brothers, citizens of France, and owners of an estate in Jobo were sent to Cabanas Fortress under Weyler's orders for grinding cane against his commands, and also made responsible for the defeat the Spaniards suffered in their recent fight which occurred on that estate.

Ana Sotolongo, a lady imprisoned as a political suspect in the Paula Hospital, managed to escape last night.

All the buildings of the valuable estate, San Lino, in the Cienfuegos District, owned by Lino Montalve, has been burned. The loss is estimated at over a million dollars. Over eight million arrobas or quarters of cane were burned.

A DELICATE QUESTION.

A question of woman's rights has been raised in the war department, and is likely to cause discussion. The Civil Service Committee recently advertised to fill a $1,500 vacancy in the Adjutant General's office, requiring knowledge of five diferent languages, proof reading, library methods and other qualifications. Miss Maud Stalnaker of Washington, D. C., a lady of unexceptional character and accomplishment, was the only person who passed the examination, and she was duly certified for the position, but the appointment has been rejected on the ground that the department does not desire to have a woman in the place.

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THE charter of the city of Jemison was passed in the Senate yesterday. Hurrah for Jemison!

THE dispensary bill on Tuesday passed the Senate by a vote of 18 for to 13 against. About one-half of the counties in the State are exempted from its provisions. Chilton is included in the bill. What will be its fate in the House is uncertain, but it is doubtful if it will become law.

UNDER the caption "How to unite the party" the Montgomery Journal quotes Jno. B. Knox, chairman of the State Democratic executive committee as follows: "They (the State Democratic Executive committee) require that all persons participating in Democratic primaries or mass meetings shall vote for the nominees of such primaries or mass meetings." With this, so far as primary elections are concerned, we entirely agree. No man has any right to record his vote in a primary election unless he has fully decided beforehand to abide the result of that election, any more than when he votes in a State or Federal election he knows full well that whether he votes with the majority or the minority he is bound to accept the voice of the majority as expressed at the ballot box. Let every voter before he takes part in any primary first make up his mind whether it is to his interest or not to abide the result of that primary.

A PETITION is being (or has been) privately circulated in some parts of beat four in favor of a stock-law for this beat. It appears to have been confined to a very limited number of persons and in fact has been kept so remarkably secret that but few of the inhabitants of the beat know of its existence. The originator evidently thought it was best kept dark. From enquiries we have made we feel justified in saying that a very large majority of the citizens of this beat are utterly opposed to any such measure. But supposing our position to be wrong in this conjecture, we ask is it right or proper for one or two individuals to try and impose in secret a stock-law upon this community? If such a law is desirable by all means let us have it, but first let the people know what is being done in the matter. We invite the originators of the scheme to write us for publication their reasons for getting up their petition, and also why they have kept the matter so very quiet. Our advice to those who are opposed to the measure is to at once procure signatures to a counter petition.

CHILTON county is suffering just now from the vexatious efforts of a few disappointed individuals who are dismayed at the progress our county is making under Populist administration. If their attempts at upsetting the existing condition of affairs in the county were made openly and boldly we should have no apprehension of the result, but as these efforts are confined to private visits to the Legislature and the introduction of bills of which the people know nothing it may be possible—although we do not think it probable—that their schemes may prove successful. We refer in particular to the bill providing for a board of revenue, introduced at the instigation of a Republican and advocated by a Clarke man, and which is abhorent to ninety-nine per cent. of the voters of the county. Also to this proposed stock-law for beat four, originating no one knows where, and which is bringing forth bitter opposition. Section 23 of the Constitution provides that no local law shall be passed unless at least twenty days notice shall have been published in the locality affected. Has any notice of either of these measures ever been published? On the contrary they have been produced by one or two individuals in secret. We cannot bring ourselves to believe the Legislature will be guilty of passing any such undemocratic measures.

"If any one thinks that the fight for bimetallism is over, let him ask himself when a single defeat ever disheartened such men as those who have this year advocated free, unlimited and independent coinage. When men's convictions are so strong that they will face political defeat without flinching, defy financial despotism and risk social ostracism in behalf of a cause they do not surrender because they lose one battle.

"It must be remembered further that we fought against great odds in the Middle States also. The Democratic party in Wisconsin and Minnesota declared against silver in the conventions which sent delegates to Chicago. In Michigan the convention was nearly equally divided on the money question, and there was a bitter contest within the party in Iowa, Indiana and Ohio. In Illinois we were at a great disadvantage because the influence of the Chicago press was thrown almost entirely against free coinage, and this influence pervaded nearly all the Upper Mississippi Valley."

"During the last three months the gold Democrats have gone up and down the land loudly declaring their affection for Democratic principles, while they have striven to undo all that Jefferson and Jackson labored to accomplish; and in order to give a touch of humor to their campaign they prefixed the word 'National' to the word 'Democrat,' although they neither expected nor desired their ticket to carry a single county in the entire nation. They used their party organization for the purpose of misleading others, while they themselves spared no effort to secure the success of the Republican ticket. They cannot disguise themselves again."

"The contest for financial independence will go on. 'An American financial policy for the American people' will still be the motto of those who have in this campaign advocated the free coinage of silver on equal terms with gold. We entered the contest with a disorganized army; we emerge from it a united and disciplined force without the loss of a soldier. We are ready for another contest. We shall watch legislation, discuss every movement made by the enemy and keep before the public the principles for which we contend. We believe that we are right, and believing that right will finally triumph, we face the future firm in the belief that bimetallism will be restored."—William J. Bryan in North American Review.

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HON. W. F. Aldrich says he will sue Mr. Thos. Plowman for slander on account of the accusations the latter made in his answer to Mr. Aldrich's contest.

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There is always a bustle in the house. If nothing exciting is under discussion members are moving around and everybody seems busy about something. Most of the members are young men, although there are twelve hoary or bald heads that indicate that the deliberations of the body will have the prudence of mature years as well as the vigor of middle age and the enthusiasm of youth impressed upon them.

That gentleman who has just taken his seat is Mr. Reynolds, of Chilton, one of the handsomest members on the floor. He is very industrious, watchful and tireless in his efforts for the welfare of the people of Chilton, and will satisfy all with the record he will make. He is popular at home as well as in the house, and so cheery, pleasant and affable that no one can be displeased with him. Differ with you he may, but he will be respectful and considerate; and he will uphold his side of the case with tact and shrewdness.—Alabama Monitor.

The principal topics treated editorially in the February Review of Reviews are the Anglo-American arbitration treaty, the Cuban situation, the prospects of the Nicaragua Canal, the recent elections of United States Senators in the different States, and the relation of the great corporations to political campaign funds. There is also the customary resume of the significant foreign events of the past month. The editorial pages, like the other parts of the magazine, are fully and suitably illustrated.

The frontispiece is a magnificent portrait of King Oscar of Sweden and Norway, who has been selected as umpire under the general arbitration treaty between the United States and Great Britain.

Political Pointers.

People's Press Bureau, St. Louis, Mo., Dec. 26, 1896.

The call for the Reform Press not having been issued regularly and as the last meeting was held in the south, much dissatisfaction is expressed among reform editors and there is some agitation of the question of holding a meeting at some more central and accessable point.

If any one is still under the delusion that a man can not be a polished speaker or writer and a Populist at the same time, we commend to his perusal the inaugural address of Governor Leedy, of Kansas. It is, as produced by the press, a finished bit of literature, containing many choice epigrams that will make good models for those eastern goldites who persist in believing that Kansas has but three staple products, viz.: cyclones, mortgages and Populists. An example: In paying his respects to Eastern newspapers he said, "The dogs of Egypt have been barking at the pyramids for fifty centuries."

Senator Wolcott, bimetallic representative (?) from the United States, is reported to be visiting at the palace of Baron Rothchilds. He has also been wined and dined by the great moguls of goldbugdom. The Rothchilds syndicate have added another gold mine to its purchases in the United States which have mounted up to $35,000,000 within a year. This is but a natural sequence to the establishment of monometallism.

The New York Journal of January 17 published a communication recently sent to Lord Salisbury by Baron Rothchilds. It deals exclusively with the financial, railway and general investment conditions in the United States and shows that the great Jewish money lender is perfectly familiar with the affairs of a country upon which he manifestly means to foreclose sooner or later.

It is conceded that the Populists and silver republicans will elect a senator from Oregon. A Populist senator will also succeed Dubois from Idaho.

The State Populist Committees of Minnesota and Missouri were called together last week to prepare plans for continuing educational work.

The women of the Society for Political study, in New York, recently invited Mrs. Lease to address them. She was not favorably received at first but finally won her audience and closed mid applause and enthusiasm.

An address has been issued by the Executive Committee of the National Direct Legislation League, setting forth its plans and asking for financial aid from all friends of the movement. All contributions should be sent to J. L. Pierson, Glenn Ridge, New Jersey.

Ex-Governor Waite has announced his retirement from Cuba fillibustering and politics. He has returned to his former home at Aspen and will engage in mining.

A Bill making reading and writing the voting qualification has been offered in the Michigan legislature.

The number of the unemployed continue to grow. Twenty thousand are reported to be in enforced idleness in the city of St. Louis alone.

J. Pierpont Morgan and the Vanderbilts stand ready to buy the Pacific railroad if it should be sold by the government. Morgan has signified his desire to endow some charitable institution with 1,000,000 of the dollars derived from the last bond steal.

McKinley's efforts to construct a cabinet sufficiently strong for republican seances, continue to fail. So far John Sherman is the only man courageous enough to accept. Preparations for the inaugural go on with vigor, and a pageant grossly out of keeping with the distressed condition of the country is promised.

The State Farmers' Alliance that met in Mineappolis, January 11 renewed their fight on the railroads to secure track scales and better elevator accommodations.

Abe Steinberger, ex-president of the Kansas Reform Press Association was expelled from that order at its last session. A. R.

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Loweville Locals.

Loweville is situated 1½ miles north of Clanton, but can't say it is an attractive place as there are only a few young ladies, but they feel a little encouraged since they heard of a certain young man inquiring where Loweville was.

Messrs. C. W. McDaniel and John Kemp visited Loweville Sunday eve.

Mr. M. D. McQueen visited Loweville Sunday.

Messrs. Lowe and Thacker visited here last week.

Mrs. H. S. Danforth and charming daughter, Miss Lilla, visited friends in Clanton last week.

Miss Annie Marlar visited relatives in Clanton last Friday.

Mrs. Danforth and Mrs. Marlar visited Longstreet Sunday eve.

We are sorry to say Mr. D. B. Lowe is quite sick.

AUNT HANNAH.

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The Discovery Saved His Life.

Mr. G. Caillouette, Druggist, Beaversville, Ill., says: "To Dr King's New Discovery I owe my life. Was taken with La Grippe and tried all the physicians for miles about, but of no avail and was given up and told that I could not live. Having Dr. King's New Discovery in my store I sent for a bottle and began its use and from the first dose began to get better, and after using three bottles was up and about again. It is worth its weight in gold. We won't keep store or house without it." Get a free trial at Dr. J. S. Johnson, Jr. Drug Store.

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THE MISSING WORD.

A New Chance for Our Subscribers to Make Money.

We call the attention of our readers to the interesting details of our clubbing proposition with The Atlanta Weekly Constitution, published in full elsewhere. As will be seen, the joint price of our paper and The Weekly Constitution for one year is but $1.50. Every subscriber will not only get the two papers for little more than the price of one, but will, in addition, have a chance to participate without cost in the "Missing Word Contest," the premiums for which are offered by both papers. Every subscriber is entitled to guess at the missing word in the following sentence:

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and the one who supplies the correct word will be entitled to 10 per cent. of the amount received from subscriptions not only from The Constitution, but all of the papers participating in the clubbing offer with The Constitution between now and the 1st of March. The Constitution guarantees that at least FIVE HUNDRED DOLLARS IN CASH will be distributed, and probably the amount will be between $1,000 to $2,000. If more than one person supplies correctly the missing word, the cash amount will be distributed among the successful guessers.

A few months ago The Weekly Constitution offered $1,000 in cash to the subscriber guessing the size of the year's cotton crop as announced by the New Orleans exchange. The successful guesser was Mr. R. T. Poole, of Rockingham, N. C., who received immediately after the announcement of the crop by the New Orleans cotton exchange $1,000 in cash from The Weekly Constitution, enabling him to buy the farm which he was then renting and pay himself out of debt.

Every intelligent person should subscribe to his home paper and take at least one general newspaper which covers the news of the world. This The Constitution does better than any southern weekly newspaper, and the fact that it has now the largest circulation of any weekly newspaper published on the wistern hemisphere attests to its popularity. It publishes 156,000 copies every week and goes into more homes in the southern and western states than any weekly newspaper published in America.

You want your home paper; and when you can get it in connection with The Weekly Constitution for almost the price of one and in addition become a participant in the great missing word contest, announced elsewhere, you should take prompt advantage of the combination. Remit the combination price to us and send your guess of the missing word along with it, and we will forward your name to The Constitution, and your guess will be duly recorded. If you are already a subscriber to our paper and want The Weekly Constitution, forward us ONE DOLLAR with your guess of the missing word and we will see that it is sent to The Constitution.

The proposition is an attractive one, and it is to be hoped that some readers of this paper will supply the correct missing word in the above sentence.

Maplesville Music.

Mr. True, of Nebraska, has honored our flourishing town with a visit in interest of emigration and was the guest of R. D. Martin.

Mr. Yeke Martin's friends have been happy to greet him back from Texas.

We regret that our urbane and gentlemanly friend, L. D. Graham has left us and is now publishing a most excellent news-paper in Evergreen.

Mrs. Cooper is now on a visit to Clanton.

Mrs. N. A. Goodwin has returned from Birmingham and is now entertaining Mrs. R. Goodwin of Selma and Mrs. Settles of Centreville

There has been much suffering but no fatality here from la grippe. Mrs. Sarah Foshee and her daughter, Miss Minnie, we are sorry to state are now suffering with this very painful complaint.

Farmers are in fine spirits starting their crops, the plow is running in fine style, a true saying, "tickle the earth with a hoe (or plow) and she will laugh with a harvest." We do not claim a boom but like the turtle will surely win in the race. Our new schoolhouse in the hands of our very energetic citizen, Dick Garner, is being built Our new R. R. will be started off in a few weeks and Maj. Harrison will erect a large mill here to furnish material for it.

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Vine Hill.

Farm work is progressing slowly, the weather is so bad that little can be done except clearing and fencing.

There is scarcely a person here but what has been sick with cold, some were quite sick but glad to say there have been no deaths.

Mr. Martin Johnson has been seriously ill, think he is better.

Henry Peeples (col.) one of the V. H. Lumber Co. had his foot cut by the saw.

The wave of prosperity has not struck us yet, but the wave of industry has, for every body in busy, all seem to have work and is doing it

Mr. Helmer and family, of Selma, are soon to move here and make this his their future home—glad to have our city friends come and make homes among us and help us farm.

Wm. Hunt, of East Lake, is down looking after his farm work.

Hard freezing weather here.

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Southern Railway Company.
December 30, 1896.

Notice of Special Law.

Notice is hereby given that application will be made at the present session of the Legislature for the passage of a bill for the relief of Mrs. J. C. Langford, Mrs. Elizabeth Hunt, Mrs. Mattie Mooney and Mrs. Norcessa Durbin, of Chilton county, authorizing them to participate in the distribution of the funds for the relief of needy Confederate soldiers, appropriated under Act approved February 13th, 1890.

L. H. REYNOLDS.
January 20th, 1897.

L. & N. Change of Schedule.

To go into effect December 20.

Train No 2	arv.	Clanton	9:54 a.m
" 3	"	"	5:59 p.m
" 4	"	"	10.45 p.m
" 9	"	"	7:43 a.m
" 10	"	"	5:26 p m

Final Proof Notice.

Notice No. 18826

Land Office at Montgomery, Ala., Jan. 26, 1897.

Notice is hereby given that the following-named settler has filed notice of his intention to make final proof in support of his claim and that said proof will be made before the Clerk of the Circuit Court at Clanton, Ala., on March 6 th, 1897, viz: John A Roberry, Homestead entry. No. 25 937, for the s½-4 - f se¼-4, section 26 tp 21 north of r 13 east

He names the following witnesses to prove his continuous residence upon and cultivation of, said land, viz: Bowen L. Jones, John L. Smith, Peter A. Vance, James R. Broadhead, all of Kincheon Ala.

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Commissioners' Court meets second Monday in February, first Monday in April, second Monday in May, second Monday in July, second Monday in August, and first Monday in November.

Clinton Cotton Market.

Price to-day 6⅜ cents.

Bales received to-date:

Sampey	1890
Mullins	1001
Wilson	456
	3347

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Clanton.

FERTILIZERS for sale by W. L. SAMPEY, Clanton.

Mr. O. A. Duke, Jr., of Ashford Ala., is visiting friends and relatives here this week.

Mr. Russell McDaniel, of Montgomery, visited his parents here Sunday.

Mr. Durwood Foshee, of Birmingham, visited relatives here Sunday.

Mr. Robt. Martin, of Pinckard, Ala., visited friends in our city this week.

Mr. Alfred Lewis, of Montgomery, is in town this week visiting his sister, Mrs. Brock.

Mr. Will Hayes has accepted a position at Deatsville.

Mr. Fox Maul, of Elmore, was in town last week.

Mr. Wiley Foshee has purchased and moved into the Will Littlejohn place four miles west of Clanton.

If you want a Plow Horse or Mule or Milch Cow go to the Alliance Co-operative Co. at Jemison. We have horses and mules and milch cows to sell on time.

L. H. REYNOLDS, M'g'r.

The quarterly conference of the Methodist church was held with the Clanton church yesterday.

Rev. Dr. Urquhart, Presiding Elder, was in attendance at the quarterly conference yesterday.

Mr. John Stanfield visited in Montgomery county last week.

A number of the Clanton young men visited friends on Mulberry last Sunday.

Miss McQueen, who has been staying some time here with her sister Mrs. Davis returned home Monday.

We have been experiencing a regular blizzard the last few days and the boys have enjoyed themselves immensely. Scott Chesnutt rigged up a sleigh and has been having a big time.

Mr. Arnold has bought out W. F. Culp and will open up with a stock of goods shortly.

Mr. Jake Lavinskie, of Coopers, was in town Tuesday.

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Marriage licenses have been granted this week by the Probate Judge to the following persons.

Mr. Lindsey Bates and Miss Jane Jones; Mr. C. C. Swint and Miss Beulah V. Cooper.

Mr. Leroy Watts went to Montgomery Sunday.

Miss McMorries, of Wetumpka, has been engaged by Prof. McMorries as assistant at the University School.

A new side walk is being made along the south side of main street—it was badly needed and will be a great improvement to our town.

Mr. Fletcher Hendley died last Monday night about two o'clock by an over dose of morphine. He was suffering from a pain in the leg and his wife gave him one dose out of a bottle she had had there for about two years and replaced it in her trunk. He complained and said she had not given him sufficient. She laid down and after awhile saw him get up and look at her. Mrs. Hendley dropped off to sleep and was awakened half past eleven by his struggles which continued about two hours when he died. The bottle was found on the mantel and it is supposed he had taken another dose.

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Under and by virtue of a mortgage executed to the undersigned by Sarah Mahan and recorded in mortgage book No. 36 pp 579 81 in the office of the Judge of Probate of Chilton county, I will proceed to sell, on the

3rd DAY OF FEBRUARY, 1897,

for cash in front of the court house of said county within the hours of legal sale, the following described property, to-wit: The sw¼ of sw¼ of section 8, township 20 north of range 12 east, containing 40 acres more or less, situated in Chilton county, Alabama.

J. H. JOHNSON, Mortgagee,
By A. C. SMITH, his Atty.

Administrator's Notice of Final Settlement.

The State of Alabama, }
Chilton County. }

W. F. LAWRENCE, Deceased,
Estate of.

This day came W. M. Lawrence, the administrator of said estate and filed his statement, accounts, vouchers, and evidences, for a final settlement of his administration: It is ordered that the 15 day of February, 1897, be appointed a day on which to make such settlement, at which time all persons interested can appear and contest the said settlement, if they think proper.

R. M. HOSLEY CUTT,
Judge of Probate Chilton County.

Mortgage Sale.

Under and by virtue of a mortgage executed to the undersigned by J. B. Crane and A. M. Crane, and recorded in mortgage book No. 46, pages 573-6 in the office of the Judge of Probate of Chilton county, I will proceed to sell on the

10th DAY OF FEBRUARY, 1897

for cash in front of the court house of said county within the hours of legal sale the following described property, to wit:

The w½ of the ne¼-4 of sec 3 t 20 n of r 13 e containing 80 acres more or less, situated in Chilton county, Alabama, also one black mare mule name Nig, one two-horse wagon and harness.

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Longstreet Locals.

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We are glad to say that the many sufferers of la grippe are fast improving, hope to see them all out again soon.

Mr. J. D. Thacker visited Loweville Sunday evening—reports having a very nice time.

Misses Applewhite and Mr P. M. McKee called to see Miss Beulah Armstrong Sunday evening.

Messrs. John Marlar and Wesley Danforth visited Longstreet Sunday; come again boys.

Quite a number of the young people of Longstreet and Loweville went to Cane Creek Sunday.

Messrs Smitherman and Bearden, of Maplesville, visited friends here last Saturday and Sunday.

Messrs. T. B. Teel, C. R. and S. E. Bruce visited Longstreet Sunday.

We are glad to say that Mr. Aristy Armstrong is still improving; hope to see him out soon.

Mrs. M. A. Armstrong has returned from Columbiana, where she visited her father, who has been quite sick. UNCLE DICK.

Final Proof Notice.

Notice No. 18758.

Land Office at Montgomery, Ala., Jan. 5, 1897.

Notice is hereby given that the following named settler has filed notice of his intention to make final proof in support of his claim, and that said proof will be made before The Clerk of the Circuit Court, at Clanton, Ala., on February 13, 1897, viz.: Mary J. Oates, Homestead Entry No. 26,049, for the sw¼ of ne¼, Section 26 tp 21 north of r 13 east.

He names the following witnesses to prove his continuous residence upon, and cultivation of, said land, viz: Peter A. Vance, of Kincheon, Ala., William Roper, of Kincheon, Ala., Bowen L. Jones, of Kincheon, Ala., William W. Williams, of Lily, Ala.

H. PURCELL, Register

Final Proof Notice.

Notice No. 18794.

Land Office at Montgomery, Ala., Jan. 15 1897.

Notice is hereby given that the following-named settler has filed notice of his intention to make final proof in support of his claim, and that said proof will be made before The Clerk of the Circuit Court of Clanton, Ala., on Feb. 27th, 1897, viz: Elizabeth Motes, Homestead entry, No. 25,279, for the w½ of ne¼, section 19 tp 22 north of r 15 east.

He names the following witnesses to prove his continuous residence upon and cultivation of said land, viz: John Clackler, Anderson Baker, Jesse Thomas, Thomas Smith, all of Clanton, Ala.

H. PURCELL, Register.

Final Proof Notice.

Notice No. 18795.

Land Office at Montgomery, Ala., Jan. 17, 1897.

Notice is hereby given that the following named settler has filed notice of his intention to make final proof in support of his claim, and that said proof will be made before The Clerk of the Circuit Court at Clanton, Ala., on Feb. 27th, 1897, viz: Noah Pletcher, Homestead entry, No. 26,364, for the nw¼ of sw¼, sw¼ of nw¼, section 28 tp 20 n of r 13 east.

He names the following witnesses to prove his continuous residence upon and cultivation of said land, viz: William H. Anderson, Willis F. Sims, Thomas Anderson, Artar E. Hicks, all of Clanton, Ala.

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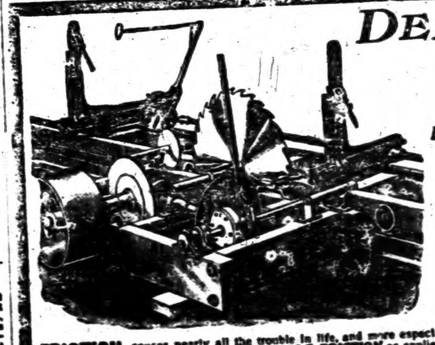

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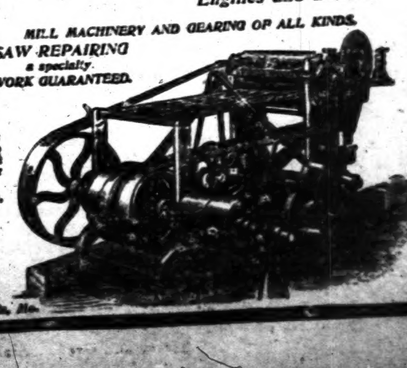

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The hall was simply, but very tastefully decorated for the occasion. The Speaker's stand was banked with a mass of potted flowers and plants. Immediately in the rear of the stand the Stars and Stripes were gracefully draped.

At 11:25 o'clock the State officials, the members of the Supreme Court, Court of Chancery, Appeals, and other courts, Governor Turney and Governor Taylor entered the hall, their appearance being greeted with cheers. Governors Turney and Taylor walked arm in arm. They took seats on the platform of the Speaker's stand, the two Governors being seated at the right of Speaker Thompson.

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STATE LEGISLATURE.

The Work of the Alabama Law Makers.

Montgomery, Ala.—The General Assembly has once more settled down to business, and there is a hubbub in the halls and cloak rooms of the Capitol.

This session will record a great deal of important legislation. There are measures pending that have attracted the attention and serious thought of Alabamians for many years, and the time is ripe for action. The members of both branches seem to be deeply impressed with the degree of responsibility now resting upon them as public officials. The Constitutional Convention is, of course, the paramount issue. But there is other important legislation to be enacted. There are measures touching the interests of corporations of this State as well as of individuals. It is well known that there will be important railroad measures up for consideration. The lobby has begun to sprout already, and before many days it will, doubtless, grow into full fledged capital detachment.

WORK OF THE HOUSE.

Thursday.—There was but one bill of general interest discussed in the House of Representatives to-day.

House bill 134, by Hon. Virgil Baldwin, of Jackson, entitled "An act for the protection of girls under the age of 14 years," provoked a whirlwind of eloquence from the leading members of the Assembly.

The bill places the age of consent at 14 years, instead of 10, as the present law stands, and its violation made punishable as felony—imprisonment of not less than one year nor more than ten. The bill was amended by Mr Sheldon, of Mobile, so as not to apply to boys under the age of 14 years, and with this amendment was passed by a vote of 61 to 12. Hon. C. E. Waller, of Hale, led the opposition to the measure, on the ground that there was not enough protection to boys in its provisions.

Several of the special committees appointed to sit during recess reported this morning. The various bills drafted by these committees are so lengthy that they will be put in printed form and distributed among the members of both branches for inspection, before they come up for passage.

Friday.—This was a quiet day in the House. Lavender's bill to license slot machines, was the only measure which provoked discussion, and very little spirit was displayed even over this bill. It was opposed by Hon. Virgil Baldwin, of Jackson, and laid upon the table.

The following general bills were introduced and referred as indicated:

H. 808, by Mr. Smith, of Tallapoosa—To establish the reformatory for youthful criminals and to convert the Mount Vernon barracks, situated at Mount Vernon, in the County of Mobile, into a convict farm and reformatory to be known as the Mount Vernon Reformatory of Alabama.

H. 802, by Mr. Stansel—To subdivide the several counties of Alabama into precincts, to incorporate the several precincts into municipal corporations with limited powers, to authorize all precincts to establish and maintain public schools. Education.

H. 803, by Mr. Stansel (by request)—To provide for the collection and disposal of the poll tax and exemptions from said tax. Education.

H. 804, by Mr. Stansel (by request)—To define who is liable to road services or road tax. Public Roads and Highways.

H. 709, by Mr. Bouldin—To amend section 1966 of the code of Alabama, 1886. Judiciary.

H. 797, by Mr. Altman—To amend sections 2590 and 2591 of the code of 1886. Judiciary.

H. 798, by Mr. Green, of Jefferson—To declare unlawful and void all arrangements, contracts, agreements, trusts or combinations, made with a view to lessen or which tend to lessen free competition in the importation or sale of articles imported into the State, or in the manufacture of articles of domestic growth, or of domestic raw material, to declare unlawful and void all arrangements, contracts, agreements, trusts or combinations between persons or corporations, designed or which tend to advance, reduce or control the price of such product or article to producer or consumer of any such product or article; to provide forfeiture of the charter and franchise of any corporation, organized under the laws of the State, violationg any of the provisions of this act to prohibit every foreign corporation, violating any of the provisions of this act, from doing business in the State; to require the Attorney-General of this State to institute legal proceedings against any such corporations violating the provisions of this act, and to enforce the penalties prescribed; to prescribe penalties for any violation of this act; to authorize any person or corporation, damaged by any such trust, agreement or combination, to sue for recovery of such damage, and for other purposes. Corporations.

IN THE SENATE.

Tuesday.—To-day's session was opened by an eloquent and impressive prayer by Rev. Mr. Riley, of Georgia.

The Senate devoted nearly two hours to a discussion of the bill introduced by Dr. Cunningham, of Jefferson, known as the two weeks' pay bill. This measure provides that corporations shall be required to pay their employees in lawful money at least every two weeks. This is a bill of especial importance to the Birmingham district, where the commissary check system is in vogue, and Senator Cunningham made an earnest appeal for its passage to-day. The bill was stoutly opposed by Senators Pettus, McEldery and Kilpatrick. Hundley, of Madison, and Abercrombie, of Calhoun, agreed to vote for the measure with certain amendments. Senator Hogue moved a committal of the bill to the Corporations Committee, and it was so ordered.

The Moody Dispensary bill was made a special order for next Thursday. With the exception of one local bill, this cleared the Senate calendar, and this session begins upon a clear page.

Friday.—This was a busy day in the Senate.

Among other important measures, women were made eligible to the office of County Superintendent of Education, after a lively discussion. The bill was introduced at the last session by Senator Brooks, of Geneva, and passed to-day by a vote of 18 to 8. The provision, however, only applies to the counties of Lamar, Fayette, Shelby, Geneva, Walker, DeKalb, St Clair, Madison, Pike, Coffee and Crenshaw. The office is appointive in these counties.

The report of the joint committee on the code contains some rather startling changes in the rules of practice of the Supreme Court. Among them the report requires that transcripts for appeals from lower courts shall be typewritten, as heretofore. It also requires the attorney for the appellant to deposit an estimated sum of money with the court trying the case to cover charges of the printer, in case he desires transcripts, etc., printed instead of type-written. Clerks who furnish transcripts get the same pay as formerly.

Following is a list of bills introduced in the Senate to-day:

By Hawkins—To punish timber depredators. Judiciary.

By Kilpatrick—To require public ginners of cotton to keep certain books. Agriculture.

By Matthews—To fix fees for recording in State and county offices; finance bill provides that after November 3, 1898, such fees shall not exceed the sum of ten cents per hundred words.

By Cunningham—To regulate the insurance business in this State. Judiciary. This bill comprises a complete revision and enlargement of the existing State insurance laws.

By Sayre—To make the birthday of Gen. Robert. E. Lee a legal holiday. Judiciary. This bill was introduced by request of Lomax Camp, Confederate Veterans.

The joint recess Convict Committee, of which Senator Cunningham, of Jefferson, is chairman, presented a lengthy type-written report of their vestigation. The report virtually indorses the Cunningham Convict bill, with which the public is familiar.

Saturday.—This was a slow day in the House, as far as measures of general interest are concerned. A local bill to regulate the holding of court in Marengo County engaged almost the entire session to-day. The provisions of the bill asked for the establishment of a court house and jail at Demopolis. The bill was opposed by Mr. Meador, the junior member from that county, and after mush discussion was defeated.

The special committee to investigate the normal schools of the State reported to-day, and made recommendations based upon their investigation. They stated that it is alleged there is an unjust discrimination made against the free pupils of these institutions in favor of those who pay. The State now makes a liberal donation, and this complaint was unexpected, and is believed by many of the members to be ungrounded.

The following new bills were introduced in the House to-day:

H. 852, by Mr. Stansel—To regulate the practice in the circuit and city courts of this State in reference to the preparation of causes for trial, and the disposition of demurrer to complaints and other pleadings, Judiciary.

H. 853, Also—To regulate the reinstatement of injunctions, writs of nexeat and attachments, when an appeal is taken from any interlocutionary or final decree dissolving the same. Judiciary.

H. 854, Also—To regulate the costs of litigation and to regulate the summoning of witnesses in the Circuit Courts of this State. Judiciary.

House 855, Also—To amend section 2844 of the Code. Revision of laws.

H. 842, by Mr. McCollum—To prevent the use of wheels of fortune, chance games and raffling or devices of the like kind. Revision of Laws.

H. 833, by Mr. Lavender—To amend an act entitled an act to prescribe the mode and time of advertisement of property for sale levied upon under execution issued on the judgment of justices and under attachments issued by such officers, and to fix the place of sale, approved February 22, 1869. Judiciary.

H. 839, by Mr. Brown, of Colbert—To provide for the inspection and sale of illuminating oils in the State of Alabama. Judiciary.

H. 861, by Mr. Waller, of Hale—To amend section 2720 of the code of Alabama. Judiciary.

Saturday.—In the Senate to-day the Cunningham Convict bill was made a special order for next Wednesday, the first thing after the report of standing committees. Dr. Cunningham will open the discussion. There will be opposition to the bill, but Dr. Cunningham is sanguine of success. He has devoted much time to the preparation of this measure, and will not easily be persuaded to lay down his hand. The measure seems to be popular, and it is believed now that with some amendments the bill will become a law.

The opposition to gambling is at fever heat in the Legislature. The race pool rooms were knocked out to-day as far as the Senate end of the bill is concerned. The bill went to third reading, and 25 ayes were recorded to its passage; nays, 0.

A bill to further regulate the business of the building and loan associations was introduced by President Sayre. It requires detailed annual reports made to the Auditor, from whom non-resident associations, having not less than $100,000, shall also take out license. Judiciary.

Senator Pettus moved reconsideration of the vote by which the bill making women eligible to the office of Superintendent of Education in certain counties of the State, passed yesterday, and a lively discussion ensued, in which the best talent of the Senate was drawn out. Among the debaters were Cunningham, Hall, Pettus, Moody, Hogue, Kilpatrick and Brooks—author of the bill. The discussion was cut short by a special order, and a vote on Senator Pettus' motion was not reached.

Other general bills introduced were:

By Bethune—To amend section 2 of an act to fix the terms of several officers of the State, approved February 2, 1893. Judiciary.

It provides that the State Commissioner of Agriculture shall hold office for the term of two years, from December 1 next after his election, and vacancies shall be filled by appointment by the Governor for the unexpired term until his successor is elected and qualified.

By Bethune—To punish train wrecking. Judiciary.

The bill provides, on conviction, that the punishment shall be death or imprisonment for not less than ten years.

By Smith (by request)—To provide for the control and education of orphans and certain other children under 14 years of age. Judiciary.

By Matthews—To give greater security to the transfer of property. Judiciary.

ALABAMA SPECIALS.

The Latest and Most Interesting News from Our Own State.

LITTLE SPECIALS.

—Dothan is to have a $5,000 water works system.

—Free Mail delivery is now being successfully tried in Lee County.

—A new mail route is to be established from Opelika to Mays, in Lee County.

—Millport is raising a great cry about being discriminated against in freight rates.

—Union Springs will extend its water works system to the outskirts of the town.

—Books of subscription to stock in the proposed cotton mills at Greenville are now open.

The people of Lamar County have expressed themselves in favor of a constitutional convention.

—Selma's two cotton mills consume 5,000 bales, 2,500,000 pounds of cotton annually. They consume 5,000 tons of coal.

—W. W. Stringfellow and W. G. Ledbetter, receivers for the old pipe works at Anniston, have been discharged by the courts.

The turpentine distilleries at Enterprise, Dade County, are doing a lot of work. A number of extra hands have been employed.

—Among the deaths recently reported in Alabama are Alonzo Saunders, Tuskaloosa; Mrs. L. N. Rivers, Manchester, and Walter Reed, of Horse Creek.

—The Eufaula Times says that Mrs. Higgins, wife of the engineer who went down on the Evergreen and Opelika Railroad, received $1,000 accident policy, $1,500 from the Brotherhood and $2,500 from the railway company.

STRONG POINTS ON HIM

Birmingham.—John Calhoun Ward, who was arrested last night near Eldridge, Ala., on suspicion of being one of the three men who robbed the Southern Railway train twice within the past month, near Berry, was brought here Saturday and closely questioned by the officials and detectives of the Southern Express Company. To-night they state that they have the strongest reason to believe that Ward was one of the robbers.

Conductor Wilmer, of the train that was robbed Thursday night, says he closely resembles the robber who put two pistols in his face. Ward had two pistols, which Wilmer says are exactly like those drawn on him.

Ward claims his home to be at Ben the famous Rube Burrows committed Brook, Tex., which is the place where his first train robbery. He says that he left Texas January 4, and camped alone in the woods near Eldridge Thursday night, the date of the last train robbery.

Several people from around Berry say Ward resembles a man seen about that place before and since both train robberies, who had considerable money.

Two other men were arrested near Carbon Hill, but released for lack of evidence.

VEST PULLED DOWN.

Huntsville.—Ed. Vest, a notorious murderer and horse thief, wanted in several States, was captured at Dallas Mills Saturday evening. Vest was at the home of his mother, where he had been sick several weeks. When officers called for him he shoved a man out the door. This man was arrested by mistake, but on of the deputies having occasion to go back to the house, found Vest armed with a large pistol. He attempted to shoot, but the deputy was too quick for him.

Vest is wanted in Arkansas for murder, and in Missouri, Tennessee, and a number of other States for horse stealing. Large rewards are up for his capture.

DIED FROM THE SHOT.

Athens.—Press Lacy, the eighteen-year-old boy who was shot Wednesday by his first cousin, Andrew Todd, died here Saturday. The ball took effect in the stomach. The shooting was purely accidental.

DR. DIAZ A FREE-LANCE.

Atlanta, Ga.—Dr. Diaz, the well-known Cuban patriot, of this city, has decided to sever his connection with the Missionary Board of the Baptist Church. The Baptists own extensive property in Cuba, and they fear that it will be imperiled by Dr. Diaz's active work in behalf of the Cubans.

Dr. Diaz, now that he is not hindered by his church, has established himself at the head of the Cuban Junta in Atlanta.

MANY PASSENGERS KILLED.

Kingston, Jamaica.—Word has been received here of a terrible railroad disaster in Barbadoes. A train plunged over a precipice, killing a large number of passengers. No details are given.

SENT FROM SEARSPORT.

Miss S. Mollie Percy, the Well-Known Searsport Dressmaker, Gives Her Experience of Her Life-long Suffering and Cure.

From the Commercial, Bangor, Maine.

The following communication has just been received from Miss S. Mollie Percy, of Searsport, Maine, where she is well and favorably known:

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"I soon began to experience relief, and have improved ever since. I am still taking them, and shall continue so to do until I am free of the slightest symptom of my old enemy. I am a firm believer in the efficacy of Pink Pills, and I shall never be without them as they have done me so much good.

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THE POST DISCONTINUED.

One of Venezuela's Greatest Thorns Removed from Her Side.

By direction of Lord Salisbury, the military post of the Uruan, in British Guiana, which led to acute troubles with Venezuela, has been discontinued. An Indian post holder has been substituted for the police garrison in obedience to the directions from the Colonial Office in London, and one of the greatest thorns in Venezuela's side has been removed.

The news of the abandonment of the post reached the State Department to-day through the Demerara newspapers, which made the announcement January 6. The colonists are philosophical over the set-back and claim that the Indian post-holder will constitute as effective maintainer of their territorial title as the soldiers, who who will not be exposed to the frequent malaria influences of the locality. It is, also, stated that the indemnity secured from Venezuela on account of what was known as the Uruan Incident, has been apportioned among the british involved, Inspectors Barns and Baker getting $2,500 each and the constables $500 each.

BIG NASHVILLE ROBBERY.

Porch Climbers Rob Rev. Dr. Young's House of $2,500 in Jewelry.

Nashville, Tenn.—Another daring burglary was committed Saturday night in the residence portion of the city. The residence of Dr. R. A. Young, a well-known Methodist divine, on West Broad street, was entered between 6 and 7 o'clock, while the family were at supper, and $2,450 worth of diamonds and jewelry stolen. The jewels belonged to Mrs. Young, Mrs. Kilpatrick and Miss Hunter, members of Dr. Young's household.

The burglar climbed to the roof of the porch, entered the second story window, and went through the apartments. Miss Hunter, returning from supper to her apartments, discovered the burglar, and gave the alarm. Mr. Hunter rushed up stairs with a pistol and attempted to fire upon the burglar, who was trying to escape on the porch roof. The pistol was not loaded, and the burglar jumped to the ground, a distance of fifteen feet, escaping. No arrests, though detectives and police are busy on the case.

ANOTHER BRIDGE HORROR.

Train Falls Fifty Feet.—Three Men Killed Outright.—Many Injured.

Butler, Pa.—Saturday afternoon a passenger train on the Pittsburg and Western Railway went off a bridge fifty feet high over Paint Creek. The entire train, with everybody on board, went down. Only one person on the train, it is said, escaped injury. The train consisted of engine, baggage car and two passenger coaches. About thirty passengers were on board. Just as the train left the rails Baggagemaster Rainey, of Foxburg, jumped, saving his life, but suffered very serious injury. The engineer, fireman and mail agent were killed outright. Relief trains were hurried from St. Petersburg and Foxburg with a corps of physicians. The names of the dead are:

Daniel Moriarity, engineer; Ira Beatty, fireman; William Copeley, mail agent.

Brakeman Wise was badly bruised, receiving serious internal injuries that may cause his death. Details are meagre and conflicting.

KILLED HER HUSBAND.

Mrs. Deckard, of Bristol, Makes a Confession.

Bristol, Tenn.—Mrs. Deckard has made a full confession that she murdered her husband, Joseph Deckard, who was killed in his bed at 2 o'clock Thursday morning. She related the whole affair, and said that she meant to cut Deckard's head off with the ax, but that the lick did not land as directed. It is said that she gave as her motive the frequent trouble between herself and husband.

Mrs. Deckard was taken in charge by the officers, and was lodged in jail at Abingdon, Va. She is 40 years of age.

EMBEZZLER ARRESTED.

White Bluff, Tenn.—G. Egerton, the absconding back tax collector for Dickson County, has been arrested in Cincinnati. He will be brought back. His deficit amounts to about $2,000, and it is said the money was spent in the interests of an aspirant for Congress, who failed to get the nomination. Egerton is well known in Chattanooga.

For Breakfast.

Sometimes even the most fastidious woman forgets that the keynote of daintiness is struck by the morning toilet. A model of all that she should be at other times, her breakfast apparel gives every outward evidence of haste, and leaves much to be desired.

A woman who has made a hasty morning toilet is by no means a thing of beauty. Therefore, she who is wise gallantly foregoes the joy of the forbidden nap. She rises betimes, supported by the thought that of such stuff martyrs are made, and after her matutinal dip, as she arranges her hair as becomingly as she would later in the day for a luncheon or a shopping expedition, she finds herself at peace with all the world, even including the cook.

It's only a little thing in the day's doings, but it tells. The woman who presides at the breakfast table, neat, fresh and rosy, is fulfilling part of her mission in life.

Her husband is as much stimulated by her presence as by the fragrant cup of Mocha which she dispenses, and, though seemingly absorbed in his newspaper as he sips his favorite beverage, in reality he sees every detail of the dainty toilet, knowing that it was made for his eyes alone, and, man-like, appreciating it all the more for that very reason.

What a time a man must have who makes a night of it at the North Pole! Think of going on the rampage for six months!

Goose Barnacle.

One of the oddest things they have at the marine aquarium is a goose barnacle. This particular specimen is very small, very much alive, and has been living in the aquarium for months in spite of the fact that some of its normal barnacle necessities are supplied by most peculiar artificial means. The goose barnacle differs from other varieties in that it hangs from ships, floating timber, or other substances near the surface of the water, and has only the power to attach once to any object. This barnacle being taken from its means of support, an artificial one had to be supplied. This was done by means of a piece of common cotton string. This is tied around the barnacle and to a cork from which the barnacle hangs near the surface of the water in a glass in the aquarium. The barnacle is so small that the string is as large as a rope in comparison, and it looks very comical hanging, the feathery looking cirrus down and grasping out into the water for food.—New York Times.

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THE DOINGS OF NOTABLES.

Some of the Events of the Week that Has Just Passed.—Boatner Wins His Fight

SENATOR GEORGE'S CONDITION.

An Important Message Occupied the Attention of the Senate Friday.—Powerful Petitions in Favor of the Arbitration Treaty to Be Presented.—Hon. Walker Fearn Ill.

Washington, D. C.—The bill for the representation of the United States on any international monetary conference that may be called occupied the Senate Friday almost exclusively, and was finally passed by the triumphant majority of 36 to 4. It authorizes the President to appoint four or more commissioners to any international conference, with a view to securing a fixity of relative value between gold and silver as money by means of a common ration between the metals, with free mintage at such rates, and it also authorizes the President to call, in his discretion, such conferences, to assemble at such points as may be agreed upon. The debate on the bill was long and interesting, but by far the most important speech was that made by Mr. Hoar (Rep., Mass.). He took the ground that a very large majority of the people of the civilized world was in favor of the double standard of gold and silver. He quoted two distinguished French statesmen, MM. Fongerol and Meline as strongly in favor of bimettalism, and said that a resolution introduced in the French Assembly by the first-named gentleman had the support of 307 out of 450 delegates, or a majority of between three-fifths and four-fifths.

Mr. Hoar also named as among the principal European advocates of bimetallism Mr. Balfour, leader of the English House of Commons, and recalled the remark made by him to a member of the present British Cabinet, in a brilliant company in England, when he (Mr. Hoar) declined to repeat what Mr. Balfour had said to him, "Why, Mr. Hoar, it is no secret that Mr. Balfour's opinions on this matter are those of a majority of Her Majesty's Government."

Mr. Hoar also mentioned the likelihood of Germany and Russia joining in the bimetallic movement, and he declared, in this connection, that the time had come for making another effort in that direction.

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Senator Sherman, of the Committee on Foreign Relations, has received a petition from the British Arbitration Society of London, which that organization asks him to lay before the Senate. The petition is similar to many that have been received from American societies, and urges the ratification of the proposed general treaty of arbitration as the first step between the two greatest nations of the earth toward universal peace.

Unfortunately for the British association it was ignorant of the provisions of the United States Constitution when it addressed its petition either to Congress or any individual member thereof. The receipt of petitions or memorials by Congress from aliens is prohibited unless the same come through the State Department. Senator Sherman cannot, therefore, present the petition to the Senate.

He declines to make its text public or discuss the petition in general terms even. A petition, elaborately printed on parchment and signed by an even hundred of the leading citizens of Philadelphia, was presented to the Senate this week. It urges the Senate to ratify the treaty of arbitration now pending between this country and Great Britain. The memorial is signed by Mayor Warwick, the judges of the various courts, ex-Senator Edmunds, formerly of Virginia, and bankers and capitalists representing money valued in the millions.

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The House Commerce Committee has approved the following bills: Appropriating $70,000 for a lighthouse at the pitch of Cape Fear River, near Wilmington, N. C. Appropriating $7,000 for a front beacon of Apalachicola Bay range light station, Florida, and authorizing the construction by the Kansas City, Shreveport and Gulf Railway Company of a bridge across the Sabine River between Louisiana and Texas.

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The State Department has received cable advices of the critical illness from double pneumonia of Hon. Walker Fearn, of Alabama, United States "Judge of First Instance" in the International Tribunal at Cairo, Egypt. At Judge Fearn's advanced age it is feared he cannot rally from the attack.

Fearn was Minister to Greece under Cleveland's first Administration. During the war he, with the late Justice Lamar, succeeded Mason and Slidell as Representatives of the Confederacy in Europe.

Attorney-General Harmon has prepared a petition for a writ of certiorari to bring up for review by the Supreme Court of the United States the case of the Three Friends, the alleged filibustering steamer, from the United States Court for the Southern District of Florida, which he will present to the court at its session Monday. An appeal from the decision of Judge Long in the case has bee taken to the Court of Appeals for the Fifth Circuit, where it is now pending.

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It is understood that a treaty is soon to be sent to the Senate negotiated between this country and Japan, on the subject of trademarks and copyrights. American business men, who have suffered from the absence of such treaty, have been urging the establishment of such relations for some time.

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Attorney General Harmon has signed the application for foreclosure of the Kansas Pacific railroad mortgage and the papers have been mailed to be filed in Kansas and Missouri.

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The House Committee on Elections No. 3 has decided the contested case of Benoit vs. Boatner, from the Fifth Louisiana District, in favor of Boatner, Democrat, the sitting member.

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The condition of Senator George at this writing, remains unchanged There are no indications of improvement, and he appears to be losing strength very fast.

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The selection of Lyman Gage to be Secretary of the Treasury, under the McKinley administration, appears to give pretty general satisfaction.

FIRE AT FORT PAYNE.

A Large Brick Building Consumed by the Angry Flames.

Fort Payne, Ala.—Tuesday morning the people of this city were awakened from their slumbers by the awful cry of fire, to find that the fine, large brick building belonging to a gentleman in a Northern city was wrapped in quickly consuming flames. A railroad crew first discovered the fire, being on a through night freight train, due here about 1 a. m. By the time any citizens of the town had come to the fiery scene the flames had gained such headway that to save the burning structure was an absolute impossibility.

The postoffice is just across the street from the unfortunate building, and but for the timely aid of the city fire company the office would have met a like fate. As it was, the large, expensive glass front was seriously damaged, and the loss will exceed $75, while that of the hardware company, whose stock was in the burning building, was upward of $8,000, with no insurance. The office of the Fort Payne Basket Company and the Standard Stove Works were in the second story, and if their books had not been in the safe, and thereby saved, the owners of the same, Messrs. Saunders and Folsom, say their loss in these industries would have been about $15,000.

The office of the DeKalb County Abstract Company was destroyed, with a great loss of valuable documents. Charles M. T. Sawyer is the sole owner of the same.

The furniture in the Knights of Pythias hall was lost, which is valued at about $1,000, but they had an insurance of $500. A photograph gallery on the third floor was burned, and in this place it is claimed that the fire originated. Photographer Howard said it must have caught from a piece of wood falling from the grate during the night.

The fire is quite a sad loss to Fort Payne, but it is thought everything will get straightened out in a few days, and that the stove works will continue in operation.

FOUR CHARRED VICTIMS

Found in a Burned Farmhouse.—A Husband's Awful Find.

Belleville, Mich.—The farmhouse of A. E. Vandewater, located three miles South of this place, was destroyed by fire early Tuesday morning, and four persons were burned to death. They were Mrs. Vandewater and her two children, a boy aged 8 and a girl aged 14; Miss Anna Vandewater, a sister of Mr. Vandewater.

Mr. Vandewater was away from home and it was not until daylight Tuesday morning that it was known that the house had burned. The remains of the victims have been recovered, but in a horribly charred condition. It is not known how the fire started, but it is believed it started from an overheated stove.

ON FRYING PAN SHOALS.

Wilmington, N. C.—The tugs Jones and Blanchie went to the British steamer Adrichaig, stranded on Frying Pan Shoals, Thursday morning, but the tide was not high enough to get the vessel off. This afternoon thirty hands went to lighten the steamer of her cargo, and tugs will pull on her to-night at high tide. The steamer is reported to be lying easy, and in good condition, with the sea moderate.

TURNER GETS THE PLUM.

Olympia, Wash.—After many days of unsuccessful balloting George F. Turner, the well-known lawyer of Spokane, who received the caucus nomination of the Populists and free silver Republicans, was elected United States Senator by the Legislature on the first ballot, receiving 67 votes.

STATE OF TRADE.

Business for January Proves Rather Disappointing.

ALL CLASSES OF GOODS

Show a Decided Decline, While Industries, in Some Lines, Resume Operations.

EXPORTS ARE LARGER

The Enormous Crop of Corn Bids Fair to Drive the Price of Wheat Still Lower.—Iron and Steel Show an Increase of Production.—Failures for the Week.

New York, N. Y.—R. G. Dun & Co. say in their weekly review of trade:

January has been a month of disappointment, but of real gain. Nearly everybody had promised himself a land of milk and honey after New Years, and the slow progress looks like standing still to men in such a state of mind. Moreover, there are multitudes throughout the country who have been taking large ventures in advance of or apart from their regular business, because they expected a rise in prices. But prices fall, as yet, to bring them profit. Wheat has declined severely, cotton has scarcely risen enough to pay brokerage, wools holds steady in spite of enormous buyers, woolen goods hardly change in price, iron and its products decline, leather is sluggish, hides are lower, for some shoe manufacturers accept a shade lower prices, the average railroad stock is slightly lower than it was December 31, and the advance in trust stocks has been small. To traders in such properties the month has been disappointing. Yet during the week the record shows that ten iron works have started, and only two have stopped; thirteen woolen works have started, and nine more are about ready to start, while three have stopped. Similar things are seen in other industries, and the additional establishments are not starting without some increase in orders received. It would do more harm than good to exagerate the improvement. But a study of conditions governing business indicates that the wheels are on the right track and moving in the right direction. Men talked of a possible drain of gold a month ago, but January has passed, and the liquidation of foreign indebtedness to this country seems farther off than ever. Merchandise exports from New York in January have been about 4 per cent larger than last year, when the excess of exports was over $18,000,000 while cotton imports from other parts have, also, been larger. The month has not diminished, but has increased the current balance due this country. Money markets become more easy and favorable to expansion in industries and legitimate business.

The decline in wheat was over 6 cents in spite of an official report of a yield far below estimates generally accepted, reflects perception of the error of the report and, also, of the influence of enormous exports of corn instead of wheat, eighty million bushels in seven months. When two bushels of corn can be had for less than one bushel of wheat, it is largely preferred in European markets and up to January 7,859,127 bushels of corn have gone abroad, from Atlantic ports, against 5,306,349 last year, while Atlantic exports of wheat and flour have been 6,335,154 bushels, against 8,403,765 last year. As the great crop of corn prevents much advance in its price, its outgo affects the demand for wheat and a heavy liquidation of speculation has occurred with the price of corn scarcely changing. The largest article of export, at this season, goes out freely, but cotton looks less attractive to traders because American millers are laboring over the plan to reduce a great surplus of goods and prices of many have declined. Takings of northern spinners have been, in five months, 44,000 bales less than last year, and 423,000 less than 1894-95.

Sales of wool in January have never been surpassed in that month, nor in any other month, except last November and July of 1895 and 1892. The price has remained about steady.

The iron and steel manufactures show little gains, production having increased so heavily before and the gradual enlargement of demand for finished products has not overtaken that increase. Lower prices result from Bessemer pig, grey forge and for southern iron, at Chicago; for cut nails and the average of all quotations is the lowest since early last year. For sheets there is an active demand, and better, also, for bars, on account of much car building.

Failures for the week have been 331 in the United States, against 404 last year, and 57, in Canada, against 70 last year.

BRADSTREET'S REVIEW.

New York, N. Y.—Bradstreet's has the following report: There has been a falling off in general trade owing to the heavy fall of snow, and cold weather. There is a moderate increase in distribution of heavy winter goods, but commercial travelers very generally report buyers are even more conservative than early in the month, and that wholesale trading in January, except in lines specified, is smaller than for years. Mercantile collections are interrupted, and the improvement looked for in iron and steel is not in sight.

The most favorable feature of the business week is the sudden and sharp falling off in the total number of business failures in the United States, the aggregate being 326, as compared with 429 last week, a decrease of 103. When compared with the corresponding week of 1896 this week's falling off is 67.

There have been increased sales of hides and leather, in some instances of shoes, coal, fertilizers and Southern pig iron for export. At Boston, Charleston, Galveston, Galveston and San Francisco there are moderate gains in trade compared with last week. The feature of the Pacific Coast business situation continues to be relatively large ETAOISHRDHR be the relatively large proportion of foreign trade. Eastern and middle State iron and steel industries are in in an unsatisfactory condition, but Southern furnaces announce nearly 12,000 tons of iron sold for export with Russia in the market as a would-be buyer.

The heavy business in raw wool within a fortnight continues, and there is still an active demand. Men's wear woolens, heavyweights, for next Fall, are attracting attention and good orders have been booked. Cotton goods continue depressed, notwithstanding efforts to relieve the situation by reducing heavy stocks of prints on hand.

Bank clearings at cities throughout the United States show a sharp falling off from last week, about 8 per cent., but an increase of 7 per cent. compared with the corresponding total one year ago. The downward movement of prices for some of the more important staples continues conspicuous, notably for flour, wheat, oats, lard, coffee, petroleum, turpentine and tin plate. Quotations for Indian corn, pork, sugar, cotton and print cloths are practically unchanged. Concessions have been made in prices for iron and steel, yet quotations are nominally unchanged.

CYLINDRICAL COTTON BALES.

Mammoth Stock Company to Be Organized to Establish Them.

Galveston, Tex.—It is learned from a very authentic source that there is in contemplation, here, the formation, in the near future, of a stock company with an authorized capital of $5,000,000, having for its object the introduction and operation of cylindrical bale cotton compressors throughout the cotton States.

This system of compressing involves a complete change in the present manner of handling cotton. It is aimed to make it an international affair in order to find a ready outlet for the cotton thus put up. The company contemplates establishing ginning and compressing plants at all points in the cotton-growing districts, where it may expect to handle 10,000,000 bales during a season. Each of its plants is to have a capacity of not less than 100 bales per day, and all are to be of the most approved order. The company will control the patents covering the compressers, as well as other machinery used in the make-up of its system of ginning, cleaning and compressing cotton, and will erect machinery and foundries at the most advantageous points for the manufacture of all its machinery. This system of baling cotton will, it is claimed, result in great saving to the producers, as well as the shippers of cotton.

A CINCINNATI BLAZE.

Originated in a Malt House, and Consumed an Entire Block.

Cincinnati, Ohio.—The block bounded by Race, Commerce, Vine and Second was the scene of a destructive fire at 2 o'clock Friday morning. The blaze originated in the engine room of the Herman Goepper & Co., malt house on Commerce street, and spread rapidly to the cordage establishment of Overman & Schroeder, and the commission houses of W. W. Blair & Co., and Mellen, Brown & Co. These buildings were completely destroyed, entailing a loss of $200,000. The buildings adjoining were damaged by water only, and were occupied by the following firms:

The Furniture Warehouse Company, J. Staun & Co., dealers in tobacco; the Cincinnati Transfer Company, C. H. Reinhardt & Co., confectioners; John H. Pointers, baker, and the Kerr Grocery Company.

The loses are fully covered by insurance.

FATAL GAS EXPLOSION.

Berlin, Ont.—A serious explosion occurred at the gas works here Tuesday night, killing Foreman William Aldrich and probably fatally injuring Manager Carl Breithapt and an employee named Weller. It is reported the explosion was caused by a workman accidentally dropping a lighted cigar into one of the tanks.

FOUR CHILDREN CREMATED.

Curwensville, Pa.—A fire broke out in the dwelling house owned by the Elk Tanning Company Tuesday evening, occupied by Moses Watson and John Webb, both colored, with their families. Mrs. Webb had gone to the store and left her children in the house, their ages being 6, 4, 2 and a baby. All were burned to death.

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A FARMER'S PLAN.

ADVOCATES CANAL FROM GALVESTON TO CANADA.

Positive That It Would Cost the Government Less Than War with Spain Over Cuba—Bankers and Shysters Against It.

Dallas News: Mr. A. Baker, one of the oldest farmers in Dallas county, who used to run a canal boat, said yesterday:

"In these days of sharp competition the producer in the United States must have cheap transportation to realize a reasonable profit on the products of his labor. Of course the people will never get anything of this kind as long as the most of the political leaders are the subsidized agents of private corporations controlling transportation. Gibbs or no other earnest advocate of political reform in transportation methods and rates ever received much favor from the masses to be benefited. Even before the political rule of powerful railroad corporations DeWitt Clinton was politically crucified and ridiculed for originating and advocating the Erie canal idea. An interstate canal reaching from Galveston to Canada is not only feasible, but would in the matter of cheap transportation put the west on transportation equality with territory tributary to the Missouri river—it would fix a water rate basis of freight. This interstate canal could commence at Galveston, thence up the Trinity river to Red river, thence up north fork of Red river and through Indian Territory, Kansas, Nebraska and Dakota and through Dakota to the Canadian line. This would be very easily made an interstate canal. By following the route on the map it will be seen that the principal rivers nearly all run in a southeasterly direction and nearly all have their heads in the Rocky mountains and an abundant supply of water. Those not used as a part of the canal could be made to help furnish the water supply. It is well known to every man who has studied the canal question that a canal can be made of any hill or mountain where a supply of water can be had on top the hill or mountain. I know of one place in the Ohio canal at Akron where the canal grade is 315 feet in two miles. From Akron to Cleveland there are forty-nine locks and a fall of over 600 feet in thirty-eight miles. It crosses at Akron the great continental divide. Water at Akron runs north and not two miles south of Akron it runs south. This international canal would start high up the never-failing Missouri river and add to the water supply of every river it would cross. By building a dam across Red river in Montague or Clay county the water could be forced over the divide so as to come down the Trinity river. This canal could be made 200 feet wide and eight feet deep, and boats of 1,000 tons capacity could be brought through the locks. This canal could also be used for irrigation purposes and to fill up artificial lakes en route when the melting snows or great rainfall gave a surplus of water. In building this canal it is very doubtful if there would be at any place on the line as much engineering skill needed as was necessary in the building of a bridge across the Mississippi. By following the course of certain rivers, such as the Trinity and Red river, there would not be needed so much excavation as might seem probable at the first blush. The system of locks and dams is now perfectly understood by all skilled engineers and there would be no trouble about rock or water supply. Along this canal would spring up manufacturing cities equal to those in the east, with cheap transportation to the commerce of the world on the sea, where the real clearing-house of the world's commerce is located. This canal at each lock would furnish electric power for manufacturing. Enough electric power could be generated to furnish motor power for the canal boats.

"2. Left off boating on the Ohio canal the year before Garfield began and knew something about the practicability of canalizing rivers, especially with the improved methods. Would not this concentration of water and its reservation have a tendency to increase the rainfall in the west? Its building would employ our surplus labor. It would put the west in the matter of transportation on an equality with the east and make our farmers prosperous. It would cost the government less than a war with Spain to determine whether the Spaniards or Cuban negroes should rule Cuba. It would cost less than to buy the railroads.

"It would save the people from being the serfs of railroad corporations, whose bonds are held in Europe. It would do more for us than free silver.

"Why can't the News and Gibbs and others get up an interstate canal convention just as they did the deep water convention which resulted in the Galveston harbor improvement? Why not the people favorable to a general system of irrigation take it up? Why not the press of the west force politicians to study this question? When Gibbs and a few others called a deep water convention at Fort Worth some said it was a private snap to boom Aransas Pass, but all the same it resulted in other conventions and a port at Galveston. A great deal of grain is seeking an outlet there now, and two-thirds of it would come this way with an interstate canal. The canalization of the Trinity river would furnish 400 miles of this international canal. Peace has its victories as well as war. Our United States engineers are paid big salaries out of the taxpayers' money whether employed or idle. Why not have them examine and report on this improvement in the interest of irrigation and transportation. If the populist senators and representatives from Kansas and Nebraska would take this up in congress they might do much good. Excessively high official salaries, undeserved pensions and useless army and naval expenditures are eating up the substance of the producers. At each election the politicians carry them snipe hunting."

"A DANIEL COME TO JUDGMENT."

Governor Pingree Rises to Make a Few Remarks.

Mr. Pingree, mayor of Detroit, has been elected governor of Michigan on the Republican ticket, by virtue of preaching populistic principles. He visited Chicago the other day and this is the way he talked:

"Michigan railroads will either sell tickets for 2 cents a mile or they will have their charters taken away. There can be no compromise. There is not one of the corporations which can go into court and sustain its present discriminating practices. They allow the rich men who can afford to advance the money to ride for less than the poor man. The farmer pays the same freight rates that he did when his wheat was worth nearly double its present value. Everything has fallen in price but railroad rates and railroad fares. It is time the government was taking a hand in this matter and standing between the people and the trusts which are sapping the very life blood of the nation. The fact that the railroads sell some tickets for 2 cents a mile is proof they would not lose anything by selling all tickets at the same price. There is no one who will claim that any railroad ever sold any tickets at a loss. We propose to set the example in Michigan.

"Gold standard talk has had its day. There will never be another Republican convention which will write that word in its platform. If it does then there will be a split and the best elements of all parties will get together and sweep the country. There will next time be a strong bimetallic platform, and this is what the people want. They will have learned by that time that prosperity does not necessarily come by the election of any one man to the presidency, and that prosperity cannot come until the laws are radically changed. Michigan would have gone for free silver, but the gold men scared the people to death with their calamity howls and the promises of prosperity whose sunshine is that of Paradise alley."

This is all well enough, but we distrust the man who remains in the Republican party while preaching such doctrines. He is simply endorsing the Sermon on the Mount while working for the Devil. He is probably posing now to run for president in four years from now on the Populist platform, against the Populist party. He represents the worst class of tricksters, who keep monopoly in power by conceding that it is all wrong.

You cannot shout for Christ and at the same time help Pontius Pilate to send him to Calvary.—Ex.

Man and Wealth.

That system of political economy which makes wealth and not man the ultimatum is based on a monstrous fallacy—on a fallacy so slavish and so detestable that the wonder is how accomplished and personally amiable men can be found as its abettors. The fallacy is in taking the rents of the landlord and the profits of the capitalist as the measure of good and evil, instead of taking the condition of the cultivators and of the laborers (the many) as the sure index of the character of a system. Whatever tends to debase man, to make him physically, intellectually or morally a lower being, is bad, however much or little the wealth produced may be. The wealth is not the stable element. It is an accidental, and by no means an important adjunct. Man is the stable element. His condition is the standard. His improvement is good. His deterioration is an evil. And this is independently of all other considerations. All other conditions are secondary, dependent, subsidiary to the great intention. Man is not useful as he produces wealth, but wealth is useful as it sustains man, ameliorates his condition, improves his capacities, gives opportunities for his further cultivation and aids his progress in the great scheme of human regeneration.—A Physician.

An Object Lesson.

Farmer—I have just received this notice from you, Mr. Morgan, and I am very much troubled about it. If you will pardon me, I would like to ask you how soon do you think, if McKinley is elected, an international agreement for the free coinage of silver can be perfected?

Banker—Well, I think we can confidently expect to bring it about in ten years. Yes, let me see. Yes, I think it is safe to say in ten years.

Farmer—Ten years, did you say? Heaven protect us! Why, my dear Mr. Morgan, my farm will be gone long before that time, and my children will have grown up in ignorance.

Banker—Possibly so, my friend, but be loyal to the old party; be patriotic; be honest. What is a home compared to the gold standard platform of our party? What is an educated family compared with a reputation for honor and patience such as you will have if you can hold out until England gives us permission to coin silver?—Vidette.

The authors of the metallic money system were the fellows who believed the world was flat, that the sun and moon circled around it, and that it was their duty to have as many wives as the situation would admit of.

PINGREE SPEAKS OUT.

MICHIGAN'S GOVERNOR CANNOT BE BLUFFED.

Will Make It Warm for the Plutocrats—He Is a Populist at Heart—He Condemns Big Fortunes and the Purchase of Foreign Titles.

The first suggestion of the name of Gov. Pingree of Michigan for president of the United States came from Miss Mary B. Miller, a pupil of the Englewood high school, Chicago. In an address on the political situation over a year ago she very cleverly summed up the evils of our times and pointed out certain remedies, such as government ownership of all monopolies, including gold and silver mines and the unlimited coinage of both metals. Pingree, then mayor of Detroit, was suggested as the man to lead the people to the promised land. It was predicted that he would become governor of Michigan in 1897 and that he would later on be named by the Republican party for president of the United States. In event that the McKinley administration fails to bring prosperity, and we are sorry to say it will, Pingree would be the logical Republican candidate in 1900. What effect would such a condition of affairs have on the Populist and the Democratic parties? There was a general shaking up of parties in 1896, but if the Republicans name Pingree there will be a worse shaking up in 1900. One thing certain, all the Republican party would not take Pingree. The Hannacrats would flock with the Clevelandcrats and it would be a battle between the plutocracy and the people. The people of the country will watch proceedings in Michigan from now on. That state will be a theater of action. Although a nominal Republican Pingree is in reality a Populist. All the corporations were against him in the late campaign. Yet the people elected him by a tremendous plurality. He ran ahead of McKinley almost 50,000 votes. Just read what he said on the eve of his administration as governor:

"I don't believe in these great fortunes. Here are the Vanderbilts, with their $100,000,000 apiece. That means an income of at least $5,000,000 and perhaps more. Figure that down and it means an income of about $12,000 a day.

"Think of it," declared the Governor, raising his hands above his head; "one man having an income as large as that of 15,000 of his fellow citizens combined. I believe we ought to have some kind of a law regulating those things. It seems the constitution won't let us have an income tax and won't let us have an inheritance tax. I guess the constitution needs amendments to it, so we can do something.

"They talk of limiting the number of hours in a day's work. Why should not the amount of money that any one can pile up be limited? After they get so much let the accumulations be turned over to the government to lessen the taxes of the people."

"What is your idea of a proper sized fortune?" he was asked.

"I haven't made up my mind on that yet. When Carter Harrison died he left $350,000 to each of his children and gave the balance of his fortune to charitable objects, saying he thought $350,000 enough for any one man to have.

"Why, when you get these fortunes up into the big millions, you see fathers taking their daughters to Europe for a sale to a duke or prince. How much did the Vanderbilts have to pay for their Duke? What was it C. P. Huntington got? It was a full-fledged prince, wasn't it?

"A lawyer who represented the prince in that affair told me that Huntington was going to give the money to the bride. You see the lawyers arrange all these details. After everything was ready for the wedding, and it was just about to come off, and the transfer was about to be made to the bride, the Prince called a halt. No, sir, the money had to be paid over to the Prince, and Huntington had to come to time.

"I tell you such things are a disgrace to a nation. If people haven't enough sense not to do such things, the law ought to limit their incomes."

Good for Pingree! We need such men in these times, no matter by which party name they chose to be known. Illinois has lost an Altgeld, but Michigan gets a Pingree. The principles of the Populist party will not down. The star of the people is in the ascendant. God reigns.—Vox Populi.

A Relic of Barbarism.

Metal money—gold and silver—has been in use thousands of years and we should continue its use, argues the hard money advocate. In the early colonial days people were charged with witchcraft and burned at the stake. Hundreds of years ago when a culprit escaped justice, punishment was administered to his relatives. Civilization has advanced in everything but providing for an enlightened method for the transaction of business. The old barbaric, superstitious idea of metal money holds to an otherwise advanced civilization with wonderful tenacity.—Missouri World.

A New York newspaper, after careful investigation, fixes upon $25,000 a year as the amount necessary to dress a fashionable woman in a way to make her happy. Half that amount would make the ordinary farmer and his wife both happy during their whole lifetime.

When a republican office-seeker begins to talk populist doctrine it is well enough to consider whether he does it from conviction or a desire to add to his chances to secure an office.

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We are glad to learn that the bill providing for a board of revenue for Chilton county has been shelved in committee and will probably never more be heard of. Its introduction was a mistake and it could never have proven acceptable to the people of this county. "Let the dead past bury its dead"—it has gone, so we will say no more about it.

A BILL repealing the Sayre election law was passed in the House by a vote of 75 to 11. It is to be hoped it will also pass the Senate. The bill provides for the repeal of the Sayre law and the re-enactment of the law of 1886. In the debate on the measure Messrs. Longshore of Shelby and Mr. Reynolds of Chilton took the position that as a choice of two evils they preferred the lesser and voted in favor of repealing the Sayre law. We are entirely of the same opinion. Although there should not be much difficulty in framing a fair election law, almost anything is better than the Sayre law, which has been denounced by all parties, and proven satisfactory to none.

A CALL has been issued for a meeting of Reform editors and publishers at Kansas City, February 22, for the purpose of organizing a genuine People's Press Association. The need of a real live, progressive reform press association is urgent, and we hope this meeting will be largely attended. The reform press needs cohesiveness; our efforts should be made in unison; the education of the people demands something more than individual partisan attempts to influence local politics. More can be accomplished by concerted action in any of the affairs of life than by isolated efforts of individuals, let them be ever so numerous and enthusiastic. We hope and believe the new Association will be a grand success from the start.

THE charter for the city of Clanton has passed the House and it is to be presumed our citizens will now begin to investigate its provisions. That which could have properly been done at first will perforce have to be attended to now. Our objections have never been against the charter itself but to the fact the citizens were all in the dark in connection with it. Those who have to pay the taxes have at least the right to know what they are to pay for. No sensible man invests his money in any concern without making himself acquainted with the merits of the business he is going into. The incorporating of a town is a matter of business and of vital importance to all those affected by it. Already on the streets prospective candidates for the offices of mayor and marshal are being discussed and we hope the discussion will be full and free, so that the very best men in the town may be elected to those offices.

A CONSTITUTIONAL convention we believe to be inevitable. If a fair and honest expression of the will of the people can be obtained we are in favor of it. Under existing conditions, however, we are somewhat dubious of the intentions of those manipulating the movement. A bill is now under consideration in the House, providing for an election to be held on Tuesday, August 3, 1897, when a vote will be taken whether the convention shall be held or not. At the same time delegates are to be elected to the convention. Of course, if the vote is against the convention the delegates will not be required. But can we depend upon the vote being counted as it is cast? There's the rub. The intention of holding the convention at any cost is so palpable we more than half fear it.

For the purpose of keeping our accounts straight with our subscribers we purpose during the next few weeks to write under each name as we mail the paper the date each subscription is due. If by any means there should be any mistake on our part we ask you to kindly let us know it at your earliest convenience. We have a few subscribers who are a long way in arrears, and we must respectfully remind them that we cannot afford to send them the paper indefinitely unless they come forward and make satisfactory arrangements. It would be as well perhaps to say here once more that subscriptions are due in advance and we sincerely trust that all subscribers who find the date is passed when they should have renewed will at once remedy the oversight. One thing more in this connection to some of our friends who seem to imagine newspaper men have lots of money to loan. Our clubbing rates are cut to the lowest point and are intended for subscribers only who pay in advance for a full year. No credit whatever can be given for clubbing papers—cash is the only thing that goes. One gentleman is now highly indignant with us because we could not send him another paper besides THE BANNER on credit. We are sorry, but it does not rest with us, it's the other paper man who refuses to send out a single paper until he receives the cash. If your other paper fails to come regularly, do not write to THE BANNER but complain direct to that paper.

DURING a debate in the House on a bill to prevent persons who make advances or loans upon cotton or agricultural products, to be delivered in the future, from exacting commissions for selling or storing cotton or agricultural products not actually grown by the borrower, our Representative, Hon. L. H. Reynolds, in supporting the bill related several incidents where "warehousemen get from 40 to 75 per cent. interest on money advanced, by making the farmer contract to deliver his probable crop. The crop came out short, but the farmer had to pay storage and commission on all this "probable" crop just the same."

The Progressive Farmer, the organ of the National Farmers' Alliance, says:

"We have just learned of a gigantic and diabolical combine about to be effected to control the price of cotton

"The plan is to secure charters and establish gins with compress attachments at as many points as possible in the cotton states. The bales are to be round instead of square. Cotton buyers will co operate and force farmers to have their cotton ginned at these new gins by refusing to pay as much for cotton put up in the ordinary way. This will compel the present owners of gins to go out of business.

"The railroads will haul round bales cheaper than square bales. The cotton seed oil mill will, like the new gins and compresses, be located mainly on railroad lines, and the seed men will always be on hand to get bargains, as many farmers would sell seed cheaper rather than haul them a long distance home.

"To defeat this scheme it will require the united efforts of all the farmers in the cotton states. It is probable application will be made for charters for such enterprises to the present and all legislatures held in the near future."

Loweville Locals.

Mr. John Marlar visited Jemison last Sunday.

Mr. George Lodge, of Lomax, visited Loweville last week.

We are glad to see Mr. D. B. Lowe out again after a few week's illness.

Mr. C. W. McDaniel is a frequent visitor to Loweville.

Some of Clanton's fair young ladies visited here Sunday eve.

AUNT HANNAH.

Lily Lyrics.

Farmers have begun preparing for another crop, though very little plowing has been done in this section.

There has bekn a great deal of grippe in this section and bad colds of the worst type are prevalent; no serious sickness.

Rev. W. M. Woods filled Rev. F. M. Woods' appointment at Mulberry last fourth Sunday.

Mr. B. E. Jones, of Vinegar Bend, sent his father, Mr. Seaborn Jones, a ham of venison last Monday, which was appreciated very much.

Mr. Ben Hammond, of Birmingham, spent last week here among friends.

The Sunday-school at Mulberry is still moving nicely.

Some people build their fence so near the public road you can hardly pass along without coming in contact with it. CLINT.

Political Pointers.

People's Press Bureau, St. Louis, Mo., Feb. 2, 1896.

The first step toward Pacific Railroad foreclosure was granted January 21st by Judge Sanborn, at St Louis. Permission to foreclose on that part of the road between Council Bluffs and Ogden was given.

Lyman Gage, the Chicago banker whom "Coin" Harvey made one of the pupils in his now famous school, much to that gentleman's disgust, has been offered the Treasury portfolio in McKinley's cabinet.

Senator Lee Mantle is responsible for the statement that there are as many different kinds of Republicans as there are Democrats. He also says that the Silver Republicans will at once begin to organize and will be prepared to put candidates in the field by the next election.

The vote in the Colorado legislature for Senator Teller stood 92 for and 61 against.

Senator Peffer announces that he will, on the expiration of his term, return to Topeka, Kansas, and edit the "Advocate" on strictly "middle-of-the-road" lines.

When "Coin" Harvey attempted to speak to the workmen in the G. N. R. R. Co.'s shops, during the campaign, a whistle was blown to silence him and then the men were put to work twenty minutes before regular time. The men were supposed to vote for McKinley. It is of interest to note that 200 of these men were recently dismissed owing to the hard times.

The legislature of South Dakota has seated three Republicans in places contested by Populists.

The question of bimetallism is being strongly agitated in Pennsylvania and silver clubs are being organized throughout the state.

The Populist legislators are making things lively down in Oklahoma and are passing some good bills.

Gov. Pinagree, of Michigan, persists in being both mayor and governor. He has, however, found time to offer a handsome prize to any student, male or female, who shall prepare the longest list on obsolete laws that have been enacted in the state.

The election of Harris of Kansas to the senate is a vindication of that state from the charge of gross sectionalism, under which she has so long suffered. Harris is an ex-Confederate soldier, and that he should occupy the seat from which the late John J. Ingalls issued his historic "bloody shirt" manifestos, is cause for national gratulation.

The question of whether to hold a constitutional convention or to amend the present constitution is agitating Kansas. The former will, it is estimated, cost the state $700,000 Sixty-three bills were read in the legislature there in one day.

The Populist State Committee is called to meet at Austin, Texas, Feb 18, 1897.

The People's Party State Central Committee of Missouri met at Jefferson City, January 22, and formulated plans for the future. The extremists were badly worsted.

Ex-Governor Altgeld affirms that the increased vote in Ohio since 1892 would indicate an increase in that state of nearly 1,000,000 inhabitants while the vote in Illinois indicates an increase of 1,200,000 in the same time. The Republican legislators of Illinois are planning to pass an anti-fusion bill.

The latest combine is a clothing trust. The annual output of the companies combining is $350,000,000. They have announced that they intend only to protect themselves from "long credits and rank competition." Of course everybody believes them. (?)

W. J. Bryan's book has gone to the publishers and is expected to be ready for sale within ten days.

The suffering of the poor in the cities beggars description. The mayor of Chicago has issued a proclamation calling for $100,000 as the lowest amount that can avert the starvation of hundreds of people who have been in enforced idleness. Doctors are issuing burial certificates giving starvation as the cause of death. A. R.

Growing Children

One-third of all the children die before they are five years old. Most of them die of some wasting disease. They grow very slowly; keep thin in flesh; are fretful; food does not do them much good. You can't say they have any disease, yet they never prosper. A slight cold, or some stomach and bowel trouble takes them away easily.

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CORRESPONDENCE.

[We are willing to publish our subscribers views at any time, but it must be distinctly understood we do not hold ourselves responsible for these opinions.—EDITOR.]

Jemison, Ala., Feb. 1, 1877.

Editor BANNER: Amidst all our home folks and the community suffering with la grippe and the severity of the cold weather, we feel thankful that it has been no worse, especially after learning of the awful sufferings from cold and destitution in Chicago, and other places where thousands have been kept alive by the intervention and aid given by the mayor's proclamation, and all other available help hastily given to save life.

So far that we know the sick in our neighborhood are convalescing. We now hope that as January has paid up all her dues in snow, ice and cold in general, we may trust future developments for weather ahead.

People should look carefully to the health of cattle after such cold

Kellett Campbell has taken charge of the West Calera lime kiln, while his sister, Mrs. Gist, remains in Washington, D.C. His work however along with many others was almost suspended last week, caused by the cold. We feel exceedingly thankful to Editor BANNER for mustering enough courage amid the cold to bring out his worthy paper. We should never neglect him, while he is so mindful of us.

MRS. IRA CAMPBELL.

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If you favor a stock law for this beat come to the meeting at Clanton on Saturday and say so. If you do not favor it come and oppose it.

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THE MISSING WORD.

A New Chance for Our Subscribers to Make Money.

We call the attention of our readers to the interesting details of our clubbing proposition with The Atlanta Weekly Constitution, published in full elsewhere. As will be seen, the joint price of our paper and The Weekly Constitution for one year is but $1.50. Every subscriber will not only get the two papers for little more than the price of one, but will, in addition, have a chance to participate without cost in the "Missing Word Contest," the premiums for which are offered by both papers. Every subscriber is entitled to guess at the missing word in the following sentence:

"Supply and demand are as intimately '.....' as cause and effect,"

and the one who supplies the correct word will be entitled to 10 per cent. of the amount received from subscriptions not only from The Constitution, but all of the papers participating in the clubbing offer with The Constitution between now and the 1st of March. The Constitution guarantees that at least FIVE HUNDRED DOLLARS IN CASH will be distributed, and probably the amount will be between $1,000 to $2,000. If more than one person supplies correctly the missing word, the cash amount will be distributed among the successful guessers.

A few months ago The Weekly Constitution offered $1,000 in cash to the subscriber guessing the size of the year's cotton crop as announced by the New Orleans exchange. The successful guesser was Mr. R. T. Poole, of Rockingham, N. C., who received immediately after the announcement of the crop by the New Orleans cotton exchange $1,000 in cash from The Weekly Constitution, enabling him to buy the farm which he was then renting and pay himself out of debt.

Every intelligent person should subscribe to his home paper and take at least one general newspaper which covers the news of the world. This The Constitution does better than any southern weekly newspaper, and the fact that it has now the largest circulation of any weekly newspaper published on the wistern hemisphere attests to its popularity. It publishes 156,000 copies every week and goes into more homes in the southern and western states than any weekly newspaper published in America.

You want your home paper; and when you can get it in connection with The Weekly Constitution for almost the price of one and in addition become a participant in the great missing word contest, announced elsewhere, you should take prompt advantage of the combination. Remit the combination price to us and send your guess of the missing word along with it, and we will forward your name to The Constitution, and your guess will be duly recorded. If you are already a subscriber to our paper and want The Weekly Constitution, forward us ONE DOLLAR with your guess of the missing word and we will see that it is sent to The Constitution.

The proposition is an attractive one, and it is to be hoped that some readers of this paper will supply the correct missing word in the above sentence.

RESOLUTIONS OF RESPECT.

Mrs. Mary Watts.

WHEREAS it has pleased our Heavenly Father to remove from this world, our beloved sister, Mrs. Mary Watts, be it

RESOLVED by the members of the Clanton M. E. Church South,

We can truthfully bear testimony to the Christian character and useful life of our departed Sister, and to her love for, and interest in the church. We have every evidence that she has gone to dwell with the Lord in Glory.

We appreciate her lovely character, especially in relation to her fidelity and devotion in her home life. She was a great sufferer, but bore her affliction with submission, and when asked about her spiritual condition, replied: "I have all faith and I am trusting in Jesus." That we hereby tender our deepest sympathies to the bereaved family and relatives, commending them sincerely to that Comforter, who is able to soothe the most bitter sorrow of the human heart, and fervently praying that through faith in her Saviour they may all be prepared to meet her at "the Beautiful Gate.

"When my farewell to the world I have said,
And gladly lie down to my rest;
When soft y the watchers shall say, 'she is dead,'
And fold my pale hands o'er my breast:
And when with my glorified vision at last;
The walls of 'that city' I see,
With anyone there at the beautiful gate,
Be waiting and watching for me?"

That a copy of these resolutions be sent to the bereaved family, to the "Alabama Christian Advocate" and to "THE BANNER."

Respectfully submitted,
MRS. BELLE J. MATTHEWS
MRS. LULA DUDLEY
E. Y. MCMORRIES
Clanton, Ala., Feb 1, 1897.

Condensed Testimony.

Chas. B. Hood, Broker and Manufacturer's Agent, Columbus, Ohio, certifies that Dr. King's New Discovery has no equal as a Cough remedy. J. D Brown, Prop. St. James Hotel, Ft. Wayne, Ind., testifies that he was cured of a Cough of two years standing, caused by La Grippe, by Dr. King's New Discovery. B F Merrill, Baldwinsville, Mass., says that he has used and recommended it and never knew it to fail and would rather have it than any doctor, because it always cures. Mrs. Hemming, 222 E. 25th St., Chicago, always keeps it at hand and has no fear of Croup, because it instantly relieves. Free Trial Bottles at J. S Johnson, Jr. Drug Store.

$10,000 REWARD

For the arrest and evidence to convict the party or parties who wrecked or caused to be wrecked the Bridge over the Cahaba river in Bibb county Alabama, belonging to the Southern Railway, and thereby causing the wreck of Birmingham Mineral Passenger Train No. 40, Sunday, December 27th, 1896, and the consequent death of twenty-one persons and injury to others.

J. G. METCALFE, Gen. Man.
Louisville & Nashville R. R. Co.
W. H. GREEN, Gen. Sup't.
Southern Railway Company.
December 30, 1896.

Notice of Special Law.

Notice is hereby given that application will be made at the present session of the Legislature for the passage of a bill for the relief of Mrs. J. C. Langford, Mrs. Elizabeth Hunt, Mrs. Mattie Mooney and Mrs. Norcessa Durbin, of Chilton county, authorizing them to participate in the distribution of the funds for the relief of needy Confederate soldiers, appropriated under Act approved February 13th, 1890.

L. H. REYNOLDS.
January 20th, 1897.

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Final Proof Notice.

Notice No. 18826.

Land Office at Montgomery, Ala., Jan. 26, 1897.

Notice is hereby given that the following-named settler has filed notice of his intention to make final proof in support of his claim, and that said proof will be made before The Clerk of the Circuit Court at Clanton, Ala., on March 6th, 1897, viz: John A Roseberry, Homestead entry, No. 25,907, for the s-1-4 of se1-4, section 26 tp 21 north of range 14 east.

He names the following witnesses to prove his continuous residence upon and cultivation of said land, viz: Bowen L. Jones, John L. Smith, Peter A. Valre, James R. Broadhead, all of Kuckum Ala.

G. POLLELL, Register.

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TOWN ITEMS

Commissioners' Court meets second Monday in February, first Monday in April, second Monday in May, second Monday in July, second Monday in August, and first Monday in November.

Clinton Cotton Market.

Price to-day 6⅞ cents.

Bales received to-date:	
Sampey	1891
Mullins	1002
Wilson	456
	3349

A CALL.

The citizens of Beat 4 Chilton county are hereby called to meet at Clanton at 1 o'clock on Saturday next February 6, 1897, to consider a proposed Stock Law for said beat.

Signed J. TEEL,
J. J. THOMPSON,
J. H. EASTERLING.

If you want a Piano or Organ we can sell you one at a low figure and on easy terms. THE BANNER, Clanton.

FERTILIZERS for sale by W. L. SAMPEY, Clanton.

Mrs. Jack Gullahorn left last week to rejoin her husbaud at Jasper, Ala., where Mr. Gullahorn has secured a position.

Mr. E. G. Rollins, of Energy, braved the frozen roads and came to town last Friday.

Mr. T. J. Arnold who recently bought out Mr. W. F. Culp is making room for his new stock and has some fine bargains. He will be glad for his friends to call and see him at the Post Office store.

Mr. W. F. Culp has returned to Clanton, after a visit to relatives in Mountain Creek.

The many friends of Miss Gussie Allen will be delighted to know that she is in Clanton.

Dr. A. J. Massey will be at the Duke House, Clanton, on Monday the 15th inst., and following week, to extract teeth by his painless process. All other fine dental practice done. Come promptly. Gold crown and bridge work done on short notice and special prices.

We are sorry to note the fact that Mr. Durword Foshee is at home this week on the sick list.

If you want a Plow Horse or Mule or Milch Cow go to the Alliance Co-operative Co. at Jemison. We have horses and mules and milch cows to sell on time.

L. H. REYNOLDS, M'g'r.

We are glad to see the site of the old court house being cleared.

Mr. W. H. Foshee went to Montgomery yesterday.

Mrs. Hannon is visiting Wadsworth this week.

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Marriage licenses have been granted this week by the Probate Judge to the following persons.

Mr. A. R. Wilson and Miss Emma Thrash; Mr. Alex Bolton and Miss Doscia Martin; Mr. James W. Maddox and Miss Charlotte M. Mims.

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Married last Thursday at the courthouse Mr. A. R. Wilson and Miss Emma Thrash and Mr. Alex Bolton and Miss Doscia Martin. The Judge does not often have the pleasure of making four people happy at the same time. We wish them all happiness.

Last Sunday at the residence of the bride's parents Rev. J. H. Thompson united Mr. James W. Maddox and Miss Charlotte M. Mims. Long may they live and prosper.

Mr. A. O. Davis returned from Texas this morning.

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George W. Scarbrough left Clanton about eighteen month ago for Canyon City, north-west Texas and has not been heard of since. His father died a few weeks ago, his brother Jim C. Scarbrough will be glad to hear from him or for any information regarding his present locality.

Texas papers please copy.

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Administrator's Notice of Final Settlement.

The State of Alabama,
Chilton County.

W. F. LAWRENCE, Deceased,
Estate of.

This day came W. M. Lawrence, the administrator of said estate and filed his statement, accounts, vouchers, and evidences, for a final settlement of his administration: It is ordered that the 15 day of February, 1897, be appointed a day on which to make such settlement, at which time all persons interested can appear and contest the said settlement, if they think proper.

R. M. HOXLEY, Jr.
Judge of Probate Chilton County.

Mortgage Sale.

Under and by virtue of a mortgage executed to the undersigned by J. B. Crane and A. M. Crane, and recorded in mortgage book No. 66, pages 573-6 in the office of the Judge of Probate of Chilton county, I will proceed to sell on the

10th DAY OF FEBRUARY, 1897

for cash in front of the court house of said county within the hours of legal sale the following described property, to wit:

The w⅓ of the ne¼ of sec 3 tp 20 ro 13 e containing 80 acres more or less situated in Chilton county, Alabama, also one black mare mule name Nig, one two horse wagon and harness.

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By A. C. SHELTON, His Atty.

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Longstreet Locals.

The farmers of this section are considerably behind with their work on the account of bad weather.

Mr. Burl Burnett, of Strasburg, visited Longstreet Sunday eve.

Mr. Wesley Danforth, of Loweville, was a pleasant visitor to Longstreet Sunday.

Messrs F. R. Woodyard and J. B. Marler of Loweville visited here last Sunday.

Miss Rhoda Thacker visited some of her Longstreet friends Sunday.

Misses Willis was very busy last Sunday entertaining their many friends.

Misses Goodgame and Willis and brothers of Longstreet visited friends near Salem Saturday.

We deeply sympathize with Mr. W. M. Armstrong in the death of her father.

Mrs. Nola Thacker visited Mr. Tom Baker's family last week.

Mr. Marion Gore visited his sister near Cane Creek last week.

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Final Proof Notice.

Notice No. 18758.

Land Office at Montgomery, Ala., Jan. 5, 1897.

Notice is hereby given that the following named settler has filed notice of his intention to make final proof in support of his claim, and that said proof will be made before the Clerk of the Circuit Court, at Clanton, Ala., on February 13, 1897, viz.: Mary J. Oates, Homestead Entry No. 26,949, for the sw¼ of ne¼, Section 23 tp 21 north of r 15 east.

He names the following witnesses to prove his continuous residence upon, and cultivation of, said land, viz.: Peter A. Vance, of Kincheon, Ala., William Roper, of Kincheon, Ala., Bowen L. Jones, of Kincheon, Ala., William W. Williams, of Lily, Ala.

H. PURCELL, Register.

Final Proof Notice.

Notice No. 18794.

Land Office at Montgomery, Ala., Jan. 15, 1897.

Notice is hereby given that the following named settler has filed notice of his intention to make final proof in support of his claim, and that said proof will be made before The Clerk of the Circuit Court at Clanton, Ala., on Feb. 27th, 1897, viz: Edzaleigh Moses, Homestead entry, No. 25,219, for the w½ of ne¼, section 10 to 22 north of r 15 east.

He names the following witnesses to prove his continuous residence upon and cultivation of, said land, viz: John Clicker, Augustus Baker, Jesse Thomas, Thomas Smith, all of Clanton, Ala.

H. PURCELL, Register.

Final Proof Notice.

Notice No. 18795.

Land Office at Montgomery, Ala., Jan. 17, 1897.

Notice is hereby given that the following named settler has filed notice of his intention to make final proof in support of his claim, and that said proof will be made before The Clerk of the Circuit Court at Clanton, Ala., on Feb. 27, 1897, viz: Noah Pelmer, Homestead entry, No. 26,614, for the e½ of sw¼ and w½ of se¼ sec 11 tp 20 r 15 east.

He names the following witnesses to prove his continuous residence upon and cultivation of, said land, viz: Noah Pelmer, Andersonville, Willis F. Sims, Thomas Anderson, Artan G. Hicks, all of Clanton, Ala.

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STATE LEGISLATURE.

The Work of the Alabama Law Makers.

Wednesday.—The house refused to reconsider the vote by which the back tax commission bill was passed, and it now goes to the Senate.

The House Committe on Commerce and Common Carriers reported adversely the bill to create a new railroad commission and enact a new code of laws to govern railroads.

A minority report was, however, filed by members of the committee, favoring the passage of the bill, which was placed on the calendar under adverse report.

The following bills were introduced in the House to-day:

H. 943, by Beasley—To allow persons, other than doctors, who effect a cure of cancers, to charge for and collect for the same. Public Health.

H. 944, by Mr. Pitts—To amend section 3612 of the code of Alabama. Judiciary.

H. 954, by Mr. Lawson—To amend section 2311 (2674) of the code. Judiciary.

H. 955, by Mr. Hill—To amend section 3787 (4344) of the code of Alabama. Judiciary.

H. 956, Also—To amend section 3787 (4344) of the code of Alabama. Judiciary.

H. 950, by Mr. Smith—To prevent the buying or selling of cotton, meat, wheat or other commodity under contract agreement for the future delivery thereof within or without this State. Revision of Laws.

Thursday.—The Davis Election bill having been made a special order for to-day in the House, was called at 11 o'clock, and brought about a long and spirited discussion. This measure provides for repeal of the Sayre Election law, and re-enactment of the code of 1886. Davis, of Marion, author of the bill, and one of the most prominent young members of the General Assembly, has taken a great deal of interest in this measure, and has worked diligently to the end of its passage. He made a strong speech in advocacy of the measure on the floor to-day. Green, of Jefferson, made the opening argument for the opposition, and was followed by Lipscomb. Both made forcible defense of the existing law.

Longshore, of Shelby; Reynolds, of Chilton, two Populists, preferred the lesser of two evils. Neither indorsed the law of 1886; nor indorsed the Sayre—they simply preferred the law of 1886, and said they are in accord with their constituents. But the debate did not wax exceeding warm until Heflin, of Chambers, came forward, with a fire of eloquence, and touched his torch to the latent enthusiasm of an overworked body. He opposed the Sayre law on account of its secrecy in the matter of casting ballots, and implored its repeal. Davis closed the discussion, and the bill passed by a vote of 75 to 11.

Not as much opposition was developed to the measure as was expected, though it was almost a foregone conclusion that the Davis bill would pass the House. When the bill reaches the Senate it will find its author in the presiding chair of that body. Its destiny is hard to predict just at this time.

The Committee on Rules this morning reported in favor of the proposed measure providing for a Constitutional Convention, and that it be made a special order for next Monday morning and a continued order until disposed of.

The following general bills were introduced:

H. 984, by Greene—To regulate the liens of municipal corporations against real property for improvement or betterments of any kind made by such corporations. Corporations.

H. 985, Also—To regulate the lien of municipal corporations for taxes and to provide when such taxes become delinquent. Corporations.

H. 986, by Mr. Abercrombie—To further regulate elections in the State of Alabama. Privileges and Elections.

H. 995, by Mr. Heflin—To reduce the fees of probate judge now allowed by for filing and recording crop lien notes. Claims and Fees.

H. 981, by Hogan—To prevent discrimination by the public carriers on any of the waters of this State. Commerce and Common Carriers.

H. 989, Also—To amend section 1750 of the code of Alabama. Judiciary.

H. 990, by Mr. Waller, of Hale—To punish any person who pollutes or contaminates waters supplied to cities and towns of the State. Judiciary.

H. 991, Also—To confer upon persons, companies or corporations supplying water to cities, towns or villages, the right to buy and acquire or condemn real estate, the acquisition of which may be necessary to prevent the pollution of their water supply. Judiciary.

At 1 o'clock the House adjourned until 3 o'clock.

The afternoon sessions, called for under the resolutions passed last week, will be devoted entirely to the passage of local bills.

Wednesday.—Senator Cunningham occupied the entire morning session of the Senate in an able speech in advocacy of his Convict bill.

Thursday.—The Cunningham Convict bill having been made a continuing special order until disposed of by the Senate, was brought up this morning after the reports of standing committees, and provoked a discussion, in which part was taken by many of the leading members of that body. The Senate went into a Committee of the Whole, and took up the measure seriatim.

Senator Hogue, of Perry, by request, took the chair. He is one of the best parliamentarians of the present Assembly, and dispatched the business this morning in an able manner.

Senator Sayre led the opposition to the bill.

Senator Bethune opposed the bill as a whole in his forcible manner of argument.

Senator Brewer offered an amendment by striking Lowndes County from the provisions of section one, but the motion was lost.

It is apparent that the bill will pass the Senate by the contest of votes cast on subordinate points in the discussion to-day.

Dr. Cunningham introduced a bill allowing hotel proprietors to sell baggage in lieu of unpaid board and storage bills.

The following was the only general bill introduced:

By Cunningham—For the relief of Confederate soldiers. Finance.

This bill exempts from all State, county and city license tax for engaging in any lawful business, except making and selling liquor, under the following conditions:

That he was disabled by wounds received of became invalid from exposure during the civil war; that he has less than $1,500 of property; that he be over 50 years of age and of good moral character.

Friday.—In the House to-day, the Barnes Railroad bill occupied a large part of the morning session. In substance, the lengthy measure is as follows:

"To provide for the regulation of railroad companies and persons in this State; and to provide for the location and building of passenger and freight depots, and to regulate rates of storage to be charged; to prevent unjust discriminations in the rates charged for transportation of passengers and freights, and to prohibit railroad companies, corporations and lessees in this State from charging other than just and reasonable rates, and to proscribe a mode of procedure and rules of evidence in relation thereto; and to appoint commissioners, and prescribe their powers and duties in relation to the same."

The advocacy of the bill was led by Hons. Barnes, Bauldin, Brandon, Brown (of Talladega), Cameron and Sheldon. The opposition was led by Meador, Waller (of Hale), Greene, Wiley and Kyle.

The bill was finally made a special order for to-morrow at 10:30 a. m., when the House shall go into a Committee of the Whole, and take the measure up seriatim. There is a heavy lobby here on this bill, and insinuations of filibustering and corporation influence were discussed on the floor this morning.

The next issue of great importance before the House is the Constitutional Convention bill, by the sturdy and popular young Democrat of Wilcox, Hon. S. C. Jenkins. Mr. Jenkins has devoted almost his entire time to this measure, and his bill has been made a special order for next Monday at 11 o'clock.

Friday.—In the Housse, to-day, the house resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole for the purpose of considering the remainder of the Cunningham Convict bill. The twenty-second section had been reached and adopted at the recess of yesterday's session. Those who participated in the discussion to-day were Senators Cunningham, Case, Hall, Moody, McElderry and Brewer, the latter leading the opposition, and Cunningham, the author of the measure, fighting for its passage. The entire morning session was devoted to this discussion, but a vote will probably not be reached upon the bill in its entirety until day after to-morrow, and probably not until even a later date, as the afternoon sessions are devoted to the passage of local bills.

Saturday.—In accordance with a motion adopted at yesterday's session, the House of Representatives this morning resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole and proceeded to take up the Barnes Railroad bill seriatim. The entire morning session was devoted to section 1 of the bill. The first twenty or thirty minutes after the bill was called up there was another tempest of disorder resembling that of yesterday morning's session, and it seemed for a time that the transaction of business would be a thing impossible. Finally the parliamentary discussion was disposed of and peace reigned supreme.

Longshore (Pop., of Shelby,) offered an amendamnt to this section, providing that members of the Railroad Commission appointed by the Governor, shall be chosen from the three dominant parties—Democratic, Republican and Populist, respectfully. Discussion of this amendment consumed the remainder of the morning session, and when the hour of adjournment arrived the first amendment to the first section of the lengthy bill had not been acted upon.

Hon. A. Y. Glover, of Greene, made a strong speech in opposition to the measure, and had the floor when the House adjourned.

Barnes, of Lee, author of the bill, led the fight in favor of section 1 in its entirety.

Timberlake, of Jackson, and Glover, of Greene, opposed provisions of the entire bill, and while they were the only members who participated in the discussion of the merits of section 1, there was considerable private work done on the floor by both sides.

Saturday.—The Cunningham Convict bill passed the Senate this morning by a continuing special order for the past a vote of 19 to 6. This bill has been three days, and has consumed the entire morning sessions of that body for such a period. The measure was discussed seriatim, and several amendments offered, the majority of which were defeated. The bill as passed was amended so as to provide that only 40 per cent. of the State convicts can be let out to miners under lease system, and these shall be from the first and second class only.

A few local bills only, were introduced in the Senate, and the following general bills were passed:

S. 219, by Brown (Judiciary, favorably, with amendment)—To regulate the summoning and attendance of witnesses in civil causes, and prescribe the duties of parties to suits and clerks of courts in reference thereto.

S. 287, by Mr. Brown (also favorably) —To amend an act entitled "an act to provide for the County Court of Blount County, to be held at the court house at Bangor for the trial of all causes cognizable in said court arising in the Western Division of said county, approved February 21, 1893.

S. 256, by Mr. Brown (also favorably) —To require circuit solicitors to attend all Circuit Courts and supercede county solicitors therein.

S. 296, by Mr. Matthews—To fix the rate of charges for rec. and transcribing in the State and county offices in the State.

FELL TWENTY-FIVE FEET.

A Brooklyn Elevated Engine and One Car Plunge to the Ground.

Broklyn, N. Y.—The ice and snow, with an open switch, were the cause of an engine and one car of the Brooklyn elevated railroad to leave the structure at Fulton and Bradford streets, falling to the ground, a distance of twenty-five feet. Several persons were injured, as well as the car and engine being demolished. Two persons, it is said, will die. The injured are:

Thomas Caffney, engineer of engine No. 74, living at 653 Chauncey street: skull fractured and other injuries to the body.

George Thomas, of Canarsie, fireman of the same engine; scalded on face and limbs by escaping steam; both taken to St. Mary's Hospital.

Albert Brown, engineer of engine No. 67; several wounds to the scalp.

Thomas Heath, of No. 341 New Jersey avenue, fireman with Brown, left leg amputated.

Henry Sebers, of No. 134 Cleveland street; sprain of left leg.

J. Hanbury, of Railroad and New Jersey avenues, Jersey City; fracture of spine.

Andrew Grogans, of No. 8 Montauk avenue, contusion of the hips.

Henry Hinke, of Railroad avenue, near Jamaica, scalp wounds.

Heath and Caffney will die. The latter was in charge of engine No. 74 of the Lexington avenue branch, that left the Brooklyn Bridge at 6:15 o'clock, and was on its way to Cypress Hill Cemetery. Four cars made up the train, but only a few passengers were in them. At the junction of Bradford and Fulton streets, as Gaffney was about to slow up, engine No. 67, drawing a train of empty cars, in charge of Albert Brown, loomed up, and striking an open switch, headed directly in Gaffney's course. No time was given to reverse the levers. The engines came together with a crash, and a second later engine No. 74 toppled over, leaving the rails, and dragging the first car with it to the street. The breaking of the coupling on the second car prevented the three other coaches from leaving the rails. As it was, the front wheels of the second car were dragged from the tracks, becoming settled in the ties, remaining there, preventing the cars in the rear from following the engine's descent to the street.

DYNAMITE DID THE WORK.

Southern Pacific Express Held Up and a Successful Haul Made.

San Francisco, Cal.—Train No. 15 North bound express on the Southern Pacific, was held up Friday morning at Sandy Point, two miles South of Roseburg, Ore., by two or three men. The express car was detached from the train by the robbers, and the door blown open with dynamite. Two small safes in the car were blown open and looted. The express car then took fire The conductor and brakemen worked hard to save it, after the robbers had gone, but the car and contents were destroyed.

The train was on time at Sandy Point, where Engineer Morris saw a man at the side of the track waving a flag. He slowed up for the signal and as he came to a stop, a man armed with two revolvers came over the back of the tender and covered him. At the same time another man, the one who had flagged the train, appeared at the side of the cab, and pointing a revolver, ordered the engineer not to attempt to move the train, but to come down at once and go with them to the express car. The fireman, meantime, had got down on the other side.

Two robbers and the engineer then went to the express car, where the outlaws ordered the express messenger to to open the door. This he refused to do. The robbers then uncoupled the express car, returned to the engine, and backed the train, leaving the express car separated. Meantime the express messenger had seized the opportunity to leave the car.

After breaking the train in two the robbers returned to the express car, and with heavy charges of dynamite, blew the door open. Entering the car they attacked two small safes, which they succeeded in entering. The messenger thought the robbers did not understand getting into the big safe, and consequently they would not secure much money.

The mail car was also visited by the robbers, and registered letters taken.

The explosion set fire to the express car, and when the robbers left it was a mass of flames. The train crew worked like Trojans, but were unable to save it. The car and contents were almost totally destroyed by fire. The pasengers were considerably shaken up and frightened, but no one was injured. An imperfect description of one robber was secured.

COX, OF TENNESSEE,

Introduces in the House a Bill to Reimburse Confederates.

Washington, D. C.—There was offered in the House, Saturday, by Mr. Cox, of Tennessee, a bill which recites the circumstances of Lee's surrender at Appomattox, and the written guarantee that the artillery and cavalry officers of the Confederacy should be permitted to retain their horses, arms and baggage. After the surrender the Federal soldiers dispoiled the Confederates of these effects, and they were never returned to the original owners. His bill appropriates $200,000 as a compensation for these losses, upon satisfactory proof being furnished to the Quartermaster-General.

HALF A BLOCK IN MILWAUKEE.

Milwaukee, Wis.—Milwaukee was visited by a fire Tuesday morning which consumed a half block of small buildings on the corner of Wells and West Water streets. It took two fire tugs and seven fire engines to get the flames under control. The loss will reach about $30,000.

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ALABAMA CHRONICLES.

The News of a Great State Told in a Few Words.

—Over 200 members have been received for the railroad branch of the Young Mens' Christian Association at Selma.

—Fire at Wyeth City burned a large portion of the town. The fire cleaned up almost what the cyclone, last Summer, left.

—There is almost a water famine at Childersburg, so far as the wells are concerned. Many of them have never filled since the dry, hot spell of the Summer.

—A little negro at Troy undertook to stand on his head on a plank laid lengthwise on top of a picket fence and slipped off, receiving injuries that resulted in death.

—W. A. Gale, a prominent citizen of Montgomery, came across for the poor of that city with a donation of twenty-five tons of coal, which was distributed by the Mayor.

—Ground is being cleared to erect new buildings on the burned districts at Centre.

—There will be a Teachers' Institute held at LaFayette on the 5th and 6th of March, 1897.

—John Harrison, a former Selma boy, has struck it rich in Mexico, where he went some months ago. He bought a mining claim for a small amount and has just refused for it $75,000.

—P. A. F. Ingle, of Guin, has taken charge of the Kansas City, Memphis & Birmingham Depot at Crews.

—The little child of Mr. and Mrs. Rube McCullough was badly burned at Selma. Its clothing caught fire from an open-grate. Fears are entertained for its recovery.

—Shipments of cotton from Cullman up to the 21st inst. aggregate the very large sum of 9,254 bales. But few more bales remain to be shipped this season.

—The residence of G. C. Hall, Circuit Court Clerk of Marshall County, was burned at Guntersville. The origin of the fire or the amount of damage is not known. Mr. Hall carried $1,100 insurance.

—the report in the Hamilton News of the death of J. C. Camp, an old Alabama citizen, in Dangerfield, Tex., has happily proven an error. Mr. Camp is enjoying first-rate health, his friends will be pleased to learn.

—The Cordova Cotton Mill, which, by the way, is to be one of the largest in the South, will soon commence to take definite shape, so a reporter is reliably informed. The Legislature will give it a charter, and it is understood that the work of construction will commence shortly thereafter.

—Secretary Herbert has announced that he will send at least one warship to Mobile on March 1, to be present at the Mardi Gras festivities, but the Newark or Raleigh will probably be utilized for the purpose.

—Inquiries have come from abroad for Alabama bar iron. The satisfaction the pig iron has given has created an incipient demand for the finished product. It is very probable that before long a considerable quantity of the output of the local rolling mills will be crossing the ocean.

—The scale and oil houses of the Mabel Mining Company were destroyed Saturday night, January 30th, by fire, together with two pairs of track-scales and several barrels of oil. Business will be delayed two or three days.—Special to Evening News from Warrior, Ala.

—With the sales of one large company for this month to be heard from yet, the total sales of Alabama iron to the Old World since July last have been 92,000 tons.

—Last week alabama iron entered an entirely new field. A thousand tons were sold to a large iron firm on the Australian Continent. The shipment has already been provided for. Scarcely a week passes that some new point is not reached. One of the markets opened up in the past few weeks is New South Wales. That is a pretty long distance to send Alabama iron.

—The 3,000 tons of Alabama iron to be shipped to Yokohama by the ship Lord Wolseley was in durance vile at Pensacola, where the Wolseley is waiting for it, when last heard from, on account of the ship being quarantined by the health authorities of that place. The matter will be remedied, and the iron is probably loaded by this time.

—The coal business is very satisfactory. The mines are doing a heavy work, and the cold weather has made the consumption of coal both at the furnaces and for domestic purposes much greater than it has been before for a long time.

—It is stated on good authority that on an average of twenty-five cars of chert leave the Alabama district every day for the outside world. A part of it goes to Atlanta, where it is being used to build a boulevard; some goes to Montgomery, some to Mobile, and so on. The estimated value of this output is something like $150 per diem, There is immediate prospect of a still larger demand for the Birmingham chert, whose reputation has gone abroad. Meridian has lately been inspecting the Jefferson County roads, and is contemplating some like them.

—Ball play is now connected with the outside world through the Georgia and Alabama Long Distance Telephone Company, and the business men and the community generally are pleased.

—A generous citizen of Anniston, on Thursday, gave orders to a coal dealer there to supply suffering families with fuel and charge the same to him. His kindness helped many poor people to obtain a comfortable home during the terrible weather.

KILLED ABOUT A DEBT.

Savannah, Ga.—Prof. P. C. Booth was shot and killed by a negro near Manor, Ware County, Tuesday. A quarrel about a debt was the cause of the murder.

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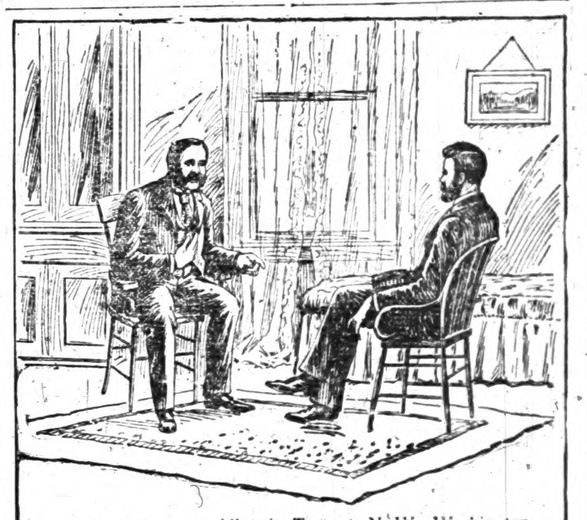

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LATE NEWS

Some Interesting Dispatches from Various Sections.

SOME GOSSIP FROM CANTON

Some Interesting Visitors to the President-Elect.—Considerable Amount of Cabinet Talk.

PRESIDENTS PRIVATE SECRETARY.

GOSSIP FROM CANTON.

Mack Hanna May Be Postmaster-General.—Bill Stevens in Evidence.

Canton, Ohio.—The indications now are that the present intentions of M. A. Hanna will occupy the Cabinet guessers the rest of the week. It is rumored here by many of Mr. Hanna's Cleveland friends who visited Canton, that he may decide to accept the position of Postmaster-General. The most generally accepted opinion is that Mr. Hanna thinks he will not be appointed to the Senate by Governor Bushnell, though the rumor that Governor Bushnell has decided to appoint Lieutenant-Governor Jones to fill the seat in the United States Senate which will be vacated by John Sherman on the 4th of March, is not thought to be wholly reliable.

The earnest effort on the part of the loyal Republicans attached to both wings of the party in Ohio is now being made to continue the harmonious relations which have existed in the State for the last year and a half, and it is by no means certain that Governor Bushnell may not at the last moment appoint Mr. Hanna to the Senate, although up to this time he has in no way indicated his willingness to do so.

Whether Mr. Hanna is appointed to the Senate to fill Mr. Sherman's unexpired term or not, he will be a candidate for election for the regular full term before the Legislature, which is to be elected next Fall, and which meets to choose a United States Senator in January next. Many of Mr. Hanna's friends want him to go into the Cabinet, and Major McKinley has desired it ever since his election. The belief that he will be appointed Postmaster-General is growing hourly.

The recent visit of General Alger to Canton was not fraught with importance. He came to present the wishes of some Michigan friends. There was a little talk about an Assistant Secretary of War, but nothing of a definite nature respecting this important appointment was done.

The visit of Chairman Gowdy, of the Indiana Republican Committee, was one of interest. He spent the day in Canton, and had an extended talk with the President-elect. Mr. Gowdy says Indiana will be modest in her demands upon the President-elect, and when pressed, confessed that he would like to be appointed Consul-General to Paris. As a matter of fact, applicants for offices from Indiana have not been as numerous in Canton as from many other States. There at least twenty-applicants for the post of Consul-General at Paris.

The appointment and acceptance of Mr. Addison Porter of the position of Private Secretary to the President-elect, puts a stop to further guessing. Perry Heath, of Indiana, who was a good deal talked of in connection with the office of Private Secretary, came here yesterday in response to a telegram from the President-elect. Mr. Heath was offered a very handsome appointment, which he has long desired, and which he accepted. He applied for the position several months ago, and Major McKinley, who has known him for many years, and who thinks highly of him and of the work he did in the campaign, said he was glad to be able to give the appointment he wanted.

Among Major McKinley's callers last night were two colored Republicans, of H. Deas, of South Carolina, and W. J. Stevens, of Alabama. The name of Dr. Seward Webb, of Shelburne, Vt., has been presented to Major McKinley for consideration as a Cabinet possibility, and was being seriously thought of, when, owing to sickness in his family and business engagements, he asked Gen. T. S. Peck to visit Canton and withdraw his name.

GEN. CLAYTON'S MODESTY.

Mr. McKinley Surprised Thereat.—Minister to Mexico.

Little Rock, Ark.—Hon. L. H. Remmel, of this city, late Republican candidate for Governor of Arkansas, is authority for the statement that General Powell Clayton will be the next United States Minister to Mexico, succeeding Hon. M. W. Ransom. Mr. Remmel held a conference with Major McKinley last week, and says that the President-elect was surprised at General Clayton's modesty. The appointment will be made a few days after March 4.

JOHN BULL'S METHODS.

London, Eng.—The plan formulated by the Government for increasing the strength and efficiency of the navy contemplates the construction of five battleships and three first-class cruisers, and an addition of 10,000 more men.

LATE STATE NEWS.

Condensed Newsy Paragraphs About Alabama Matters.

River business on the river to and from Decatur is pronounced fine just now.

Harrison Mitchell, colored, was run over by a train and killed at Greenville.

The Circuit Court has adjourned at Troy. The Grand Jury returned 32 bills.

Robert Harris was hurt seriously by falling slate in the mines at Blocton.

A. D. Chancello lost his home, near Round Mountain, by fire.

The contract for the erection of the court house at Wedowee, Randolph County, has been let.

The Cherokee County Grand Jury stirred up the chicken fighters, and it is said that many who engaged in the big mill at Round Mountain were indicted.

The Alabama Field Trials Club's first annual meeting, which was billed to be held at Madison, Ala., during the week begining February 8th, has been postponed, on account of bad weather, until February 15th, and the closing of entries extended to the 14th, the night before the running of the Derby.

There is a lively fight being waged at Opelika over the postoffice plum, which is expected to drop from the next Administration. The only two applicants so far developed, and the only two which will likely develop, are Capt. D. B. Smith and William Garden.

Cal Fagan, colored, who has been under indictment by the Jefferson County Grand Jury for the past two or three years for murder in the first degree, murder in the second degree and assault and battery, was captured at Smith's Mines by Deputy Sheriff James Ball, and is now in the County Jail at Birmingham.

Hon. Oscar W. Underwood, Congressman-elect from the Ninth Alabama District, will begin taking his evidence in reply to the contest of Dr. G. B. Crowe, Populite, on Monday next. Mr. Underwood is allowed forty days in which to take the evidence, and it promises to be fully as interesting as that advanced by his contestant.

Slope No. 5, of Wylam, has completed one of the finest endless-rope haulages in the State. The length of the haulage is 2,700 feet. The engine is a Payne engine and fly-wheel, which regulates the speed of the endless rope. This mine in a few days, when all the new men get acquainted with the work on the rope, will raise the output to 1,000 tons per day, which will make this the banner mine of the Tennessee Coal, Iron & Railroad Company.

The Rivers and Harbors Committee of the House of Representatives were guests of Birmingham last Wednesday. They took in the Birmingham Mineral District, and were given an informal public reception at the Commercial Club. The distinguished visitors are enjoying the opportunity of beholding the most marvelous concentration of natural wealth that nature has ever endowed a section with.

Governor Johnston has announced the appointment of Hon. William J. Wood, of Florence, as State Tax Commissioner of Alabama. Judge Wood's appointment was a foregone conclusion, as he was the originator and most industrious advocate of the bill. His industrious work before the committees and in the lobby contributed very largely to the passage of the law and recognizing these facts, and Judge Wood's admirable fitness for the place, Governor Johnston rewarded him with the appointment.

Birmingham gets another College. The Methodist Male University will be built in the Magic City. The North Alabama Conference, held in Tuskaloosa, appointed a comittee to select a site for and make arrangements to build a new Methodist male college. Mr. R. W. Owen, of Owenton, near Birmingham, on the Bessemer and Birmingham Railroad, offered 100 acres of ground, etc., near Owenton, about a half-mile from the dummy line, and only two miles from the city, for a location. A motion was made to accept Mr. Owen's offer, and was adopted with a unanimous vote. It was decided to comence work on the college at once. The ground donated consists of 100 acres, with a probability of 100 more being added. The erection of the necessary buildings will be begun at once.

There was an explosion at the North Birmingham furnaces of the Sloss Iron and Steel Company Wednesday morning, and though but little damage was done, a great noise was made, and much concern was felt by the people living in the vicinity. It seems that some water got into the pipes under furnace No. 4, and the explosion was occasioned when the hot metal was met. Between two and three tons of iron was ruined, and the plant injured a little, to the amount of about $200 in all. A negro named George Washington, standing near-by, was thrown up in the air a little, and injured some, but not seriously.

STATE LEGISLATURE.

The Work of the Alabama Law Makers.

SENATE.

Wednesday.—After the call of the districts this morning the Senate took up the continuing special order—Senator Abercrombie's General School Laws bill—and completed its reading and amendment by sections. This bill was then temporarily recommitted for the purpose of giving certain representatives of the Alabama Educational Association a hearing on the same. It will not lose its place, but will be read the third time after the reading of the journal to-morrow. It has the hearty indorsement of State Superintendent of Education J. O. Turner.

The Senate then began back on its calendar for January 27, and passed several local and a few general, though unimportant, bills.

Thursday:—In the Senate to-day, contrary to expectations, a vote on the final passage of Mr. Abercrombie's general school law bill was not taken, as he obtained unanimous consent to postpone it until 3:30 o'clock this afternoon, as the paramount, special order for that hour.

The next special order on the calendar, was one, though of a local nature, which was, nevertheless, one of considerable interest to all sections, that was the bill to regulate the payment of wages to miners in Jefferson, Walker and Blount Counties. The bill is a substitute for the one introduced, simultaneously in the house by Mr. Lipscomb, and in the Senate by Dr. Cunningham. It is known as the two weeks pay-day bill, and, also, as the "Anti Commissary Bill." It provides that mining corporations and others shall be required to pay wages due to their employees, every two weeks, if demanded, instead of monthly, as heretofore, and, also, that all commissary checks issued shall be commercially negotiable, and redeemable in lawful money, instead of goods.

The bill, after a stubborn fight, was finally lost by a vote of 21 to 7, on a motion to indefinitely postpone, made by Senator McEldery.

The entire afternoon session, was consumed in the discussion of the motion of Mr. Brewer to reconsider the vote by which the bill passed, yesterday, to regulate the business and taxation of Building and Loan Associations in this State.

Mr. Bethune made a motion to lay Mr. Brewer's motion on the table, and the motion to table prevailed.

The only bill of general interest introduced in the Senate to-day, was one by Senator Buchannon. It is one to regulate passenger fares on chartered railroads in this State. The bill fixes first class passenger fares at two cents a mile, and one and one-half cents per mile for second class fare, and requires, among other things, that all railroad City Ticket Offices be kept open at least thirty minutes before the departure of each train. Any corporation violating this proposed law is declared guilty of extortion and on conviction shall be fined not less than $25, and not more than $100 for each offence. It was referred to the Comittee on Commerce and Commen Carriers.

Friday.—In the Senate to-day Senator Abercrombie's General Educational bill, which has been the subject of much discussion and a deluge of amendments, again struck a snag this morning. Several times this bill has been on the very verge of a final vote, when it has received a set-back. This morning, after it had been amended until its best friends would hardly recognize it as the original measure, the Secretary began its third reading for passage, when Senator Buchanan delayed it again by interposing a motion that 100 copies of the bill as amended should be printed, and its further consideration postponed until 10:30 a. m. next Tuesday.

Senator Kilpatrick supported Senator Buchanan's motion, and said that there was too much red tape about the original bill, and he doubted that any Senator on the floor, except its author, fully understood the provisions of the bill, since it had been mangled by amendments. Senator Nolan thought the bill unwise, arbitrary and obnoxious, generally; so much so that he moved to have the County of Coosa excepted from the operations of the bill. Senator Abercrombie warned him that the effect of his motion would be to deprive Coosa County from any public school appropriation of the money by the State. He replied, that rather than submit to this law, Coosa would rather do without any appropriation. Coosa and Mobile counties were excepted by a vote of the Senate. Mobile County's schools already have the State Liquor License there as a revenue.

Mr. Buchanan's motion was adopted, and the chances of the Educational bill becoming a law appear to be growing doubtful, although Senator Abercrombie is managing it with zeal and ability.

At the afternoon sesion of the Senate several local bills were disposed of, nothing of general importance being brought up.

Although there remains but few days of the session, the introduction of bills continue.

HOUSE.

Wednesday:—The event of the day in the House, was the complete knock out given the proposed railroad commission bill. This action of the house was not unexpected, however, in fact had been predicted by many. It landed without much of a jar on the members favoring it, for the reason that many of them had already realized that there was no hope of its passage.

The vote was then taken on Mr. Waller's motion to indefinitely postpone the consideration of the bill and the substitute, which was carried by a vote of 54 to 39.

While the substitute that was killed by the House this morning was in the exact language of the amended bill, which passed the Senate yesterday, that bill will come to the House to-morrow and will, in the regular order of things, be referred to the Committee on Commerce and Common Carriers. The chances are that it will remain with the committee until the close of the session.

After the vote on the Railroad bill, which was taken about 12:45 o'clock, Mr. Greene, of Jefferson, reminded the chair that the next order of business was the consideration of the anti-pool bill which had ben made a special order. Mr. Wiley insisted that his Convict bill was also a special order for this morning, and the Speaker ruled that the last named bill had precedence. The title was therefore read, when Mr. Altman secured the floor and called the attention of the House to the fact that the Senate had already passed the bill regulating the convicts of the State, and that it would be expeditious to consider this bill rather than Mr. Wiley's. Before Col Altman could go into his argument the House adjourned, which will give him the floor upon reassembling to-morrow. Mr. Wiley's bill is radically different from Mr. Cunningham's, and a spirited contest will likely ensue as to which of the two bills shall be considered.

When the continuing special order, came up for consideration, Mr. Barnes secured the floor and offered a substitute for his original bill, in the exact language of the amended bill as passed by the Senate on the previous day. Mr. Waller followed in a strong speech, in opposition to the proposed measure, and in concluding his speech moved that the bill with the substitute be indefinitely postponed.

Mr. Brown, of Talladega, moved to lay Mr. Wallers motion on the table. A thrill of interest prevaded the hall while the vote was being taekn. The vote resulted—ayes 40, nays 54.

The question then recurred on the motion of Mr. Waller to indefinitely postpone the bill and the substitute, and Mr. Barnes, who, under the rules, was entetled to close the debate, transferred the right to Browne of Talladega. He made a vigorous speech in defense of the bill. He insisted that it was an exceedingly conservative measure and much more lenient on the railroad companies than the laws of many of the states.

Thursday:—After the regular call of committees, in the House, to-day, the first business, after the call of the counties, was Mr. Cameron's motion to reconsider the railroad bill, which was lost yesterday. Mr. Waller moved to lay the bill on the table, and, to the surprise of the friends of the bill, on call of the ayes and noes, Mr. Waller's motion prevailed by a vote of 56 to 36. This, it is thought, will effectually kill the bill.

Several members made explanation of their vote, notably Mr. Timberlake of Jackson, the man of "high hat" fame. He said that it had been intimated or charged that he had changed his mind, on the matter, twice between two suns, and that it was a false accusation. That he had always been opposed to the bill, and that no lobyist had ever approached him on the subject.

Messers Greene and Lipscomb made good fights in the interest of the pool bill, in the House, to-day, and as a reward they had the pleasure of seeing the bill pass. The lobbies and galleries were full and the ladies had the right of way, in the galleries, by order of the speaker.

There were quite a number of bills introduced in the House to-day, but, as usual, they were near all purely local measures. At the afternoon session the usual amount of local legislation was disposed of, it, too, being almost entirely local measures.

Friday.—The House had a business move on it to-day, and the business was transacted with dispatch. The University bill had the right-of-way in general legislation, and created quite a debate. Mr. Stansel, of Pickens, who is the oldest member in the House, and who has been for years Pickens' representative in both branches of the General Assembly, is the author of the bill, and opened the debate for the measure in a clear, concise history of the university and the facts leading up to the necessity of the bill. He had spoken but a few minutes when his voice and strength failed him, and he was compelled to desist, and asked that Mr. Speaker, of Tuscaloosa, should have the right to close the debate for the bill.

Mr. Robinson, of Mobile, followed Mr. Stansel, in favor of the bill, and made one of his best efforts in its advocacy. He claimed the State owed the debt of $2,000,000, and had for a long time, and that the university had waited patiently for relief from the State until now, and that in the name of honesty and fair dealing, the State should recognize this debt and pass this bill. That the 2,000 alumni of the institution were scattered all over the country, had made records of which no institution should be ashamed, and that they now claimed as a matter of right their alma mater should be dealt with honestly by the State.

PUBLIC OWNERSHIP.

A JUDGE SAYS IT HAS GOT TO BE TRIED.

Discusses the Huntington Pacific Roads Funding Bill—The Plutocrats Must "Come Off" or There Will Be Trouble in the Country.

From the St. Louis Evening Journal of recent date we clip the following interview which throws much light, from a high authority, on the railroad question:

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Judge Thompson's associations in California give him an opportunity of fully appreciating the inner situations of the funding bill.

The judge, though a very busy man, informed the reporter that his time was at the disposal of the public press on such important matters as government ownership. Following is the interview reported by stenography:

"Judge, if the senate sustains the action of the house of representatives in defeating the Pacific railroad bill, what, in your opinion, will be the ultimate disposition of this vexed question?" asked the reporter.

"I think that the natural, if not inevitable result will be the foreclosure of the government's mortgages."

"In the event of the foreclosure of the mortgages, what disposition could be made of the roads? Would it not result in the ownership of the government of the roads—perhaps their operation by the government?"

"No; at least not necessarily. If you have a mortgage on my farm, and I can not pay it when due, you foreclose the mortgage and the farm is sold under the order of foreclosure. If there is anything left after satisfying your claim, it comes to me. The government's position in this matter is precisely what yours would be in the above supposed case. It will proceed in the same way to sell the mortgaged property. Doubtless if the road were put up at auction under an order of foreclosure there would be a combination formed to buy it in. As the government's mortgage is only a second mortgage, and as the first mortgage bonds amount to an enormous incumbrance, it is quite unlikely that any syndicate will bid enough to pay the government's claim. That, of course, is a risk the government must take, and one which should have been thought of when the government allowed the Pacific roads to postpone it to the first mortgage bondholders. You are no doubt aware that the government originally had first mortgages for all the money it advanced to build these roads. When they found that they wanted more money—either to complete the road or to fill their own pockets, they persuaded congress, by a supplementary act, to allow them to put a mortgage on the properties which should take precedence of the government's mortgage. This first mortgage, which is ahead of the government's mortgage, is immense in amount—perhaps it exceeds what the whole property is worth. The Union Pacific is, I believe, in the hands of a receiver, so that it does not seem to be able to pay the interest on its first mortgage bonds and its running expenses. The Central Pacific is leased to the Southern Pacific Company—not the Southern Pacific railroad, but a Kentucky corporation, which controls the latter and many other roads comprising what is known as the Southern Pacific system. It has always been thought by the outside public that the earning power of this end of the line—the Central Pacific—was far less than it ought to be, from the fact of its being under the control of the Southern Pacific company, possessing a rival line, all its own, whose revenues it did not have to divide with any one else, as it had to do in the case of the revenues of the northern route. The malign influence of such a control is apparent to the humblest intelligence. It not only led to the starving of the Central Pacific, but of the Union Pacific, which had no other outlet to the coast."

"Do you think it best for the government to foreclose the mortgage or allow the companies to continue in the ownership of the roads, as contemplated by this bill?"

"The men who compose the Central Pacific Railroad company and the Southern Pacific company are a gang of public criminals, and the government ought not to treat with them. The four original conspirators have been succeeded in part by men of the same flexible morals."

"You perhaps know how they started this vast enterprise. Huntington and the rest had, at the outside, $400,000—some say only $100,000—of their own. Everything else was furnished by the government, or by the first mortgage bondholders. They are all enormously rich, or have died rich—Huntington, Stanford, Crocker and Hopkins. Hopkins is said to have left $60,000,000. Crocker is said to have left $42,000,000. The Stanford estate was appraised at $17,000,000, probably much less than it was really worth. As to Huntington, no one really knows how much he is worth. With his simple taste and enormous income, mere accumulation for a quarter of a century and more could not account for even the extreme erating them. They get a franchise, bond the road for several times what it will cost to build it, build it themselves by organizing into a construction company, paying the construction figures that are quoted. But his fortune was not made by operating roads. He is one of those men who made money by building roads, not by operating them. They get a franchise, bond the road for several times what it will cost to build it, build it themselves by organizing into a construction company, paying the construction figures that are quoted. But his fortune was not made by operating roads. He is one of those men who made money by building roads, not by company double or treble what it is worth to build it, and pocket the profit thus made. That is where they make their money."

"In case of a sale, if the government had to take the road for the debt—what, in your opinion, would be the result?"

"The government might have to buy in the roads to protect itself, no doubt, and probably it would continue to operate them. It might operate them until it had an opportunity to resell them or lease them, or it might decide to operate them permanently. That is no new thing, except in this country. It is done in Germany, in Australia, in New Zealand, in Austro-Hungary, and it was done in Russia. What other peoples can do we can do. Are we less honest and less efficient in administration than the Germans? I admit that we have less public honesty. But we have as great a genius for administration as any people in the world, and all that we need is a vitalized public opinion to create public honesty."

"Don't you think that this country would be better off if all the railroads were in the possession of the government and working under a uniform system with one controlling head?"

"That is a large question, a very large question. I have for a long time felt very strongly that the only solution of the railroad problem is government ownership. The railroads are being merged into great systems, and these are being linked together in great combinations—pools, trusts or what you will. The name makes no difference. The purpose is, under one management, to keep down competition and to keep up rates, without reference to the cost of the service, and to wring from the people the uttermost farthing. Eight great railroads went into a trust of that character about a year ago, with the pretended object of supporting the interstate commerce law by preserving uniformity of rates. Now, uniformity and stability of rates is a good thing in itself; it is something to be desired in the interest of all legitimate business. It enables business to be conducted with a certainty that is impossible with daily fluctuations in rates of freight. But the real object of this combination was not to maintain stable rates, but the highest rates possible under the laws of the various states in which they operate and under the interstate commerce law. Their object, in short, was to suppress competition in an unlawful way. Now, there is only one kind of a trust that can meet that kind of a trust, and that trust is the government of the United States. Whether our government is strong enough to do it, I am not prepared to say. But the attempt is going to be made. You will see it made. The question is knocking at the door and will be brought out, and you young men will have to fight it out."

"Do you think that as long as the government remains in the hands of the Republican party we are likely to have government ownership of railroads?"

"The idea is not confined to any one party. It permeates them all, and it is working like leaven. Some of the strongest advocates of that experiment are now found in the Republican party. That party, it is true, is a business man's party, a capitalists' party, a corporation party, if you will; more so, at least than the Democratic party. But these ideas are growing in the minds of men of all parties and of all classes. Some of the more far-sighted railroad managers themselves foresee the event and some of them have been courageous enough to avow their belief that it will be best for the railroads as well as the people. The chief danger is that if we load upon the government so many undertakings it is apt to get top-heavy. Those in power have such great opportunities to steal in one way or another, that the scattered and segregated people have not the means of safe-guarding themselves from this danger. We do not know what the result would be of adding to our present civil service of about 100,000 men, the vast army of railroad employes, numbering, I believe, something like 1,000,000."

"You think, then, the government will eventually own the railroads?"

"It has got to be tried. It is something that is coming with state socialism, a thing that is advancing in all countries. The government, not only this government, but the government of every civilized people, is taking upon itself new offices and doing things which were formerly left to individual enterprise. Illustrations of the fact will occur to every observing mind."

"If, then, the government should buy in and retain these roads, you think it would be a good thing for it to try the experiment of government operation?"

"I would be glad to see the government try the experiment of owning and operating a great railroad system. I do not know whether the experiment would be successful or not, but I want to see it tried; and furthermore I feel as sure as I do of anything that I do not know, that it will be tried sooner or later."

Would it not be a fortunate thing for the people of the coast for the government to take the roads?"

"Unquestionably. They would enjoy for the first time in their lives a decent, honest, just and fair railroad service. The San Francisco Examiner took a vote of the people on the coast on this very question, and the vote was overwhelmingly in favor of government ownership."

The dollar is so good now, goes so much further than it would when the present salary of Congressmen was fixed, that it seems like some of them would introduce a measure to cut it down in proportion to the fall in prices of farm and other products, but instead of that there is an evident disposition to raise it.

MORGAN'S COMMENT.

Snap Shots Taken from the Passing Procession.

The Globe-Democrat, which, by the way, is very good plutocratic authority, says: "The principal thing to be done in dealing with the Pacific railroad matter is to get back as much as possible of the vast sums that certain bandits have made out of the property at the expense of the government."

Why not prosecute the bandits the same as we do common highwaymen and footpads, and also proceed against the stolen property as in the case of common thieves?

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It is amusing to note the frantic efforts of the plutocratic papers to inspire the public with the hope of "returning confidence.' Here s a sample: "The savings banks report a large increase in number of new depositors since the November election. This is one of the best proofs of returning confidence, as well as of a gradual improvement of business."

If business is reviving why is the money going into the savings banks? It takes cash to run business and the more money there is out of the banks the better the indications are that it is being invested in business enterprises.

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There is some significance in this increase of deposits, but it can hardly be said that the hoarding of money will tend to revive business. As between dishonest bank officials and ordinary footpads and highwaymen the possessor of cash funds is between the devil and deep sea. And with the increase in the number of "holdups" and robberies on the one side and the corresponding increase of bank failures on the other hand, the sea room is narrowing down very rapidly. It begins to look like a good burglar-proof safe was the best solution to the problem.

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Chauncey M. Depew, the $50,000 a year railroad president, in one of his recent orations said: "It is the result of my study, experience and observation, that the best day is to-day, and to-morrow will be better." There is some very good philosophy in that observation, and it is to be regretted that the conditions are such that it cannot be almost universally applied. With a great many people—far too many—the situation could be more truthfully expressed in the words, "To-day is the worst day, but to-morrow will be worse." Mr. Depew seems to see only the bright side of life. He would forget that his words and philosophy cannot be applied to the wretched poor that have not left to them even the opportunity to earn their bread. A better philosophy would be "the best day is that in which we do the most for humanity."

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The St. Louis Republic, commenting on the probabilities of co-operation, or a continued alliance between the democrats and populists, says: "Populist members of the legislature in this state went into caucus with the democrats and thus signified their intention to act with the party. It is probable that in this and other states many democrats who had wandered into populism will not return to it, but will stay in their old party. But certainly all of that crowd of political wild steers known as the Middle-of-the-Roaders will probably get together on a platform which will embrace fiat money and all the isms of the extremists. As hard money is a basic principle of democracy, this action on the part of the populists must signify the parting of the ways of the late allies and a triangular fight four years from now."

It seems that the republic "snuffs the battle from afar," and it certainly is refreshing to see it so frankly announce its allegiance to the money of barbarism. Yes, all true populists will take up the fiat for real scientific fiat money and press the fight to a finish.

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Senator Campbell of Labette county, Kansas, has introduced a bill in the senate of that state modeled somewhat after the Coxey good roads, non-interest bearing bond plan. The bill provides for the issuance of $3,200,000 in state script intended to circulate as money within the boundaries of the state. The bill is ingeniously gotten up in order to evade the provisions of the state and federal constitutions, which prohibits a state from issuing money.

The title of the bill is "An act providing for the employment of idle labor on roads and the issuance of notes therefor." Its intent is for the various counties of the state to put idle men at work on the public roads and other public improvements and pay for the same in notes nominally issued by the counties, but in reality by the state.

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According to the provisions of the bill these notes will be issued in the following manner: The governor shall procure notes which draw 1 per cent interest, mature in 10 years and are exempt from taxation. A county can procure them from the state and issue them to be worth their face value. They are then supposed to circulate as money, are receivable for state and county taxes and are ultimately redeemed by the state. In order to provide against too great an issue of the notes being made the bill provides that no county shall receive or issue an aggregate amount of more than 1 per cent of the assessed valuation of that county, in one year, and not more than 4 per cent during the entire 10 years.

W. S. MORGAN.

The McKinley administration is not now on trial, but the result of the election, so far as it affects the confidence of business men, is, and so far has proved to be a disappointment and failure. Confidence was apparently restored, but prosperity never showed up.

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THAT proposed stock law for least four seems to have been still-born.

THE charter of incorporation for the city of Clanton passed the Senate and Clanton is now a city indeed.

IF the combine is made and farmers are compelled to bale their cotton in circular form it will require the united efforts of all our farmers to defeat it.

THE bill for refilling the jury boxes of Chilton county we are assured will become law. It has been necessary to pass special laws to that effect for a great number of counties in the State.

THE committee on elections which had under consideration the Watson-Black contest from the tenth Georgia district has decided that Tom Watson was not elected, consequently Mr. Black retains the seat. This is one time where our Democratic contemporaries have nothing to say about Republican partisanship ruling their decisions.

STRONG efforts are being made to revive the Farmers' Alliance, and in view of the fact that this organization has already accomplished a vast amount of good it would hardly seem necessary to urge upon our farmers the necessity of its re-establishment. Clanton primary has the honor of being number one in Alabama, and we shall be glad to see number one hold its position, nay, not only hold its position but take foremost rank in the revival.

As will be seen from the following clipping, the bill providing for a constitutional convention has passed the House and we have no doubt but that next fall an election will be held, and subsequently a convention will meet and probably frame a new constitution based upon the Mississippi plan; that plan has not been satisfactory in that State and will never be satisfactory in Alabama.

Up to last Monday the passage of the constitution bill through the house was a remote possibility. The chance for its passage was esteemed to be about one in a hundred. However, some generals, who never surrender, got behind the project and the vote in the house tells how well they have succeeded.

The bill was called up very soon after roll call this morning by its author, Mr. Jenkins, of Wilcox, and after one or two little colloquays over its consideration, Mr. Davis, of Marion moved to lay the bill upon the table. The vote on this resulted ayes, 37; noes, 55. The consideration was then proceeded with.

Amendments to the bill were introduced and adopted as follows: One changing the date for assembling the convention from the first Monday in September to the first Monday in October, and one providing for the election of eleven delegates from the state at large in addition to the 100 delegates from the several counties. A discussion of the bill then followed.

Mr. Hearn, Populist, insisted that the principle of holding a constitutional convention was wrong. He said a clean thing could not come out of a dirty one, that the democratic party was fathering the convention and he could not conceive how it could be a respectable concern.

The previous question was then demanded, and Mr. Jenkins, as was his privilege, closed the debate for the passage of his pet measure in a brief, but effective speech. The vote was then taken and resulted as statedr

It will be observed that the populists, republicans and sixteen democrats voted against the bill. Four gentlemen paired on the measure and were absent, and three friends of the bill were unable to be present.

The bill went to the senate without engrossment, and it is said tonight that its passage there is already assured.—State-Herald.

Let Us Save Our Public Men.

Collateral demands upon public characters are greater by far in this country than elsewhere. The scholar in Germany has due opportunity to pursue his scholarship unmolested. In England a statesman, apart from social recreation and sports, is accorded his full time and strength for his most important duties. In France the artist and the author are guarded and protected by common consent. In London the editor in office hours is as inaccessible to the ordinary caller as the Queen herself; and outside of office hours he is altogether a private person. As for our own country, one is sometimes disposed to take the discouraging view that we are so warmly appreciative of everybody who does anything creditable enough to gain some public recognition, that henceforth we are all unwittingly engaged in a conspiracy to prevent that poor fellow from doing anything again that shall embody his best concentrated effort.—From "A Plea for the Protection of Useful Men," in February Review of Reviews.

5 Drops.

"It is not often that we commend in these columns anything of a medical character. But the reports that we hear of the efficacy of the remedy called '5 drops,' are so unusual that we cannot resist the impulse to give it special mention in this issue. For the diseases mentioned in the advertisement this remedy seems to have jumped into popular favor with a single bound, and its success is deserved, for it has performed some cures." '5 drops' is manufactured by the Swanson Rheumatic Cure Co., 167 Dearborn St., Chicago, and the company has the highest reputation for honesty in all business transactions."—[Silver Knight Watchman, Washington, D. C., September, '96.

The testimony so far elicited in the contest case of Goodwyn vs. Brewer, in the Fifth congressional district, shows the frauds to have been equal to those two years ago, and the developments perefectly satisfactory to the contestant.

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East Chilton Notes.

Plenty of rain and mud.

This locality is building up rapidly; every available house is being brought into use and some new ones have just been completed.

Everyone is vigorously at work fencing, making new gardens and roads, a sign of prosperity we think.

Mr. S. Hardy's new store is in course of construction. We welcome him and family to our community.

Miss Janie Oden has received an invitation to the marriage of her cousin, Mr. Demps Alexander Oden to Miss Carrie Belle Maxwell, at Montezuma, Ga., Feb. 17; we extend to the happy pair our warmest congratulations.

Mrs. James Petty visited her father in Coosa county recently.

Mr. J. W. Taylor has beautified his residence by the addition of a new veranda.

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Lomax.

A heavy rain fell here last night.

Mr. R. T. Stewart has moved his family to Ganardaque where he has employment.

Mrs. G. W. Lodge has returned from a protracted visit to her parents near Stanton.

Mrs. Geo. Tidwell is visiting her parents at Verbena.

Mr. Willie Hill and sisters, Misses Lerah and Evie, visited Lomax Sunday.

Mr. G. O. Foshee and family visited his mother Sunday.

Mr. Aurelius Attaway made a flying visit home last Saturday.

The charming Miss Maggie Lodge had a nice time entertaining friends Sunday eve.

Our efficient post mistress has been on the sick list.

Miss Eloisa Markee visited Miss Bertie Knight last week.

Mrs. Knight and Mrs. Jones spent Sunday with Mrs. Markee.

Mr. B. H. Chestnut of Clanton was in town today.

Miss Amie Stewart of this place is attending High School at Clanton.

We are sorry to learn the infant child of Mr. Sharbutt is quite sick.

Our Sundayschool at this place is progressing and largely attended. W. & E.

Political Points.

People's Press Bureau, St. Louis, Mo., Feb. 9, 1896.

A Colorado man speaks out in meeting and says that the people of that state have about as much faith in Wolcott's alleged bimetallic mission doing anything for silver as they have in its "building a trolley system to the New Jerusalem."

In last week's News Letter by a typographical error we were made to say that the vote for Senator Teller stood "61 against," when it should have been "six against."

Mr. McKinley proposes, as a sop to Wall street, and to make partial amends for the appointment of Gage, to establish a Department of Commerce and Trade and put a New Yorker at its head. Apropos of Gage's appointment it is said that Europe began buying American stocks January 26, as a result of the security it felt was thus assured. Gage, it is said, with a regard for the eternal fitness of things seldom found in a national banker, wears a golden wig.

Several states have acted upon the hint carelessly dropped by that prince of trust defenders, Grover Cleveland, in his message, as to the possibility of their dealing with those hitherto uncontroled robbers, the trusts. Georgia's law has gone into effect. New Jersey is framing one and even trust-ridden New York is beginning to bestir itself on this point. Legislation on this point is pending in Alabama, Pennsylvania, Massachusetts, Wisconsin, Indiana, Utah, Minnesota.

Some light is being thrown on the much talked of Arbitration Treaty. It seems that its acceptance by England will insure her control, if not absolute ownership, of the Nicaragua Canal, which has been coveted by her singularly acquisitive sons since the inception of that great plan.

Populist teachings have made politics more a matter of social science and less a matter of office holding.

The Arbuckle Havermeyer coffee war goes merrily on. Let the trusts roast "one another" the people can stand it.

J. A. Edgerton, Secretary of the People's Party National Committee, has written a call for a National conference to be held at Kansas City, Mo., Feb. 23, forwarded it to National Chairman Butler, urging him to issue same. The N. R. P. A. will convene there the 22nd of Febuary.

Thatcher, Populist candidate for United States Senator in Utah, has not yet been elected but his chances are good.

Heitfelt, Populist, was elected in Idaho, over Dubois. He is a farmer a native of St. Louis, and lived for many years in Kansas. He is a capable, well-balanced man and much is expected of him.

Ex-Governor Lewelling, of Kansas, has been appointed Railroad Commissioner.

The Oregon legislature is suffering a deadlock owing to its inability to select a speaker.

Masterworkman Sovereign is speaking throughout the Northwest to delighted audiences.

Populist Hargrave was seated in the State Senate of Washington versus the republican contestant.

The republican legislature of Illinois returning a vote of thanks to the Populist legislature of Nebraska for aid extended the starving poor of Chicago, is the solitary instance of an exchange of amenities between the two elements.

Postmaster Heising of Chicago, Democrat, is an ardent advocate of the Postal Savings Bank.

John W. Breidenthal, after a most successful and effective term, has decided to resign as State Chairman of the committee in Kansas.

It is about settled that Chauncey Depew is to grace the court of St. James during McKinley's misrule.

The following is an excerpt from the Illustrated American, and notorious gold bug organ: "The essential principals of Populism were never more vigorous. They are the decisive issues in the mighty struggle for which we are now crystalizing the opposing forces of the nation." Right! A. R.

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Brownwood, Texas, Jan. 25, '97.

Editor BANNER: Please give me space in your paper and I will write my many friends in Chilton. I landed in Brownwood Nov. 27 and found my people all well. Have been busy building, plowing grubbing and fixing fences; have not seen much of the country. Times are hard here owing to last year's drought. I find but little difference in prices here; wild land sells $1.50 to $4 per acre; improved from $5 to $15. It costs more to improve here than it does in Chilton. Freight rates and the middle man's fee run up lumber. On a trip to Concho county I saw thousands of acres of land that will make from 40 to 50 bushels of corn per acre; and from ½ to 1 bale of cotton; will make wheat, oats and grass in proportion. There are also large coal beds about 30 miles in width. This is destined to be a mining country in Coleman and Ucculoe counties. We crossed the Colorado river at Waldrif going west and passed through numbers of prairie dog towns. Crossing the Bradie mountain we landed at Rev. J. B. Lee's; he told me he was the only Baptist preacher in Concho county. We spent two nights with him and I promised him to go back in June and help him in his protracted meeting. I have agreed to take the care of one church and have two others soliciting me. My family and self are well. A. J. LEE.

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So Mr. Gilman Brown, of 34 Mill St., South Gardner, Mass., was told by the doctors. His son had Lung trouble, following Typhoid Malaria, and he spent three hundred and seventy-five dollars with doctors, who finally gave him up saying: "Your boy won't live a month." He tried Dr. King's New Discovery and a few bottles restored him to health and enabled him to go to work a perfectly well man. He says he owes his present good health to use of Dr. King's New Discovery and he knows it to be the best in the world for Lung trouble. Trial Bottles Free at J. S. Johnson, Jr., Drug Store.

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In the 4th congressional district, in the contest case of W. F. Aldrich vs T. S. Plowman, the evidence has been secured with less trouble than two years ago, and the case of contestant is more satisfactory.

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OBITUARY.

Mr. James R. Mims was born in Darlington, South Carolina, May 25, 1805, and died at his home in Chilton county, Ala., November 11, 1896. He joined the Methodist church early in life, and belonged to that class of men of whom it may be said "They lived well." No after death tribute from friends could enhance the worth of this encomium and in it his surviving kins people possess a most precious memory. Two remarkable elements blended to form in this man a beautiful and attractive character. He was positive; and he was gentle. In his convictions and integrity he was as stable and immovable as the great rock, and in his love and sympathy he was as tender as the ferns that grow in its crevices. He was what it takes to constitute a great and happy country a quiet citizen. As to his native land, he was a patriot; as to his church he was a servant and lover. Through that remarkably long line of years in which he pilgrimaged he was always the ready friend of the church and the constant sympathizer and supporter of its ministry. No one could have known him without feeling the stir of strength in his manly character. The memory of his useful and beneficient life, his affectionate heart and gentle words still remain with us, and while we bow submissively to the Divine Will we feel humbly thankful for the example of so pure and noble a life, and will endeavor to emulate his loving self-sacrificing nature. Funeral services were conducted by the pastor, Rev. James R. Crawford, and the remains laid to rest in Shady Grove cemetry by the side of his wife. He has gone away, but "O precious thought!" we know where to find him.

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and the one who supplies the correct word will be entitled to 10 per cent. of the amount received from subscriptions not only from The Constitution, but all of the papers participating in the clubbing offer with The Constitution between now and the 1st of March. The Constitution guarantees that at least FIVE HUNDRED DOLLARS IN CASH will be distributed, and probably the amount will be between $1,000 to $2,000. If more than one person supplies correctly the missing word, the cash amount will be distributed among the successful guessers.

A few months ago The Weekly Constitution offered $1,000 in cash to the subscriber guessing the size of the year's cotton crop as announced by the New Orleans exchange. The successful guesser was Mr. R. T. Poole, of Rockingham, N. C., who received immediately after the announcement of the crop by the New Orleans cotton exchange $1,000 in cash from The Weekly Constitution, enabling him to buy the farm which he was then renting and pay himself out of debt.

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You want your home paper; and when you can get it in connection with The Weekly Constitution for almost the price of one and in addition become a participant in the great missing word contest, announced elsewhere, you should take prompt advantage of the combination. Remit the combination price to us and send your guess of the missing word along with it, and we will forward your name to The Constitution, and your guess will be duly recorded. If you are already a subscriber to our paper and want The Weekly Constitution, forward us ONE DOLLAR with your guess of the missing word and we will see that it is sent to The Constitution.

The proposition is an attractive one, and it is to be hoped that some readers of this paper will supply the correct missing word in the above sentence.

Notice of Special Law.

Notice is hereby given that application will be made at the present session of the Legislature for the passage of a bill for the relief of Mrs. J. C. Langford, Mrs. Elizabeth Hunt, Mrs. Mattie Mooney and Mrs. Norcessa Durbin, of Chilton county, authorizing them to participate in the distribution of the funds for the relief of needy Confederate soldiers, appropriated under Act approved February 13th, 1890.

L. H. REYNOLDS.

January 20th, 1897.

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Final Proof Notice.

Notice No. 18826.

Land Office at Montgomery, Ala., Jan. 26, 1897.

Notice is hereby given that the following-named settler has filed notice of his intention to make final proof in support of his claim, and that said proof will be made before The Clerk of the Circuit Court at Clanton, Ala., on March 6th, 1897, viz: John A. Roseberry, Homestead entry, No. 25,937, for the sel-4 of sel-4, section 26 tp 21 north of range 13 east.

He names the following witnesses to prove his continuous residence upon and cultivation of, said land, viz: Bowen L. Jones, John L. Smith, Peter A. Vanes, James R. Broadhead, all of Kincheon, Ala. H. PURCELL, Register.

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TOWN ITEMS

Commissioners' Court meets second Monday in February, first Monday in April, second Monday in May, second Monday in July, second Monday in August, and first Monday in November.

Clinton Cotton Market.

Price to-day 6 3 16 cents.

Bales received to-date:

Sampey	1914
Mullins	1002
Wilson	456
	3372

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W. L. SAMPEY, Clanton.

Dr. A. J. Missey will be at the Duke House, Clanton, on Monday the 15th inst., and following week, to extract teeth by his painless process. All other fine dental practice done. Come promptly. Gold crown and bridge work done on short notice and special prices.

Mr. W. L. Chandler, living on Birk Creek, 8 miles east of Plantersville, this week brought into our office as fine a sample of Big White Rice as we have ever seen. He raised 5000 lbs. of dressed rice on 5 acres of land and has sold out the whole of the crop. Where the land is suitable our farmers might do well to follow his example.

Col. Knox spent a few days in Calera and Birmingham, returning home Sunday.

Judge Callen is spending a few days here.

Mrs. H. I. Honeycutt passed Sunday at the old homestead at Clear Creek.

Go to T. J. Arnold's to sell your furs, dry cow-hides, chickens, eggs and beeswax, he will make it to your interest if you want anything in the mercantile line. Call and see him.

Miss Etta Matthews, after several weeks visiting Dr. Matthews' family, returned home yesterday morning.

Messrs. F. M. Connell and Jim Trayweck, of Verbena, were in town yesterday.

Miss Roberta Johnson went to Anniston last Monday.

H. O. Gullahorn, Esq., is in town.

Mr. L. E. Gullahorn visited his parents here this week.

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Marriage licenses have been granted this week by the Probate Judge to the following persons:

Mr. George Newton Mims and Miss Callie Popwell; Mr. J. S. Sessions and Miss Claudy Murphy; Mr. F. M. Connell, Jr., and Miss Daisy Kendrick.

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George W. Scarbrough left Clanton about eighteen month ago for Canyon City, northwest Texas and has not been heard of since. His father died a few weeks ago, his brother Jim C. Scarbrough will be glad to hear from him or for any information regarding his present locality.

Texas papers please copy.

Longstreet Locals.

The farmers here were very busy last week preparing cotton ground.

Mr. J. P. Gore has purchased the McDaniel farm and has greatly improved it by clearing and repairing the fence.

Mr. James Thacker, jr., has recently moved into the Headley house.

We are sorry to sorry to say that Mr. J. M. Thacker is on the sick list.

Mr. J. R. Bruce visited relatives at Elmran's mill Sunday.

Messrs. Goodgame and Willis visited friends and relatives near Jumbo Sunday.

Miss Essie Baker visited relatives at Longstreet Sunday evening.

Mr. and Mrs. S. E. Bruce, of Loweville, visited Longstreet last Monday.

UNCLE DICK.

Administrator's Notice.

T. E. Gilchrist, } Probate Court,
Estate of } Chilton County.

Letters of administration upon the estate of said decedent having been granted to the undersigned on the 11th day of February, 1897, by the Hon. R. M. Honeycutt, Judge of Probate Court of Chilton county. Notice is hereby given that all persons having claims against said estate, will be required to present the same within the time allowed by law, or that the same will be barred.

T. A. GILCHRIST, Administrator.

Almost Distracted?

DID YOU EVER suffer from real nervousness. When every nerve seemed to quiver with a regular, creepy feeling first in one place, and then another and all seemed finally to concentrate in a writhing bubble in the brain, and you became irritable, fretful and peevish; to be followed by an impotent, weakened condition of the nerve centers, singing in the ears, and sleepless, miserable nights?

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Mrs. Eugene Scarles, 110 Shoonten St., Elkhart, Ind., says: "Nervous troubles had made me nearly insane and physicians were unable to help me. My memory was almost gone and every little thing worried me until I was almost distracted. I really feared I was becoming a maniac. I imagined all sorts of evil things and would cry over nothing. I commenced taking Dr Miles' Restorative Nervine and four bottles of this wonderful remedy completely cured me and I am as well now as I ever was."

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Administrator's Notice of Final Settlement.

The State of Alabama, }
Chilton County. }

W. F. LAWRENCE, Deceased,
Estate of.

This day came W. M. Lawrence, the administrator of said estate and filed his statement, accounts, vouchers, and evidences, for a final settlement of his administration: It is ordered that the 15 day of February, 1897, be appointed a day on which to make such settlement, at which time all persons interested can appear and contest the said settlement, if they think proper.

R. M. HONEYCUTT,
Judge of Probate Chilton County.

Mortgage Sale.

Under and by virtue of a mortgage executed to the undersigned by J. B. Crane and A. M. Crane, and recorded in mortgage book No. 36, pages 573-6 in the office of the Judge of Probate of Chilton county, I will proceed to sell on the

FOURTH DAY OF FEBRUARY, 1897

for cash in front of the court house of said county within the hours of legal sale the following described property, to wit:

The w½ of the ne¼ of sec 3 t 20 n of r 13 e containing 80 acres more or less situated in Chilton county, Alabama, also one black mare mule name Nig, one two horse wagon and harness.

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By A. C. SMITH, his Atty.

The above sale is continued until Wednesday, February 17, 1897.

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Lowevi le Locals.

The farmers of this community are quite busy preparing for their future crops, sowing oats, etc.

The dance last Thursday eve at Mr. Ed Bruce's was as great a success as anybody could possibly have wished, as indeed most dances in the country are; so little formality is mixed up with the amusement; so much real enjoyment mingled with the outward fun. In attendance were five of Jemison's handsomest young men, viz: Messrs. Durham, Crosby, Cameron, Shaw and Lowe.

Mr. Joe Gore and wife were pleasant visitors to Loweville Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. T. B. Teel visited here last week.

Mrs. J. B. Marlar and son, Master Allen, are visiting relatives in Jemison this week.

Mr. and Mrs. Geo. Lodge were visitors here last week.

Mrs. Mary Lowe and Miss Hatcher visited Mrs. Woodyard last Sunday.

Mr. Ben Boyd, of Coopers, visited Loweville last week.

We can guess why Mr. F. R. Woodyard is wearing such a pleasant smile, a pretty young lady came to his home last Tuesday morning to remain until some suitor comes to claim her for his own fair bride.

Mr. Wess Danforth visited friends in Longstreet last Sunday evening.

Success to the BANNER and its readers. AUNT HANNAH.

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Final Proof Notice.

Notice No. 18758.

Land Office at Montgomery, Ala., }
Jan. 5, 1897. }

Notice is hereby given that the following named settler has filed notice of his intention to make final proof in support of his claim, and that said proof will be made before The Clerk of the Circuit Court, at Clanton, Ala., on February 13, 1897. viz: Mary Jane Oates, Homestead Entry No. 26,049, for the sw¼ of ne¼, Section 26 tp 21 north of r 13 east.

He names the following witnesses to prove his continuous residence upon, and cultivation of, said land, viz: Peter A. Vance, of Kincheon, Ala., William Roper, of Kincheon, Ala., Bowen L. Jones, of Kincheon, Ala., William W. Williams, of Lily, Ala.

H. PURCELL, Register

Final Proof Notice.

Notice No. 18791.

Land Office at Montgomery, Ala., }
Jan. 15 1897. }

Notice is hereby given that the following named settler has filed notice of his intention to make final proof in support of his claim, and that said proof will be made before The Clerk of the Circuit Court at Clanton, Ala., on Feb. 27th, 1897, viz: Elizabeth Moses, Homestead entry, No. 25,259, for the w½ of ne¼, section 10 tp 22 north of r 15 east.

He names the following witnesses to prove his continuous residence upon and cultivation of said land, viz: Jordan Chesser, Anderson Baker, Jesse Thomas, Thomas Smith, all of Cantona, Ala.

H. PURCELL, Register.

Final Proof Notice.

Notice No. 18795.

Land Office at Montgomery, Ala., }
Jan. 17, 1897. }

Notice is hereby given that the following named settler has filed notice of his intention to make final proof in support of his claim, and that said proof will be made before The Clerk of the Circuit Court at Clanton, Ala., on Feb. 26th, 1897, viz: Noah Pletcher, Homestead entry, No. 26,264, for the lots 3 and 4, sw¼ sw¼ of nw¼ section 28 tp 20 north of r 13 east.

He names the following witnesses to prove his continuous residence upon and cultivation of said land, viz: William H. Anderson, Willis E. Sims, Thomas Anderson, Artar E. Hicks, all of Stanfordville, Ala.

H. PURCELL, Register.

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Mr. J. F. Limburner, widely known for many years as the special representative of the Populists and Free Silver Press of the United States, has kindly forwarded the following letter for publication:

Jan 28, 1897.

DEAR SIRS—I am anxious for the sake of the suffering and out of gratitude to you to give my personal endorsement of your wonderful remedy. On the 4th of January 1897, I was in Washington and was suddenly seized with an aggravated case of inflammatory rheumatism so severe and painful was the attack that within 24 hours my left arm was paralyzed and I was only able to dress with assistance. I secured a bottle of 5 DROPS and took a dose that night, rubbing some on externally as directed. The following morning I was surprised to find myself immensely relieved, and continuing treatment woke the second morning cured. My arm was absolutely free from pain, and all swelling and stiffness had disappeared. The quickness and completeness of my cure was remarkable. I have known for over year of the great curative properties of your medicine and have several friends who have been cured by it of Neuralgia, Catarrh and Asthma. Wishing you every success and trusting that those similarly afflicted will at least give this remedy a trial. Sincerely yours, J. F. LIMBURNER,
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DEAR SIRS:—I would like to thank you for your great remedy, "5 DROPS," and tell you what it has done for me. I had rheumatism in every joint and in the heart, and I had Catarrh of the head for years. I was so badly cured that I lost the use of my legs and arms, and could not move without pain. I was so crippled, that I had some but little work for seven years, and our family physician, a good doctor, told me that my rheumatism and Catarrh were incurable, and I believed him. But now, after using "5 DROPS" only two months, I can truly say I have not felt so well for seven years. The medicine does more than is claimed for it. At this time my Catarrh is much better, and I have scarcely any Rheumatism at all and the heart weakness and pain are gone. My hearing is now good and my eyesight is much better. I have gained more than 40 pounds of flesh and can do a full day's work. It is the best medicine I ever saw. It relieves mother who has asthma so bad, for it has the same effect on them as on the brother. It wards off Croup and eases the lives of the child and makes sweet and refreshing sleep to both young and old.

Yours respectfully, W. M. M. KELLUMS,
Uniontown, Perry Co., Ind.

Jan. 29, 1896.

We received the following letter from Mr. J. J. Wilson of Omaha, Nebr. He has been for many years an invalid, and realizing the uncertainty attending such a case, Kellums asking if his endorsement was genuine, and received a letter in which he gives his name.

MR. J. J. WILSON.

DEAR SIR:—Your letter of recent date at hand, there is enough you speak of is genuine. The company who manufactures and sells "5 Drops" published my testimonial just as I gave it to them and every word of it is true, and I would swear to it and prove it by many witnesses. The company did not ask me for the letter. I wrote it of my own accord, January for publication in order that poor sufferers, like myself, might be cured. Get "5 Drops" and use it and it will cure you as it has cured me. I had received many letters like yours, and it is a pleasure to me to show my sympathy with those who are afflicted, for though I suffer yet I am happy to say I can now walk and have felt any pain. Dr. S. W. Kelleter, the druggist, sells "5 Drops" on his practice, and joins me in endorsing this great remedy. He says for a case like yours it is a positive cure.

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L. & N. Change of Schedule.

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" 3 "	"	5:59 p.m
" 4 "	"	10.45 pm
" 9 "	"	7:43 a.m
" 10 "	"	6:26 p.m

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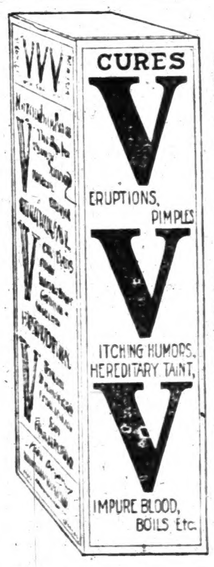

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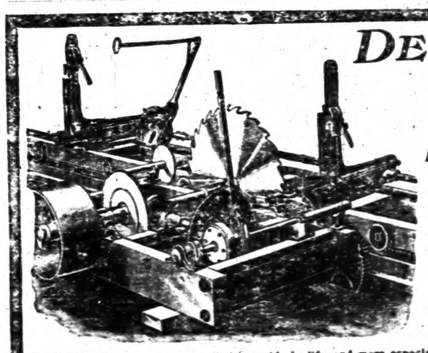

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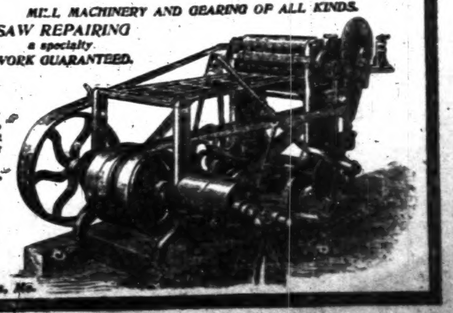

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In a case in court a New York woman alleged as one of her complaints against her husband that he could not be kept from washing the dishes and doing the other work about the house contrary to her wishes. Her protests angered him to such an extent that he assaulted her, and he was put under bonds to keep the peace. From this it would appear that the New York man would make an ideal helpmeet for a woman who devotes her time to politics and the uplifting of the masses.

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A MORE HOPEFUL FEELING.

The Southern Iron Export Within the Past Few Months Being Felt by the East and West.

BESSEMER PIG AND GREY FORGE.

Marked decline in Failures.—Cold Weather of the Past Week Had Its Usual Good and Bad Effect.—Downward Prices Checked.—Price of Cotton Fell Some.

New York, N. Y.—Bradstreet's says: General trade, which was retarded by unfavorable weather a week ago, has recovered somewhat at Chattanooga, Memphis, Birmingham and New Orleans. While the cold weather cut into stocks of heavy goods it delayed the sale of Spring goods. Other relatively favorable trade reports are from St. Paul, Chicago, Minneapolis and St. Louis. At most centers jobbers report business quiet or unchanged with no prospect for immediate improvement. The restriction of the production of cotton goods has not strengthened the market or advanced prices yet. The heavy increase in sales of wool—40,000,000 pounds at Boston alone since January 1, against 24,000,000 pounds last year—is based largely on the expectation of a higher duty on wool. More woolen mills have started up, and those which have hit the popular taste in style and fabric are full of present business. One of the most unsatisfactory industrial features is the lack of demand for iron and steel, prices of which in the central Western States, have gotten below normal quotations. Eastern and Western iron makers are attracted by the expansion of the Southern pig iron export trade within a few months.

The downward tendency of prices noted during the past two or three weeks is checked in part, there being almost an equal number of the products and commodities usually quoted which are higher or lower or unchanged compared with last week. Among those which have advanced are Havana tobacco, wheat, corn and oats paper and refined and crude petroleum. Those which are lower include resin hides, wheat flour, pork, lard, coffee and raw sugar. Practically unchanged quotations are recorded for refined sugar, rice, tea, lumber, wool, cotton and print cloths.

The check to the number of business failures as reported last week appears again in the total for the current week, 305 throughout the United States as compared with 326 last week, and 338 in the same week last year.

DUN'S REPORT.

R. G. Dun & Co. say:

No important change in business appears, but the number of manufacturing establishments started much exceeds the number of those stopped during the week, and so much that the curtailment of working time in many cotton mills probably does not lessen the aggregate productive force or amount of wages paid. There is a distinct increase in orders for woolen goods, some gain in the silk manufacture, awaiting condition, with gain in one branch of boots and shoes, and indications of better things coming in the iron and steel manufacture. Cotton fell to 7¼c. after the agreement to close Fall River and other print cloth works became known, but received the quotation of a week ago, 7.31 cents without further news. Spinning takings have been so small this year—those of Northern mills being about 400,000 bales less than in 1894-'95—that the admitted narrowness of demand for goods has at present considerable weight. It appears that foreign trade is also somewhat restricted by narrowness of demand, sales of wool having been smaller than in other recent weeks, and yet are far in excess of consumption of all mills for the week, if all were fully employed. At the three chief markets the aggregate for the week has been 13,566,700 pounds.

There has been only a slight stiffening in prices, but more foreign wool will be taken and stored, it is believed, if Western holders continue to demand higher prices.

Prices of Bessemer pig and gray forge at Pittsburg have slightly advanced, with a much more hopeful feeling, notwithstanding the comparative narrowness of the demand for finished products, and in plates and wire and wire nails there is much more business, with good prospects. Billets are quoted at $15.25, with scarcely any demand at present, and rods at $21, while No. 27 black sheets are quoted at only two cents. Reports that 25,000 tons of steel plate and sheet bars have been exported to England, are only indications of the temporary excess of supply over demand in this country, and are not supposed to have realized any profit. Yet it is stated that prices of cast pipe are from two to three dollars per ton lower at New York than at Scotch works. Bars are quoted at the lowest price ever known at Philadelphia, without much improvement in demand, and steel rails are still inactive and unchanged in price, the railroads waiting for a decline corresponding to the fall in billets. But on the whole, the demand for iron and steel products is slowly gaining, and a considerable proportion of the work is fully employed, though the gain is not yet enough for those who have taken large stocks of material or products on speculation. In the money market there appears to be no embarrassment, and the large sale of Northern Pacific and Oregon Navigation securities to European capitalists has given additional assurance that balances due to this country will not be cancelled for some months to come, so that the point of possible gold exports is removed still farther.

Failures for the week have been 311 in the United States, against 325 last year, and 63 in Canada, against 67 last year.

SOME CABINET TALK.

McKenna to Be Secretary of the Interior.—Other Maters.

Chicago, Ill.—A special from Canton, Ohio, says:

Judge Joseph McKenna, of San Francisco, has been selected for Secretary of Interior, and he has accepted. That information has also been vouchsafed by the President-elect to a delegation of Missourians, who came yesterday to urge the appointment of Judge William Warner, of that State, to the same position.

Two Maryland booms for Cabinet appointments met here Monday, and Senator Wellington, of that State, who did not come nearer Canton than Cleveland, is credited with having assisted in causing one of them to drop quickly from public view. The withdrawal of Judge Goff from the list of Cabinet possibilities caused the friends of James A. Gary, of Baltimore, to think there was an opportunity for a Maryland Republican Cabinet appointment, and as he is indorsed by influential politicians in all but two of the Southern States, a strong showing was, and has again, been made in his behalf.

Judge Lewis McComas, a former member of Congress from Hagerstown, now a judge in the District of Columbia, has been suggested by many of his friends as an available man for appointment to the Cabinet. It is understood that the Republican organization in the State, which is controlled by Senator Wellington, is not friendly to him.

The Missouri delegation, which came to Canton Monday afternoon to ask Major Mckinley to appoint Major William Warner, of Kansas City, to the Cabinet, made a strong argument in his behalf. It is the third delegation which has visited Canton to suggest the appointment of Major Warner. It was argued that his selection for the Cabinet would harmonize the party, and bring the State into the Republican column four years hence.

It is the general belief here that Major McKinley may decide at the last moment to complete his Cabinet without having a member from the South in it. The Missouri visitors presented an indorsement of Major Warner from the legislators of Indiana, Texas, Kansas and their own State.

NEGRO LYNCHED.

Hanged for Writing an Insulting Letter to a White Lady.

Bowling Green, Ky.—Friday night, near Rockfield, a little station ten miles from this city, a negro named Robert Morton was hanged. Morton wrote an insinuating note to Miss Tommie Johnson, a popular young white woman of the town, and when it became known a posse went to arrest him. He ran, and they gave chase, capturing him after shooting him several times. While the officers were guarding Morton, a mob overpowered them and took the prisoner out of their custody, and carried him three miles from town, and hanged him. The body was found at 9 o'clock next morning rigid in death. The matter was done so quietly that it was not known here until to-day. Morton was the son of a section foreman.

ESCAPING FROM CUBA.

The Sisters of an Insurgent General Expelled from the Island.

Tampa, Fla.—Senoritatas Counselo and Arita Arange, accompanied by their brother, arrived here Friday night from Havana en route to some place of safety. These young ladies are sisters of Gen. Raoul Arango, who is operating with the insurgents near Havana, and who was with the party that blew up the train near Havana a few days ago. This act so enraged General Weyler that he issues an order for these ladies to leave Cuba in short order or be punished for the crime of their brother against the Government. They had with them Weyler's order of expulsion. They would not make known their destination, but expressed great satisfaction at being safely away from Cuba. An agent of the Spanish Government was also a passenger. He goes to Washington with messages to Minister de Lome.

THREE CONVENTIONS.

Atlanta, Ga.—Vice-President Hector D. Lane, of the National Cotton Growers' Association, was here Friday in conference with President Broughton, of the Georgia Association. They were planning for more thorough organization. Colonel Lane states that three conventions of cotton growers will be held—one in Waco, Tex.; the second at Memphis, and the third in Atlanta. The purpose of the conventions will be to reduce cotton acreage and perfect a system of correspondence which will keep up with the acreage and condition of the crop throughout the season.

INDIAN AGENTS KILLED.

Raid of a Gang of Bandits on Stores and Offices.

Guthrie, O. T.—A gang of bandits attempted to raid the stores and Government offices at the Sac and Fox Agency Friday, and three men, including General Thomas, the Indian Agent, were shot and killed. The same report is prevalent at Shawnee, the nearest telegraph station to the agency, but no definite particulars can be obtained. General Thomas is from Atlanta, Ga.

BIG MILL BURNED.

Berlin, Austria.—The extensive cotton mill of Dollfus & Mantz, at Mulhausen, Alsace, was burned Saturday. Loss, $200,000.

THANKFULNESS.

Let us be thankful. Life is not so long;
Fast fades the day to night;
Half is but heartache; but some flower of song
Still lifts its leaves in light.

Let us be thankful. We shall one day gain
The summit crowned and high;
Beneath us leave the lightning and the rain
And face the clear, starred sky!

—Chicago Times-Herald.

HUMOR OF THE DAY.

On the Sick-List: Notice in a Swiss pass: "No echo to-day."—Fliegende Blatter.

She—"Everybody in the choir detests the organist." He—"Yes; I understand that he is despised as a noncombatant."—Puck.

She—"She is doing her best to fascinate that widower. Of course he has considerable means." He—"Perhaps she thinks the means justify the end."—Puck.

His View: Brown—"Do you believe in civil-service reform?" Jones (who has failed to pass an examination)—"I do. The questions should be made easier."—Puck.

"We must get little Bobby a football mask." "What for?" "He is going down town with nurse, and I don't want him to ruin the shape of his noise on the shop windows."—Chicago Record.

"Young man," said a wealthy city man to his spendthrift nephew, "I laid the first foundation of my fortune by saving cab-fares." "I didn't know you ever drove one, uncle," remarked the youth.—Tit-Bits.

"Here, what does this mean?" shouted Whooply, as he found his youngest riding a broomstick over the top of the piano. "This is all right. Mamma said if I'd stay in I could play on the piano."—Detroit Free Press.

The Thing for Him: "Don't you think I ought to take iron?" laughed the big fat man, who thought he would be funny with the doctor. "Certainly; and I would recommend hoop iron."—Detroit Free Press.

On the Veranda: "There goes Mrs. Chatwicks. What does she come to Florida for?" "She wants to get rid of her rheumatism." "But why does she bring her three daughters along?" "Oh, she wants to get rid of them, too."—Truth.

She—"It's no use, Mr. Slimly; in my present state of mind I would not accept the most attractive man in the world." He—"No, I see you won't; but, at any rate, you will have the satisfaction of knowing that he has offered himself."—Tit-Bits.

He—"You have no idea of the extent and force of my love. I could die for you." She—"Yes, I suppose so; but dear me, what a graveyard I should have if all the men who were willing to die for me had been taken at their word."—Boston Transcript.

In the Museum: Aunt Hetty (looking at the Wild Men of Borneo)—"What a pity we can't send out more missionaries to civilize them critturs." Uncle Josh—"I dunno! If them fellers was civilized, they mightn't be able to git sech a good job."—Puck.

America Rich in Wild Plants.

Nearly all our grasses and forage plants are introductions from other countries, and every once in a while some botanical novelty is introduced with a flourish, and predatory runs made on the slim bank accounts of the agriculturist, who comes eventually to find the dearly-paid-for article no better than it should be. The botanists of the United States Department of Agriculture have recently shown that our own country is rich in wild plants of this character, and might add largely to profitable cultivation if only our progressive men could be induced to give them patient tests, so as to improve a little on their wild characteristics. The idea is that some far-fetched article must be acclimated before it can be valuable. The department has recently issued a valuable publication, profusely illustrated, showing that there are over two hundred wildlings or natives of the United States which are worth trial as forage plants, many of which would possibly prove mines of wealth to those who would intelligently undertake their culture and improvement. The different species of Hosackia it especially notes as worthy of trial.—New York Independent.

Mineral Wealth in Siberia.

D. M. Ivan and Peter Kulaboff, members of the Russian Geological Survey, who have been for some time past investigating the mineral resources of Siberia along the route of the great Siberian railway, arrived at San Francisco, Cal., recently on their way to St. Petersburg. They traveled a vast distance of mountain region. Their duty was to explore the country for 100 miles on the strip along which the road runs or is surveyed so as to get a good idea of what the country afforded.

"We found it a wonderful country, both in point of scenery and resources of gold, silver, copper, lead, coal and other minerals," said one of the gentlemen. "It was all we could have desired. We collected many specimens of different descriptions of ore which we are taking back with us to St. Petersburg. Besides the minerals there are many acres of magnificent agricultural ground, available chiefly for growing wheat, oats, barley and other cereals and vegetables. The great rivers of the country afford fine opportunities for commercial development. It has a thousand interests than can only be alluded to."—New York Mail and Express.

How Seeds Are Distributed.

The whole subject of the methods by which seeds are distributed is attracting considerable attention just now. It seems almost impossible to construct any general law by which to explain the reason for things in nature. It does seem, for instance, safe to say that wings are given to seeds to enable them to fly far away from the parent tree, and thus extend the area of territory occupied by the species. But in many of the large seed pines—the linden, and others, the hollow seeds only are the ones blown away. The solid, perfect seeds remain around the parent tree. The objectors to everything argue that wings are given to fan out the light, useless material. But this surely cannot always be.—New York Independent.

Keeping a Weathercock.

Old Bartle was a perfect example of the type which sees only the poorest and meanest sides of life and society, and one of his friends, a blacksmith with a quaint humor, thus accounts, in a conversation with the squire of the English village in which both men lived, for Bartle's idiosyncrasies:

"It's my belief, squire," said Samson, "that there old chap Bartle have a-swallowed the east wind, and it haven't agreed with un."

"Swallowed the east wind?" said the squire. "Why so, Samson?"

"Why, how else could he go on as he do? From morning to night, from one week's end to another, it's nothing but grumble, fidget and growl.

"First it's the dreadful accidents, the fires and the murders; then it's the fever and riots in Ireland; the paupers, the jails and the strikes. Everything's going wrong, and there's no good news anywhere.

"Why bless 'e, he come into my forge the other morning, and what's he do but begin foragin 'about among my tools and putting them to rights—'making 'em tidy,' he says—and upsetting things to that degree that every bit of fire went out of the coals and put me all of a cold sweat.

"'Be off, Bartle!' I says at last. 'Get away out into the sunshine there, and take a good drink of that, and see if it can't clear all them cobwebs out of your brains.' And with that, squire, away he goes out of the place like a mad March hare!"

"Well done, Samson!" said the squire; "well done! If he would but take your advice, that wretched old creaker would be a different man in a month. Now he is nothing but a nuisance to himself and all his neighbors. Good-night, Samson. How's the wind?"

"West, sir—west to everybody in the place but old Bartle. But he keeps his own weathercock, he do, and it's nothin' but east-by-northeast and dirty weather. It's a pity such people was ever born."

Statues.

To the uninitiated it is always a puzzle to know how a bronze or marble statue is made. The natural impression is that the sculptor, armed with mallet and chisel, chips his conception from a huge block of stone after modeling it in clay.

Such was the method of Michael Angelo, but to-day another manner prevails. The sculptor having modeled his figure most carefully, a plaster cast is taken. In the meantime, skilled mechanics have prepared a block of marble.

The plaster cast is placed beside this block and used as a model, the stonecutters copying point by point, measuring the cast with square, rule, and callipers.

The cutting goes on until a general outline of the statue is attained, when a skilled artisan, specially trained, takes it in hand, making a most faithful copy of the model under the sculptor's personal superintendence and direction.

When his work is completed, it only remains for the artist to give the finishing touches, a line here, an indentation there, bringing the statue into nearer realization with his conception.

A DECADE OF AGONY.

A Young Lady of East Syracuse Tells Her Story.

From the Standard, Syracuse, N. Y.

Miss Rosamond Ash, who resides with her father, Mr. C. S. Ash, on Manlius Street, Syracuse, forwards the following testimonial to the virtues of Dr. Williams' Pink Pills and account of her sufferings, which is startlingly interesting:

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"What!"

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One of His Questions.

Tommy—Pop, do soldiers ever sleep on duty?

Tommy's Pop—No, my boy.

Tommy—Then why do they carry knapsacks?—Philadelphia Record.

The Athens Archeological Society recently made excavations near Agya, in Northwestern Thessaly, which have brought to light the foundations of ancient towns and citadels, the very names of which are forgotten, with tombs of the Mycenian period, containing terra cotta vases, with inscriptions, arms and works of art.

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WASHINGTON RELICS

RARE DOCUMENTS RELATING TO THE GREAT AMERICAN.

Many Characteristic Traits Revealed in a Message in Martha Washington's Handwriting—Bill of his Tailor.

THE New York Herald reproduces two documents which throw light on George Washington's private life. We know a great deal about Washington as a soldier and statesman and it would be well if we knew as much about his private life. True, we have a general conception of the manner in which he conducted himself to his family, his servants and his neighbors, and what his personal tastes and habits were, but a thorough knowledge of him from this point of view can only be obtained by reading just such documents as the Herald publishes.

The first document is a letter from Martha Washington to her kinswoman, Mrs. Frances Washington. The letter was written by Martha, but was dictated by George Washington, who was then President of the United States. It was duly forwarded to its destination, but a draft was made by Washington's instructions and from this draft the Herald reproduction has been made. The note at the end of this letter is in Washington's handwriting; the letter itself is in his wife's. Here is the text, with a few slight changes in punctuation and spelling:

MARTHA WASHINGTON'S HANDWRITING.

"The President says you are already acquainted with his sentiments on the propriety of clearing out our lands and negroes in Berkeley. As it seems to be the intention to settle another plantation there, he thinks that the negroes, with such as you may incline to move up from Fairfax, had better be divided between the two places and each tenant be some man of character and responsibility who will be able to give security for the performance of the agreement. This will save you much trouble and reduce your business to a certainty, which never will be the case under overseers at a distance, as you seem to have experience already. He thinks articles should be drawn up by some professional man and careful person and every precaution taken to prevent waste of the timber or the cutting down too much thereof, and no consent either the land or the negroes (should) be permitted. As to the terms for which you should let the estate it must depend upon your own view of the subject, the will and the advice of your friends, those who are much better acquainted with the circumstances attending the estate and the ability of a lessee for shorter term than he is at this distance."

Then comes the following memorandum in George Washington's handwriting:

"Sentiments dictated by George Washington in a letter from Mrs. M. Washington to Mrs. Frances Washington, 2 June, 1793."

A peculiar interest attaches to this document for the reason that very few of Martha Washington's letters are in existence. Her husband, both in his official and private capacity, wrote a great deal; she apparently wrote comparatively little. Doubtless this sensible, good woman thought that she could spend her time more profitably than in letter writing, or it may be that her letters, being naturally of a private nature, were not preserved as carefully as those written by her illustrious husband. She may, however, have frequently acted as his secretary, especially when some family matter was under discussion, as in the present case. That she was not apt with the pen is evident. There is also a notable lack of punctuation throughout the letter, though the writer's clearness of mind is shown by the little dashes, which, except in one or two places, are used in lieu of full stops.

In his counsel that "no abuse of the negroes (should) be permitted" we see a striking trait of the man. No one was ever more kindly and indulgent than he. He owned many colored servants and treated them all well. Among them were carpenters, blacksmiths, wheelwrights and men skilled in other trades, "so that the plantation produced everything within itself for ordinary use." There may have been some good tailors on the plantation also, but Mr. Carlin, whose bill is reproduced herewith, was evidently not one of them.

Washington's kindness to his servants was indeed always marked. A few days before he died Mr. Lear, his secretary, brought him some letters to be franked, in order that they might be taken to the Postoffice, but, although Washington attended to his request, he said that the weather was too bad to send a servant out with them. Again, a few hours before he drew his last breath, he turned to his servant, Christopher, who had been in the room during the day, and almost the whole time on his feet, and kindly told him to sit down. He was President of the United States when he wrote to Mrs. Frances, with the cares of a nation on his shoulders, but yet he did not forget to say a kind word for the negroes, just as he did not forget the courtesy due to a menial when he was lying on his death-bed. We have many letters written by Washington, but few more worthy of study than this one to his kinswoman.

This Mrs. Frances Washington was the daughter of Colonel Burwell Bassett, of New Kent County, Virginia. She married on October 15, 1785, Colonel George Augustine Washington, who was the great George's nephew, being the son of his younger brother Charles. Mrs. Frances had four children, one of whom died in infancy. Her husband left her by will, which was probated in 1794, all his property as long as she remained a widow, though provision was made for the children as soon as they should marry or attain their majority. In the will is a full description of the Berkeley county property referred to in the letter.

TAILOR CARLIN'S LITTLE BILL.

The second document is very curious. Here is a verbatim copy. Mr. Carlin has such a distinct individuality that it seemed a pity to mar it by substituting modern English for his quaintly spelled words:

1772. Col. George Washington Dr.

Augt 17th	To makeing will yr waitingman a coat wasteont & 2 pr Breetches of Dark Drill	0	16 0
	To makeing Preachey 2 pr Drill Bretches	0	6 0
	To Giles & Tom each a pair	0	6 0
	To makeing Frank 2 wastcoats & 2 pr Bretches	0	12 0
	To 9 dozen small Buttons on horne mols	0	4 6
	To 3 dozen Large at 8d	0	2 0
	To makeing 3 coats of Dyed Cotton for Giles & Mike Mores	0	15 0
	To piecesing 4 caps from Cannon	0	1 0
	To makeing 4 saylors Jackits	1	0 0
	To makeing 2 pr Bretches for Joe	0	6 0
	To makeing yr Bretches of silk wove	0	6 0
	To makeing a wastcoat of Blue Pearsion	0	5 0
Aug. 30th	To makeing yr white Carsaymay coat	0	14 0
	To makeing yr London Brown	0	12 6
	To makeing yr green wastcoat 5 silk, 7½	0	5 7½
	To makeing yr waitingman Livery	1	0 0
	Errors excepted Wm Carlin	7	11 7½
	Contra Cr.		
	By half a Barrill of corn	8	
	By Messrs Cunningham and Alexandrs acct	1	11 7
		1	19 7
	Bal	5	12 ½
		£7	11 7½

Received the above sum of Five Pounds Twelve shillings Currency in full of all accounts to this 26th day of September, 1772.

Wm. Carlin.

Now, who would look for George Washington's handwriting on a bill of this kind? And yet it is there. The bill itself and the signature are in the handwriting of the worthy tailor, Carlin, but the receipt, beginning at the word "Received" and ending at the date "1772," is in the handwriting of George Washington.

A quainter document has seldom been published. What an honest fellow Carlin is! He charges 5s. 7½d. to "makeing yr green wastcoat," but he takes care to explain that the odd 7½d. is only a fair payment for the silk used by him. Note, too, how careful he is to write the words "Errors accepted" at the end of the bill. If his bill is not entirely satisfactory—we are all human and liable to err—he is quite willing to listen to any arguments with a view to its reduction. On the other hand if he should have forgotten any item, he would naturally have the right to charge for it in a later bill. His precaution, however, did not avail him, as the receipt in Washington's handwriting shows. In it Mr. Carlin acknowledges that all the money due him has been paid; aye, even though George Washington still owes him a half-penny. The balance due to him is £5 12s. ½d., and he only receives £5 12s. Probably Washington had no coppers at hand, and Carlin was wise enough to take what he got and be thankful.

Washington kept all such bills as these with great care, and no one was more exact than he in seeing that they were correct. He was a good arithmetician, and his accounts were always in order. The "ciphering book," in which he wrote out the solution of many difficult sums, is still preserved.

That much of his income was spent on clothes can be readily seen. Though never a dandy, he liked good attire for himself and family, and no one was more careful than he that his servants should be comfortably clothed. Fashionable clothes, when needed, were imported direct from London, and we know from Washington's letters that he obtained in this way several elegant articles of attire for himself and his wife. On state occasions he dressed with great care, and we are even told that at those times "his horse's hoofs were blackened and polished as thoroughly as his own boots." On the day when he was inaugurated as President he wore a full suit of dark brown cloth with white silk stockings, all of which were of American manufacture; on his shoes were silver buckles; his hair was tied and powdered, and a steel hilted dress sword hung by his side. Whatever he wore, he always looked the great man he was.

"In the year of our Lord, 1790," says an admirer, who saw him in New York, "I stood upon the doorstep of the counting house, of which I was then but the youngest clerk, when the companion beside me hurriedly said, 'There he comes. There comes Washington.' I looked up Pearl-street and saw approaching with stately tread and open brow the father of my country. His hat was off, for the day was sultry, and he was accompanied by Colonel Page and James Madison. Never have I forgotten, nor shall I to my dying day forget, the serene, the benign, the godlike expression of the countenance of that man of men. His lofty mien and commanding figure, set off to advantage by an elegant dress, consisting of a blue coat, buff small clothes, silver knee and shoe buckles and white vest; his powdered locks and powerful, vigorous look (for he was then in the prime and strength of his manhood) have never faded from my mind during the many years which, with all their chances and changes, have rolled between." A more expressive pen picture than this it would be hard to find.

On the day when he bade farewell to the two houses of Congress he wore, and most appropriately, a full suit of black. In his hat, too, was a black cockade. Thus attired, he delivered his memorable address and remained perfectly self-possessed until near the close. "Then," says an eye witness, "when strong men's sobs broke loose, when tears covered their faces, then the great man was shaken. I never took my eyes from his face. Large drops came from his eyes. He looked to the grateful children who were parting with their father, their friend, as if his heart was with them and would be to the end."

Men of the upper class were scrupulous about their attire in those days, and Washington never laughed more heartily than when two of his friends lost their clothes. They were Judges, and were coming to visit him at Mount Vernon. They were very dusty after their long ride on horseback, and stopped in a wood on the outskirts of the estate in order to change their traveling dresses before entering the mansion. What was their dismay, however, when their servant opened the portmanteau, to find, instead of their dress clothes, cakes of Windsor soap, a lot of cheap jewelry and other pedler's ware. By some blunder their portmanteas had been exchanged for that of a Scotch pedlar at their last stopping place. Their plight was so ludicrous that they could not help laughing, and Washington hearing the noise, came up, and was so overcome by the ridiculous appearance of the group that "he rolled on the grass, almost convulsed with laughter." When he recovered, he probably conducted them to their bedrooms, and laid before them articles from his own wardrobe—very likely some of Carlin's handiwork.

Carlin's masterpieces, however, were evidently worn by some of Washington's servants. Giles, whose name appears in the bill, was clearly a postillion, for in a letter, dated November, 1790, Washington writes that the jockey caps of Giles and Paris are very much worn, and requests that new ones be made, with better tassels. Of this other postillion, Paris, we hear a bad report in June, 1791. According to John, the coachman, he has become uncontrollable, doing everything which he should not do, and nothing which he should do. As a postillion he is of no further use, and Washington decides not to take him with him when he goes to Philadelphia. What was Giles's end, we wonder. Was he one of those postillions whom Washington forbade to sleep over the stable because he was afraid that they would set fire to it?

But all are now gone—Giles and Tom and Joe, for whom "2 pr Bretches" were made, and dainty Mrs. Frances Washington and Martha and George Washington and even the great Carlin himself—and there remains only the imperishable renown of the master of Mount Vernon and his loyal helpmate. The others are but names that have been rescued from oblivion because it was their owners' good fortune to be for a time the associates of George Washington.

CROSSING THE DELAWARE.

I.

And so, you'd have me tell the tale
My father oft told me!
A story of the days when pale
Hope fled, and Misery
Stood stark and grim before that band
Of men beyond compare—
The tale of Washington the Grand,
Who crossed the Delaware!

II.

One Christmas night, long years ago,
When shrilly cold winds blew,
And through the darkened air the snow
On frozen pinions flew,
A little band of patriot souls
Stood brave and fearless whert
In iciness and anger rolls
The fretful Delaware.

III.

Nor ice, nor storm, nor cruel blast
Can hold these heroes back;
They have resolved; the die is cast
For Freedom's cause! A track
Of blood upon the snow they've left
From shoeless feet and bare;
Of all life's comforts they're bereft,
Beside the Delaware.

IV.

But "Onward! Onward!" is the word
Their brave commander speaks.
When thro' the storm his voice is heard
Each Son of Freedom seeks
To do his bidding; put aside
Is every woe and care—
There's vict'ry o'er the tide,
Across the Delaware.

V.

On through the gloomy, stormy night
With hardships dire they cope—
"For God, and Native Land, and Right!"
Their watchword and their hope;
Until at last, all cold and dank,
They greet the morning's glare;
Safe thro' the tide they've reached the bank
Across the Delaware.

VI.

And then, nine miles beyond they go,
With steady, solemn tread,
To where the hated Hessian foe
Sleep in their drunken bed.
Aroused from dissipation's doze
In wild surprise they stare,
And, conquered, give their swords to those
Who crossed the Delaware.

—George V. Hobart, in New York Herald.

THE WASHINGTON FAMILY.

Mary Ball's Tall Sons Were "Mute as Mice" in Her Presence.

Augustine, the second son of Lawrence Washington, was the father of George Washington. He is described as a tall man, of noble bearing, with fair complexion and fine gray eyes. After remaining some time in England, he returned to Virginia, and by 1715 had married Jane Butler, and settled down as a planter in Westmoreland County. In 1728 his helpmate died, leaving four children, of whom only two—Lawrence and Augustine—grew to maturity. Two years later, true to the custom of his family, the widower married again. His second bride was Mary Ball, of Lancaster County. She was the daughter of Colonel Joseph Ball, and was descended from respectable English colonists, who had settled on the banks of the Potomac.

Mary Ball's early life was quietly passed at Epping Forest, her father's plantation where she was bred in the domestic virtues which characterized the matrons of her day. She was little versed in book lore, but was of such commanding character as to inspire respect and obedience in all surrounding her, even in those who loved her most. We are told that her sons, though "proper tall fellows," were

COLONEL SAMUEL WASHINGTON, BROTHER OF GEORGE WASHINGTON.

wont to sit as "mute as mice" in her presence. Only one thing could subdue her dauntless spirit, and that was the fear of lightning. In her youth a friend had been killed by lightning in her presence, and always after, at the approach of a thunder storm, Mrs. Washington would retire to her room, where she would shrink and tremble like the weakest of her sisters.

For several years after their marriage she lived at Wakefield, her husband's home on the Potomac, and there in 1732 George Washington, her eldest son was born. A few years later the family removed to a house in Stafford County, near Fredericksburg, where Augustine Washington died in April, 1742. Besides her two stepsons, the young widow was left with five children of her own—George, Elizabeth, Samuel, John Augustine, and Charles. To them she devoted her life, and George Washington always declared that his successful career was the result of his mother's teachings.—Munsey's Magazine.

Washington Never Celebrated.

If we were to follow the example of Washington himself there would be no holiday on February 22. The Father of his Country paid no more attention to the 12th of February (on which date he was born according to the old calendar) than he did to the 13th or 14th. So far as is known his good wife, Martha, did not even present him with a new snuff-box or handkerchief by way of recognition of this now world-famous anniversary. But his friends always remembered him.

The Historic Tree.

"I cannot tell a lie," said he,
As guilt suffused his brow,
And pointed to the cherry tree—
But that's a chestnut, now.

FINANCIAL HISTORY.

A GLIMPSE AT CONGRESSIONAL LEGISLATION SINCE 1860.

An Open Letter to Lyman J. Gage, McKinley's Secretary of the Treasury—A Cool Statement of Facts That Are Written in the Laws of Our Country.

To Lyman J. Gage:

In a few days you will assume the high office of secretary of the treasury. While I am radically opposed to the financial views which you are said to hold, yet I am conscious of the fact that unlike most men who have to do with banks, you are not opposed to reasoning with the advocates of the other side. Therefore I feel at liberty to make an argument in behalf of a liberal use of silver as money of redemption during your administration. You know what the condition of the country is today. You know that prosperity is not coming. You know that a high tariff alone cannot bring prosperity among the people. You know that an increase in the volume of money is the one thing that is necessary to a restoration of prosperity. You know that such an increase would have a tendency to cheapen all other money, and that holders of the latter would speedily invest their holding to catch the resultant rise in prices of labor's products. So far as the necessity of an increase in the volume of money is concerned gold and silver men agree. But as to the means they are at wide variance. The gold men believe that the increase should come through the national banks. The bimetallists contend that it should come through the government by free and unlimited coinage of silver and government paper. Within the limits of your administration a move in one direction or the other will have to be taken. Which is the better plan? Let us take a brief glance at our financial legislation since 1860.

Let it be remembered, and never be forgotten, that when the war of the last rebellion broke out in 1861, the treasury was left empty. The bankers of that day came forward and offered to furnish the government all the money it wanted, i. e., of its state bank notes, and take government bonds at 80 cents on the dollar in exchange for these notes.

Salmon P. Chase, the secretary of the treasury, thought the government of all the people would be better than any banker's bank notes, who had not one dollar in coin back of every ten, and in many cases twenty paper promises to pay, which they put out so congress passed an act, Aug. 5, 1861, to issue $50,000,000 demand notes which were paid to soldiers, officers etc.

The bankers, however, would take them for only 80 cents on the dollar, as they lacked the legal tender quality of money.

Congress, act of Feb. 12, 1862, issued another $10,000,000, and likewise $50,000,000 to take up the $50,000,000 already issued without the legal tender quality of money, and called in the first issue of demand notes. This sixty million never depreciated one cent after being made a full legal tender by act of March 17, 1862, but soon disappeared from circulation just as did all the metal money. This money lasted but a few days. Congress was about to issue another batch of $150,000,000, and that greatly alarmed the bankers, for they saw that their game was in danger. They dispatched their most polished lobbyists to Washington to advise the members of congress what was best to do in case of issuing paper money, as they called it.

Then the house of representatives passed an act to issue $150,000,000 of the same kind of legal tender paper money, making it legal tender for all debts public and private; while Mr. Belmont and others were laboring with the senate, saying that they would have to issue bonds and that Mr. Belmont had been authorized to say that Baron Rothschild would take three or four hundred millions of our bonds if they would make the interest payable in coin.

Salmon P. Chase remarked: "How could we pay the interest in coin, the treasury is empty of coin, and likely to be?"

"That is a very easy matter," remarked Belmont; "make your import duties payable in coin, then you will have the coin come in the treasury with which to pay the interest. You cannot expect Rothschild of England to take your paper money for the interest when it is only another promise to pay."

The house bill provided for the issue of $150,000,000 of pure, absolute, constitutional money, with the fiat of government upon paper—which is just as good as upon metal if the people have confidence in the stability of their government and have the taxing authority to tax the money back into the treasury which issued it.

It should be impressed upon every intelligent mind that the material upon which the fiat stamp of the government is impressed, does not change the representative value of the dollar. It is the number of dollars in circulation that gives it a high or low purchasing power. Take away half the money in circulation and all products of labor would sell for only half as much as when there was double the amount with which to do business.

When this bill passed the lower house and was sent to the senate for its approval and ratification, the bill was amended by the senate and made to read: "This is a legal tender for all debts public and private except duties upon imports and interest upon public debt."

Belmont's tampering with the senate had had its desired effect, to the great approval of the money power and the oligarchy of the country.

The bill was sent back to the house in that crippled condition, and that grand old commoner, Thaddeus Stevens of Pennsylvania, made a speech objecting to the senate amendments, and explained to the house of representatives the effect that would follow if the amendment crippling the legal tender quality of the money was allowed to attach to the bill.

The news came to Washington of the Bull Run disaster, indicating a possibility that the confederates might march to Washington, and money was needed and there was no time to parley over the exception clause, so the act was passed as it came from the senate, providing for the issue of the money at once, and in that crippled condition. Immediately Mr. Belmont wired Drexel, Morgan & Co., of Philadelphia, and the leading bankers in New York and Boston, to hold on to their coin, that now they had a bonanza, etc.

Gold and silver made a leap from a dollar to a dollar and a half. At that time state bank currency was in circulation, and when this crippled government money was put into circulation, gold and silver, with the first issue of $60,000,000 of demand notes, went out of circulation; was hoarded by bankers and speculators, for they could plainly see that it would go to a premium, as importers would have to have it to pay inport duties, which, at that time or soon after, amounted to $250,000,000 per annum.

Soon after this another batch of currency was issued with the exception clause on its back. Importers had to buy coin to pay import duties and had to pay $1.50 of crippled paper money for every $1 of coin.

Following this the national bank act was passed which enabled those who bought bonds to pay for them in greenbacks, and by depositing them with the treasurer of the United States could go into the banking business. The government would issue to said bank 90 per cent of currency signed by the secretary of the treasury of the United States, stating on said currency that: "This note is secured by the deposit of government bonds with the treasurer of the United States," which made the currency good. At about the same date the government passed an act stating that all private or state banks issuing notes and putting them in circulation should pay to the said government a tax of ten per cent annually on such of their notes as were in circulation. The act virtually compelled all banks of issue to go out of business. State banks were turned into national banks or had to bank on what genuine money they could command.

As the war progressed and the large volume of currency increased in circulation, prices of everything increased. Prices went up. It was a great time then to make money for labor and the products of labor were going up in price. Shrewd people got out of debt and had plenty of money to do business on a cash basis.

About the year '63 or '64 A. T. Stewart, that great importer, had a great cargo of costly goods come to New York from Europe, the import duties upon which was $100,000. Mr. Stewart took $300,000 in greenbacks to buy metal money with which to pay import duties, as the government would not accept the same kind of money that had paid to the gun holder and plow holder.

Mr. Stewart went straight to Wall street, to that great bank, Smith & Co., and they asked him $2.84 in greenbacks for one of coin. Stewart said he thought he could do better with Gillman & Co. All right, Mr. Stewart, that is your privilege. When Stewart left the office, Smith wired Gillman & Co.: "Stewart is coming. I asked him $2.84." Stewart stepped into the bank of Gillman & Co. just as Mr. Gillman turned from the instrument. "Good morning, Mr. Gillman," said Mr. Stewart, "I want $100,000 of something the government will accept for import duties." "You can have metal money for $2.85 on the dollar." "Let me have it," says Stewart, "I see you gentlemen have it in your power to put it up or down at your pleasure." Gilman said to his cashier: "Charlie, you may let Mr. Stewart have $50,000 of the first issue." "All right, sir." So he counted out $50,000 in $20 gold pieces and $50,000 of the first issue of demand notes. Mr. Stewart asked why he had to give them $2.85 of one kind of paper money for $1.00 of another kind, both issued by the same government. "Why, Mr. Stewart," answered the bland cashier, "I give you this, sir, as a courtesy, so you will not be hampered with the heavy metal money." Turning over one of the demand notes, he continued, "You see, Mr. Stewart, this the government will accept for import duties, as there is no exception clause upon the back of it." Stewart said he could not see why the government did not issue all that kind of money. The cashier replied: "If they had, we could not have sold you this kind of money, stamped upon 25 8-10 grains of gold for $2.85 of other government money."

Stewart then remarked that he would have to charge up to the stock of goods $285,000, with profit and interest, and said it would all come out of the consumers of the goods. The government gets $100,000 and you gentlemen get a profit of $185,000.

Few people have any conception how millionaires have been made at the expense of wealth producers, who are the consumers, by that exception clause on the back of the greenback, which, in that crippled condition, saved the country in the time of need, when gold and silver hid in shylock's coffers.

What chance has the wealth producer, the common laborer, to compete with those who have been given hundreds of millions of national bank currency as a pure donation?

The national banker secured his bank notes from the government by depositing bonds paid for with greenbacks which did not cost the first purchaser over 40c on the dollar in coin. He thus draws from the government twice as much money as he originally invested, besides being allowed the privilege of drawing interest on the full face value of the bonds and 90 per cent of currency, and all exempt from all taxation, except having to pay 1 per cent on such of the bank notes as are kept loaned out. All the notes of bank currency in the bank are exempt from taxation.

In the year 1869 the bondholders and national bankers needed a little legislation in regard to the five-twenty bonds which had been issued and made payable after five years or which might run twenty years, at the pleasure of the government. The five years were up Jan. 1, 1869. The holders of these bonds called a conference of themselves, as they saw clearly that the government had reserved the right to pay off said bonds after five years, with the same kind of money that it had received in payment for them, which was greenbacks, and the government had a large amount of it on hand piled up in the treasury, the same having been received in payment for these said bonds and which was afterwards ordered by congress to be destroyed. The conference came to the conclusion that as an inducement to the government to refund said bonds into long time bonds and make the new bonds payable both principal and interest in coin at the then standard and fineness, each silver dollar to be 371¼ grains of pure silver or 412½ with the alloy, and each gold dollar to contain 25 and 8-10 grains—9-10 fine. A resolution was passed pledging each member of said bondholder conference to recommend to his member of congress that there be a bill passed to refund said $1,000,000,000 of five-twenties.

As a consequence, a bill was introduced, called the credit strengthening act, which was a misnomer. I could not understand why the government wanted its credit strengthened after the war was over. The fact of the matter is the act was so named purposely to deceive the people.

This bill provided for the refunding of the five-twenties into a new issue to run thirty years, draw 4 per cent instead of 6 per cent and to be paid, interest and principal in coin.

The bill provided for payment on or before thirty years, but the words "on or before" were erased and the word "after" inserted, before the bill was enrolled.

Then in 1873 there was an act passed to revise the coinage laws. In said revision the silver dollar of 412½ grains was dropped out of the coinage act, and the coinage of a trade dollar provided for to contain 420 grains of silver and was made a legal tender for $5.00 only, it being claimed that said trade dollar was coined for the China trade. What did congress want to coin such a dollar for when at that time the dollar containing 412½ grains of silver was worth 103 cents in gold in Liverpool or London? It was to deceive and rob the people by making the bonds payable in gold. That was the aim of the tools of monopoly which make up the American congress.

The silver dollar was the unit of value from the foundation of this government until 1873, when it was changed to gold, gold being the only money of final redemption to-day. The silver dollar is to-day a legal tender, and the greenback is nothing less. There is not a bond outstanding to-day but what is payable in silver dollars. Why not pay off the bonds which are payable? Pay them off in silver dollars. The treasurer's report says there is about 400,000,000 silver dollars and bullion piled up in the treasury vaults. Why is it there? Because the money oligarchy controls a majority of the members of congress.

Now, the next scheme is to retire the $346,000,000 of greenbacks by issuing $300,000,000 new fifty year bonds, and on said bonds let the national bankers draw the full face value of the bonds in national bank currency. Will the people submit to it? We will see.

And further, there will be another issue of bonds before another year passes. It looks very much as though the people must submit to become hewers of wood and drawers of water. Make them poor and dependent, and they will become humble and obedient servants. As it is in Europe, so shall it be in America. We will have barracks, garrisons and arsenals, and a great addition to the army, to keep down strikers who are called anarchists. Then good-bye liberty, the doors will be closed and never can be opened.

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THE legislature adjourned Tuesday night until Thursday to enable the clerks to catch up with their work and will finally adjourn today.

SENATOR Sayre, who has been appointed judge of the city court of Montgomery, has resigned the presidency of the Senate, and Hon. Frank L. Pettus of Dallas was elected in his place.

THE constitutional convention bill is done for. It was killed in the Senate by a vote of 18 to 11, the Populist senators of course voting in the majority. We now have at least two more years in which to fight any and all propositions looking to the disfranchisement of our people.

THE Dallas grand jury declares that the receipts and disbursements of the county treasury have not been published semi-annually, as provided by law, in several years. It is the rule not to publish them in the black belt, despite the mandatory statute to that effect.—Monitor.

THE women of Mobile have undertaken to erect a monument to Admiral Semmes, commander of the Confederate cruiser "Alabama," and will be glad to receive contributions to the fund. Subscriptions should be sent to Mrs. E. W. Christian, Treasurer, 350 Adams Street, Mobile.

HON. Truman H. Aldrich, representative from the ninth congressional district of Alabama, last week presented to Congress a petition from citizens of Hale county, praying that, as their rights as citizens are denied them, they be relieved of all duties required of them as citizens of the United States. The petition was referred to the Committee on Judiciary.

THE city of Clanton will hold its election for mayor and four councilors on Monday March 1. Let every man vote for those he thinks best fitted to fill the offices. So far as we have been able to learn only two gentlemen are avowedly candidates for the mayor's office—J. M. Stanfield and T. A. Curry. Whether they will head two separate tickets or not no one seems to know. It seems to us it would be well for some sort of ticket to be made public so that our citizens would know whom they are likely to have in the council. Important duties devolve upon them and we should have the best material in the city.

MR. Thomas S. Plowman began Tuesday the taking of evidence disproving the claims of Hon. W. F. Aldrich.

Two courts will be run simultaneously throughout the forty days allowed by law and every white voter in the county will be examined. Lewis Bamberger and R. E. L. Neil are acting as special commissioners and Mr. Plowman will be represented by Hon. H. F. Reese and Hon. Francis L. Pettus, late president of the State senate. Mr. Aldrich is represented by William Vaughan, chairman of the republican State executive committee, and Wade Mothershed, both of Birmingham.

Mr. Aldrich's claims, as to Dallas county, are that he received 2,501 more votes than were returned for him and that 2,501 negroes were present at the polls and desired to vote for him, but were prevented from doing so by threats and violence.

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The corporate limits from a point beginning at the trestle north of the depot follow, within fifty yards, the creek round to the trestle south of the depot, then continues up creek to Edwards, cuts across north to creek again and then east to north trestle.

The corporation may sue and be sued and have the right to purchase or sell property to the amount of $20,000.

There is to be a mayor and four councilmen, who must have resided in the city two years and are to be elected every year in January. Voters must have resided in city six months. The copy of the charter we have before us places the mayor's salary at $100 per annum and certain fees, clerk $100, marshal $300 and fees, but we believe these amounts were raised to $500 in each caser. The mayor has authority to ty cases the same as the judge of county court. Mayor must make $1000 bond, marshal $500 and clerk $500.

The marshal is appointed by the council; he will preserve order and may make arrests one mile outside of city limits.

Clerk is to be appointed by the council who will fix his salary. He will act as clerk, treasurer, tax assessor and collector.

Council may employ police if necessary and also a surveyor to survey and make a plat of the town May levy tax up to the constitutional limit of ½ of 1 per centum; require all persons subject to road duty to work the streets ten days in each year or pay a street tax not to exceed $5; remove nuisances at cost of persons causing the same; license and tax shows and peddlers; prohibit disorderly houses, racing, prize-fighting, cock-fighting, gaming and gaming houses; prohibit any person from selling, keeping for sale, giving away or otherwise disposing of any spirituous, vinous or malt liquors or other intoxicating beverages, or intoxicating bitters or concoctions of any kind; punish violations of the Sabbath and persons using profane or abusive language, public drunkness, and carrying concealed weapons, discharging fire arms and fire crackers; may prevent the running of stock at large upon the streets; take care of and regulate all burying-grounds within the town, may license and tax all persons in business, trade or profession. The council may exempt from taxation for ten years any real or personal property used for industrial and manufacturing purposes.

Taxes are to be assessed each year from Jan. 1 to Feb. 15, are due Oct. 1 and delinquent Nov. 1.

Longstreet Locals.

We are sorry to say that Miss Essie Baker is quite sick.

Mr. Will Martin and sister Miss Lula visited Longstreet Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. A. T. Thacker have our deepest sympathy in the death of their little babe.

Messrs. McQueen and Burnett were pleasant visitors here last Sunday.

Miss Dora Goodgame was very busy Sunday evening entertaining her many friends.

Misses Miller and Baker visited some of their Longstreet friends Sunday evening.

Messrs. Headly, Dunkin and Thompson visited here Sunday.

Master Jesse Woodyard of Loweville visited here Sunday.

We are very sorry to say that little Porter Gilchrist has been very sick for the last few days.

We welcome Mr. Ed Rucker and family of Stanton to Longstreet again.

We are sorry to learn that Miss Rhoda Thacker is on the sick list this week.

Mr. John Marlar, of Loweville, visited friends here last Monday.

Some of the young folks of Longstreet went to Mountain Springs Sunday. UNCLE DICK.

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Maplesville Music.

Our farmers are a little behind with work on account of rough weather but are fast catching up. Some of them are troubled for want of laborers.

We know of no better law than for an officer to be appointed here to take up the hordes of tramps who are a great nuisance.

Miss Gertrude Woolley is now in Nashville taking a course of music.

Mr. Hurbert Woolley has been on a visit to his old home.

Mr. Zeke Martin has gladdened the hearts of his friends by his presence again; we would be pleased if he could be persued to make his home with us again.

Mr. Shep Bearden is now in business in Clanton.

Mrs. Martin has returned home from a very pleasant visit to Wilsonville.

Mrs. Campbell, of Texas, and Mrs. McCary are visiting Mrs. N. A. Goodwin.

Our sweet little friend Lucy Paisley has been carried to Selma for treatment of throat.

Miss Lilla Bowlin is visiting her Aunt, Mrs. Lawrence.

St. Valentine was duly noticed here by humanity as by the sweet little birds, and much was added to the P. O. in way of stamps.

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Political Pointers.

People's Press Bureau, St. Louis, Mo., Feb. 16, 1896.

The Morgan Bill now before the Senate provides that the government shall subscribe for $70,000,000 and guarantee the bonds of the Nicaragua Canal Company for $100,000,000 more. But for some delay brought about by the representatives of the Central American Republics our government would ere this doubtless have been committed to this extravagance. If the government is to go into the canal building business let it own the canal.

Although Senator-elect Heitfelt, of Idaho, is indisputably "competent, intelligent and honest," it is said by some that he "lacks the essential qualifications of a Senator." What are they?

Judge George Turner, in his acceptance speech when elected to the United States Senate from Washington, declared himself a Populist, favoring government ownership of utilities and government issue of all money. He had been a silver republican.

The Lexow Committee has elicited from the Arbuckles and Havermeyers that their stocks are so heavily watered that a real profit of 25 and 30 per cent. is disguised as 8 and 10 per cent.

Holyoke, Mass., is considering municipal insurance. Its 45,000 inhabitants pay $250,000 for fire insurance with average losses of $25,000. Rates have recently been advanced 25 per cent. The fire department costs them $60,000. The mayor and a majority of the board of aldermen claim that an enormous saving to the tax-payers could be made by the municipality assuming these risks.

John C. Ridpath, the eminent historian, has been appointed editor-in-chief of the Arena.

"New Occassions," a live reform magazine, is a recent accession to the ranks. Its editor, Frederick Upham Adams, is the author of "President Jno. Smith, the story of a peaceful Revolution." Both are published in Chicago.

Eugene V. Debs is speaking through the West and Northwest, confining himself almost entirely to the eight-hour-day-labor question.

Western papers are again praising Senator Allen; this time on account of his leading the opposition to the passage of a bill providing ten thousand dollars for the West Point cadets to go to the inaugural ball.

The railroad laws now being considered and almost certain of passage in South Dakota are an expression of the Populist spirit and yet work no hardship on the roads. A suffrage bill is also pending.

The women of Idaho are taking their enfranchisement very seriously. Clubs for the study of tax methods, co-operations, single tax, and municipal government are being organized all over the state.

One hundred thousand people are reported to be in a starving condition in the State of Louisiana. They have subsisted entirely on turnips for months. The same distress extends into South-western Arkansas and the legislature of that state has taken steps to furnish relief,

The Alabama Anti-Trust law recently passed provides that any corporation guilty of entering into any combine to lessen free competition in importation, sale or manufacturing of any article shall have its charter revoked and the individual shall be fined and imprisoned. A law prohibiting any Insurance company which is connected with any combine from doing business in the state has also been passed

Gold contracts are no longer legal in Missouri. A Fellow-Servant Bill has also been passed.

Great preparations are being made for the entertainment of Populist editors at Kansas City, Mo., on February 22nd. The headquarters will be at Hotel Ashland, where rates of $1.25 and $1.50 per day have been secured. A banquet will be tendered the visiting editors and everything will be done by the Commercial and Press clubs to promote the success of the meeting. A. R.

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West Chilton Warblings

Editor BANNER: Enclosed you will find renewal of my subscription I cannot do without the BANNER; every man in the county that is the head of a family, ought to subscribe for the BANNER, and quit borrowing his neighbor's paper to read.

I saw in the BANNER that the citizens of beat 4 were called to meet at Clanton the 6th in regard to the hellish stock law. Dear brethren, I can say to you who want a stock law that you are making a bad step in the wrong direction. Stock law is the next thing to hell upon earth. I know this to be so. I have two brothers that live in it down in Dallas and they tell me so. It puts neighbors to falling out, fussing, fighting and lawing one another. This is the nature of stock law, it just deliberately means no stock. I think men who want a stock law are too rotten lazy to split rails and make fence. I truly hope all who are in favor of it may reconsider the matter and down it at once and keep it out of Chilton county, it is not needed here yet.

Farmers are getting on very well considering the bad weather; there has been a heap of fresh land opened in these parts this winter, log rollings are on hand now, and there is being a great deal of oats sown.

Mr. E. W. Bailey has moved into his new residence.

Rev. J. W. Ruddick of Stanton had the misfortune to lose his dwelling house by fire a few days ago, the house was a total loss, but all his household effects were saved.

Capt. Robert Prayor, of East Perry lost his gin and 12 bales of cotton by fire a few days ago, with no insurance on it at all.

Mr. Blalack and Miss Mamie Latheram, of Stanton, visited Capt R. J. Mitchell at Valley Creek last Sunday.

We are proud to say that Miss Wilder Gay has returned home from the hospital in Selma, where she has been for two months and is greatly improved of her afflictions.

R. P. Barnes and W. H. Friday went to Chadwick last Sunday to see their best girls.

Success to the BANNER and its readers. OLD MIKE.

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Two Lives Saved.

Mrs. Phœbe Thomas, of Junction City, Ill., was told by her doctors she had Consumption and that there was no hope for her, but two bottles of Dr. King's New Discovery completely cured her and she says it saved her life. Mr. Thos. Eggers, 139 Florida St., San Francisco, suffered from a dreadful cold, approaching Consumption, tried without result everything else then bought one bottle of Dr. King's New Discovery and in two weeks was cured. He is naturally thankful. It is such results, of which these are samples, that prove the wonderful efficacy of this medicine in Coughs and Colds. Free trial bottles at J. S. Jonson, Jr., Drug Store. Regular size 50c and $1.00.

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Jemison, Ala., Feb. 15, 1897.

A little wave of prosperity seems to be in sight, if a new store is any indication. Messrs. Adams, Mims & Co., have a house nearing completion. The company is composed of straight forward honest dealers.

On the 10th inst. at the residence of Mr. Claude Mooney in Jemison, Miss Claudy Murphy and Mr. J. S. Sessions of Shelby county were happily married We congratulate Mr. Sessions in finding such a rare jewel, we knew her in little innocent childhood, now her adorable looks tell to the beholder, her amiable sweet disposition. May happiness unmarred by disappointment be forever in their pathway as they march side by side over the sea of time. The bride is a half sister to the lamented Col. Murphy, who was one of the first-class attorneys of Alabama. Mr. Sessions carried his lovely bride to his home which was already set in order for the abode of two hearts that beat as one.

Friends, some things may slip your memory, but don't forget THE BANNER. IGNORAMUS.

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Letters of administration upon the estate of said decedent having been granted to the undersigned on the 11th day of February, 1897, by the Hon. R. M. Honeycutt, Judge of Probate Court of Chilton county. Notice is hereby given that all persons having claims against said estate, will be required to present the same within the time allowed by law, or that the same will be barred.

I. A. GILCHRIST, Administrator.

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and the one who supplies the correct word will be entitled to 10 per cent. of the amount received from subscriptions not only from The Constitution, but all of the papers participating in the clubbing offer with The Constitution between now and the 1st of March. The Constitution guarantees that at least FIVE HUNDRED DOLLARS IN CASH will be distributed, and probably the amount will be between $1,000 to $2,000. If more than one person supplies correctly the missing word, the cash amount will be distributed among the successful guessers.

A few months ago The Weekly Constitution offered $1,000 in cash to the subscriber guessing the size of the year's cotton crop as announced by the New Orleans exchange. The successful guesser was Mr. R. T. Poole, of Rockingham, N. C., who received immediately after the announcement of the crop by the New Orleans cotton exchange $1,000 in cash from The Weekly Constitution, enabling him to buy the farm which he was then renting and pay himself out of debt.

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Notice No. 18826.

Land Office at Montgomery, Ala., Jan. 26, 1897.

Notice is hereby given that the following-named settler has filed notice of his intention to make final proof in support of his claim, and that said proof will be made before The Clerk of the Circuit Court at Clanton, Ala., on March 6th, 1897, viz: John A. Roseberry, Homestead entry, No. 25937, for the se1-4 of se1-4, section 26 tp 21 north of r 13 east.

He names the following witnesses to prove his continuous residence upon and cultivation of, said land, viz: Bowen L. Jones, John L. Smith, Peter A. Vaner, James R. Broadhead, all of Kincheon Ala. H. PURCELL, Register.

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Commissioners' Court meets second Monday in February, first Monday in April, second Monday in May, second Monday in July, second Monday in August, and first Monday in November.

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Bales received to-date:	
Sampey	1938
Mullins	1002
Wilson	459
	3399

FERTILIZERS for sale by W. L. Sampey, Clanton.

Mr. J. H. Chandler moved his family this week out to Ehrman's mill. We regret lossing Mr. Chandler and family from our city.

Mr. Sampey has commenced work for erecting his new brick store house.

FOR SALE 12 head of Horses and Mules. Apply to B. M. Gentry, Jemison.

Dr. Johnson has completed the sidewalk in front of his property on main street.

Mr. T. J. Arnold has moved his family into the Garner house recently vacated by Mr. Goodson. We welcome Mr. Arnold and family to our town.

Mr. and Mrs. L. E. Gulahorn, of Birmingham, are visiting relatives in our town.

Miss Celestia Jones was a pleasant visitor to Clanton yesterday.

Mr. W. M. Adams is in town this week.

Miss Roberta Johnson went to Birmingham last Tuesday morning.

Mr. Sidney Blasingame, of Wadsworth, was in Clanton Tuesday.

Mr. John Stanfield went to Montgomery Sunday night.

Married last Thursday at the residence of the bride's parents Mr F. M. Connell and Miss Daisy Kendrick, W. H. Strock, J. P., performing the ceremony. We wish them much happiness.

Mr. John Morgan is having his residence painted.

The new store house erected by Dr Matthews has been purchased by Mr. Stanfield who will at once put in a stock of drugs and the usual supplies of a drug store.

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Marriage licenses have been granted this week by the Probate Judge to the following persons.

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Mr. W. C. Raleigh, of Parkersburg, W. Va., is visiting Mr. Stanfield.

Rev. Hardy Jones, of Verbena, was in town yesterday.

Mr. W. H Merritt is spending a few days at his place in Montgomery county.

A "Valentine Party" was given by Mr. J. P. VanDerveer at his residence Monday night. The heavy rain did not deter nearly all the young people in town from having a most enjoyable evening After refreshments were served Mr. Tipton Mullins and Miss M. A. Wukes read the valentines and all retired home delighted with the entertainment.

Mortgage Sale.

Under and by virtue of a mortgage executed to the undersigned by J. B. Crane and A. M. Crane and recorded in mortgage book No. 36, pages 573-6 in the office of the Judge of Probate of Chilton county, I will proceed to sell on the

10th DAY OF FEBRUARY, 1897

for cash in front of the court house of said county within the hours of legal sale the following described property, to wit:

The w½ of the ne¼-4 of sec 3 t 20 n of r 13 e containing 80 acres more or less, situated in Chilton county, Alabama, also one black mare mule name Nig, one two-horse wagon and harness.

J. H. JOHNSON Mortgagee.
By A. C. SMITH, his Atty.

The above sale is continued until Wednesday, February 17, 1897.

J. H. JOHNSON, Mortgagee.

The above sale is continued until Wednesday, February 24, 1897.

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Notice No. 18876.

Land Office at Montgomery, Ala., Feb. 15, 1897.

Notice is hereby given that the following named settler has filed notice of his intention to make final proof in support of his claim, and that said proof will be made before the Clerk of the Circuit Court, at Clanton, Ala., on March 27th, 1897, viz.: Hester A. Chestler, Homestead entry, No. 25,275 for the e½ of ne¼, section 10 tp 22 north of r 15 east.

He names the following witnesses to prove his continuous residence upon and cultivation of, said land, viz: Thomas Smith, Merriman Smith, Jesse Thomas, John Motes, all of Clanton, Ala.

H. PURCELL Register.

Final Proof Notice.

Notice No. 18877.

Land Office at Montgomery, Ala., Feb 15, 1897.

Notice is hereby given that the following-named settler has filed notice of his intention to make final proof in support of his claim, and that said proof will be made before the Clerk of the Circuit Court at Clanton, Ala., on March 27th 1897, viz: Daniel Minor, Homestead entry, No. 25,300, for the w½ of sw¼ sw¼ of nw¼, section 14 tp 22 n of r 15 east.

He names the following witnesses to prove his continuous residence upon and cultivation of, said land, viz.: William Mims, Newton Connell, James Mims, R. E. Jones, all of Clanton, Ala.

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Final Proof Notice.

Notice No. 18872.

Land Office at Montgomery, Ala., Feb. 12, 1897.

Notice is hereby given that the following named settler has filed notice of his intention to make final proof in support of his claim, and that said proof will be made before The Clerk of the Circuit Court, at Clanton, Ala., on March 27th, 1897, viz.: Henry S. Oates, heir of Mary J. Oates, Homestead Entry No. 26,049 for the sw¼ of ne¼, Section 26 tp 21, north of r 13 east.

He names the following witnesses to prove his continuous residence upon, and cultivation of, said land, viz.: Peter A. Vance, of Kincheon, Ala., William Roper, of Kincheon, Ala., Bowen L. Jones, of Kincheon, Ala., William W. Williams, of Lily, Ala.

H. PURCELL, Register

Final Proof Notice.

Notice No. 18791.

Land Office at Montgomery, Ala., Jan. 15, 1897.

Notice is hereby given that the following-named settler has filed notice of his intention to make final proof in support of his claim, and that said proof will be made before The Clerk of the Circuit Court at Clanton, Ala., on Feb 27th, 1897, viz: Elizabeth Moses, Homestead entry, No. 25,249, for the w½ of ne¼, section 10 tp 22 north of r 15 east.

He names the following witnesses to prove his continuous residence upon and cultivation of, said land, viz: John Clerk, Anderson Baker, Jesse Thomas, Thomas Smith, all of Clanton, Ala.

H. PURCELL, Register.

Final Proof Notice.

Notice No. 18795.

Land Office at Montgomery, Ala., Jan. 17, 1897.

Notice is hereby given that the following named settler has filed notice of his intention to make final proof in support of his claim, and that said proof will be made before The Clerk of the Circuit Court at Clanton, Ala., on Feb. 27th, 1897, viz: Noah Pletcher, Homestead entry, No. 26,264, for the w½ of sw¼, sw¼ of nw¼, section 28 tp 20 n of r 13 east.

He names the following witnesses to prove his continuous residence upon and cultivation of, said land, viz: William H. Anderson, Willis E. Sims, Thomas Anderson, Artar E. Hicks, all of Stanfield, Ala.

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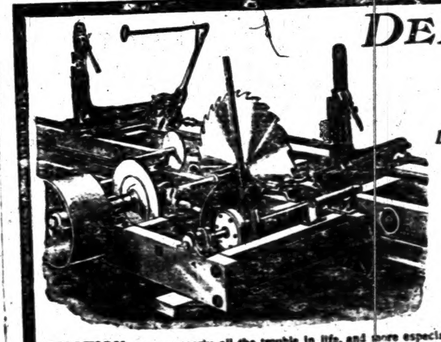

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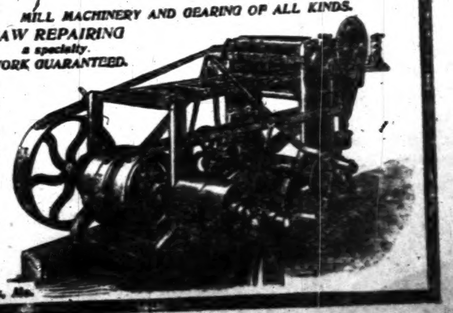

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A Japanese newspaper announces that the Emperor, Mitu-Hito, will visit Europe during the course of the year. He will travel in his own yacht, accompanied by a Japanese fleet. He will be the first Mikado who has ever traveled outside of his own country, and there have been Mikados of the present dynasty for over 2,500 years.

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CAPITAL GOSSIP

A Newsy Letter from Our Washington Correspondent.

ARBITRATION TREATY DEAD

Report that Lady Passengers Were Stripped by Spanish Officials to be Investigated.

FOR RELIEF OF SUFFERERS IN INDIA.

Secretary Herbert Authorized to Use a Naval Boat for Transporting Supplies.—Senatorial Dignity Has Another Throw Down.—Opposition to the Monetary Conference Bill.

Washington, D. C.—Special correspondence.—The arbitration treaty is dead for this session of Congress. Despite all the efforts of its friends to patch it up so as to cover its weak points in the hope that this sugar coating would make it palatable to the men with American palates, it is still strongly objected to. The adoption by the Foreign Relations Committee of that amendment specifically declaring that all matters to be submitted to arbitration must be revised by the treaty making the power—the Senate as well as the Executive—would, it was thought, by some of the ardent friends of the treaty, eliminate all opposition. But it soon developed in Saturday's executive session that these hopes had no real foundation. The oposition was apparently as great as before, the opponents of the treaty contending that the amendments submitted did not begin to correct all of the evils in the treaty. No formal vote was taken, but when the executive session was dissolved, it was with the tacit understanding that there will be no further attempts at ratification until the new administration comes in.

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Representative Cummings, of New York, has introduced a resolution requesting the Secretary of State to give the House of Representatives any information he may have concerning the incident of the stripping of three lady passengers on board the United States mail steamer Olivette in the harbor of Havana by Spanish soldiers, and detectives. The resolution recites that the alleged occurence was described in a New York paper. The resolution was referred to the Committee on Foreign Affairs, and a report is expected next week. Mr. Cummings said as to the resolution: "If an English woman or an English vessel had been stripped by Spanish officials, and it has been alleged that an American woman was stripped, within forty-eight hours Mora Castle would come down or some apology would be made for it. I doubt if even Japan would have stood it. Furthermore, if the American Government stands it, in my opinion, it indicates a total loss of manhood and the keenest sympathy with savage inhumanity."

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At Saturday's session of the Senate Mr. Perkins (Rep., Cal.) secured immediate consideration of a joint resolution directing the Secretary of the Navy to employ a naval vessel or chartered ship to convey grain to the famine-stricken people of India. The resolution recites that famine and plague are causing great distress, and the loss of thousands of lives in India that the famine can be in part stayed by sending products of other localities to the distressed districts, and that many of the Western States have contributed grain. The resolution therefore directs the Secretary of the Navy to place a suitable vessel at the service of the authorities of San Francisco, or to charter a vessel of 1,200 to 2,000 tons for the shipment of contributions. The appropriation necessary for expenses is provided. There was no discussion of the resolution, and it passed unanimously.

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It may become necessary for Major McKinley to speak out if he wishes the monetary conference bill to pass the house, as several republicans in the house are engaged in working up opposition, on the ground that the bill is a snare set for the incoming administration, by Senator Chandler and others who opposed the nomination of Mr. McKinley, and who, it is alleged, do not wish to see his administration a success. The plainest talker among the opponents of the bill is Representative Hill, of Conn., a republican and a believer in the gold standard, and Representative Brewster, of New York, who shares his views, is a close second.

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The amended immigration bill, having passed both branches of congress goes to the President. Before the bill was amended so as to allow the illiterate wives and minor children of immigrants, who complied with the law, to come in, it was semi-officially stated to be the intention of the President to veto the bill, but it is now said that the amendments remove the objectionable features and that he will now sign it.

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A record was made by congress the past week in passing bills over the veto of the President. The house passed two, both pension bills, in favor of widows of soldiers who had married again and lost their second husbands by death, and the senate passed the bill, which is now a law, relating to the holding of court in the Eastern Texas district.

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President Cleveland has returned from his ducking trip down the river with thirty birds to his credit. He was accompanied by Commander Lamberton, and on the arrival of the Maple at the wharf they were met by a conveyance and driven to the White House. The President, who has been working for a fortnight until nearly 3 o'clock every morning, was much benefited by his outing.

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Senator Allen's resolution prohibiting any army or navy officer accepting a gift of value, which he makes no secret of being intended to prevent a Washington residence being given to Gen. Nelson A. Miles as a reward for his services during the Chicago strike, is being much talked about.

THE STATE BUDGET.

Some Interesting News from Several Places in Alabama.

—Mrs. Edwards, an aged lady, died at Edwardsville.

—William Porch, a prominent citizen, died near Dadeville.

—A tree fell on R. A. Ingram, near Swansea, and broke his collar bone.

—The Pierian Literary Society at Village Springs is a flourishing institution.

—Jim Watson, colored, is in jail at Selma, charged with holding up and robbing Jeff Black.

—Elias Bynum, of Hods Cross Roads, was perhaps fatally hurt by a log which rolled over him.

—There are still a great many cases of la grippe and pneumonia in the immediate vicinity of Hamilton.

—Both Baptist and Methodist pastors at Arkadelphia are men who have not yet sought the joys of marital bliss.

—G. S. Ashley, who sued the city of Mobile for $10,000 damages, alleging false arrest, has withdrawn the case and left the city.

—The are forty-two cases on the civil docket for this term of the Circuit Court at Vernon, and on the criminal docket there are sixty-five cases. The court will occupy nearly all of the first week, but it is thought that the criminal docket can be disposed of by Wednesday of the second week.

—The store of L. Manassas, at Manassas, in Barbour County, has been levied upon. The judgments are old, and the point at issue is an old claim, which the courts will have to settle. The business is flourishing and in good shape, and will be continued by the proprietor, who will make bond.

—Charles Fay, a boiler maker at the Linn Boiler Works, Birmingham, was paid off, and Friday night he and two companions went out, and drank frequently all night. Next morning Fay dropped dead in Hayes' saloon in the Western part of the city, after a succession of hemorrhages. It is said that he ate a quantity of raw sausage shortly before his death, and his friends seem to think it was poisonous. The Coroner will investigate.

—J. L. Fennel, a hard-working farmer of Blount County, visited Birmingham with a lot of eggs and country produce, which he sold. He had about $85 on his person when he went around to "see the sights." He left his wife in his wagon while he wandered off in the direction of Second avenue and Twenty-third street. When he woke up he was in one Jennie Roebuck's house. He was minus the $85, though he could not swear he lost the money in Jenlee's house.

—President S. M. Hanby, of the Jefferson County Swine Breeders' Association, returned to Birmingham from Nashville, where he had been in attendance at the convention of the National Berkshire Record Association. Mr. Hanby was profuse in expressions of the good results of his visit, which he says he will impart to the local members of the association. Nashville tendered the members of the convention a royal good time.

—Ex-Governor Buchanan was honored with the presidency of the association, and Mr. Hanby was chosen vice-president for Alabama.

—B. F. Killian is foreman of the section gang on the track from Crudup to Keener, and with his men, was working on the North end of his section making a fill in the road, and while thus busily engaged on the company's right of way, there approached a man named Galloway and his two sons. Galloway ordered Killian to leave the neighborhood at once, and the latter refused to do so. Galloway and his two sons, who were armed with Winchester rifles, at the refusal, opened fire on Killian. Several shots were fired, and one shot went through Killian's right shoulder. He is not dangerously hurt. Killian returned the firing, and instantly killed one of the boys and fatally shot the other. The wounded boy is expected to die at most any time, as he is badly hurt. The cause of the tragedy is not known, but it is said there was a previous quarel between Killian and old man Galloway.

—Governor Johnson has sent to the Senate the appointment of Hon. Jas. F. Crook, of Jacksonville, as president of the Alabama Railroad Commission, vice Maj. Henry R. Shorter, of Barbour, whose second term will expire on March 1. The Senate promptly confirmed the nomination. Colonel Crook is one of the foremost men and Democrats in the State, has always been a warm personal and political friend of the Governor, and his appointment will give almost universal satisfaction.

SO THEY WERE MARRIED.

Girl's Father Objected, but Later Died Leaving a Big Estate.

Lexington, Ky.—State Senator Chas. J. Bronson, was married in St. Louis, Saturday, to Miss Wisdom, of Paducah, Ky. The wedding was announced a year ago, but the bride's father objected. Since then the father has died, leaving an estate worth over a million. There were still objections in the family, but the couple went to St. Louis and were married.

Bronson lead the fight for Blackburn, in the Legislature, last year and was prominently mentioned for Breckenridge's seat in Congress.

A PRINCELY GIFT.

New York, N. Y.—At a meeting of prominent Baptists, in this city, Friday night, at he residence of John D. Rockefeller, M. Rockefeller promised to contribute $250,000 toward paying off the toal indebetedness of $486,000 resting upon the Baptist Foreign and Home Missionary societies. Great enthusiasm prevailed.

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John Marris Kills His Child and Tries to Kill Others of the Family.

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Spanish Troops Pouring Into Phillipine Islands.—Executive Clemency, Alone, Can Save Jackson and Walling.—Bryan at Chicago.—Joe Shelby Dead.

Lexington, Ky.—The bloodiest domestic tragedy that ever happened here took place at 7:45 a. m., Saturday, when John Marris killed his four-year-old son, John, shot his fourteen-year-old daughter, Helen, tried to kill his sister, Ida, and killed himself. Marris was about 40 years old, and has been a member of the firm of M. Kaufman & Co., clothiers, for years; was prominent in building association circles, owned a great deal of real estate, and was considered one of the most promising and successful of Lexington's younger business men.

When the servant girl went into his room this morning Marris sprang from his bed, and the girl fled from the room. When half way down the steps she heard pistol shots. Mrs. Marris and her sister-in-law, Miss Ida Marris, a teacher in the public schools ran to the room. They heard two more shots as they were going up, and Mrs. Marris fainted at the steps just as her daughter, Helen, ran out of the room and fell. Ida rushed into the room. Marris felled her with a blow and as she fell he fired a pistol at her.

Neighbors forced the door and found Marris with his throat cut from ear to ear, his head almost severed from the body. In his hand was a large razor covered with blood; on the floor was a large, old-fashioned revolver with four chambers empty. On the bed was the boy with a hole in the center of his forehead, his throat cut from ear to ear, and three pieces of flesh cut from the right cheek. Helen was picked up in the hall unconscious. A bullet had struck her in the back of the head, ranged downward and lodged in her neck. She will recover. Ida Marris' wounds are not dangerous but she is badly prostrated from the shock. Mrs. Marris is in a precarious condition from the shock.

STILL POURING IN.

A poor looking lot, evidently fresh Rebels Sink Two Boats.

Vancouver, B. C.—The steamer Empress of China, which arrived at this port from the Orient recently brought advices as follows:

"Information obtainable about the Phillipine rebellion is not of a satisfactory nature, and there is evidence of the work of the censor on the face of all of it.

Spanish troops are still pouring into Manila from Europe about 1,200 per steamer. There must be between 12,000 and 20,000 in the Phillipines at the present moment. The fighting has been chiefly in the Province of Bulu can, and nothing but Spanish successes are heard of. Under date of January 4, the following advices have been received:

Since the arrival of Governor-General Polavija, some forty or fifty rebels have been shot at Manila, including the notable Dr. Bizal. He died very bravely, if somewhat theatrically, dressing himself in his best fot the occasion. He wished to have his face to the firing party, but this was not allowed. He refused, however to kneel down. The impression here is that it was altogether a mistake on the part of the authorities to deal with him as with a rebel. It is generally thought he was more a patriot than a rebel. Dr. Bizal made a long speech before dying.

The rebels have sunk two long boats at the mouth of the lake, and have stopped navigation as far as that point up the river. Last week a river steamer was received with heavy fire and eighteen shots passed through it, while the saloon was completely riddled. The captain was shot through the neck, and several sailors were also wounded. A column of 300 Spanish troops was completely annihilated in the ambuscade.

New troops arriving from Spain are a poor looking lot, evidently fresh from the plow, and many seem never to have handled weapons before. It is reported that 150 of them are under arrest for refusing to go to the front and fight.

H. M. S. Daphine and Spartan, French gunboat Conlete and the Japanese cruiser Yuishinto are the foreign warships at Manila.

Governor Chen, of Huan, has decided to open the mint for the coinage of silver dollars. Machinery and artisans are now en route from Canton on a gunboat. A Japanese commission of investigation estimates the cost of laying a cable from Japan via Hawaii to San Francisco at $14,680,000, including two steamers. The anual gross receipts are estimated at $1,674,000 and the expenses at $900,000.

GEN. SHELBY DEAD.

Adrian, Mo.—General Joe Shelby died at his farm near here at 4 o'clock Saturday morning. General Shelby was one of the most gallant of Confederate soldiers, a dashing and intrepid leader. He was United States Marshal of Missouri at the time of his death.

It is proposed to place tablets on the former sites of the World Fair buildings at Chicago.

SENSATIONAL EPISODE.

In the Hall of the Tennesse House of Representatives.

Nashville, Tenn.—If it had not been for the coolness of Speaker Thompson, Comptroller Harris and other gentlemen, the Capitol would have been the scene of a tragedy Friday afternoon. It was the recurrence of the old feud between Senator Butler and ex-Superintendent of Schools Frank M. Smith.

Governor Taylor had sent in the names of Prof. Price Thomas, of Union City, to be the superintendent of public instruction and John T. Essary, of Hamblen, to be the commissioner of agriculture.

Before taking the vote Senator Butler arose and said he was proud to have an opportunity to vote for Prof Thomas. He had, he said, known his family, from boyhood. They came from fine old Virginia stock, and he felt in the selection of Prof. Thomas the State would have a gentleman and a schollar and not a brute, coward and ruffian in office. The nominations were then unanimously confirmed.

In ten minutes some one told Capt. Smith what Butler had said. Capt Smith became very angry, andwalked up through the Senate Chamber. Coming out, he took a stand at the door, and awaited the coming of Senator Butler. There was a good deal of excitement, and some one telephoned Chief of Police Clack to dispatch some officers to the capital. In a few minutes three detectives were on the ground.

While all this was going on, Speaker Thompson and Comptroller Harris were trying to arrange the matter.

Finally a paper was drawn up in which Senator Butler withdrew the objectionable language.

It was presented to Capt Smith, who agreed to let the matter drop if Senator Butler would read it and have it spread on the journal. This was done, and the clouds of war passed away.

In the paper withdrawing his remarks Senator Butler said he did it as a Representative of Tennessee, but reserved the right to express his opinion of men and measures on the floor.

EXECUTIVE CLEMENCY

Alone Can Save Jackson and Walling from Being Hanged.

Frankfort, Ky.—The Kentucky Court of Appeals has denied the application for a rehearing of the appeals in the case of Scott Jackson and Alonzo Walling, the murderers of Pearl Bryan. This disposes of the cases, so far as the Court of Appeals is concerned.

There is no further steps that can be taken by the attorneys for the prisoners excepting an appeal to Executive clemency.

The response, which was written by Judge Durelle, is an exhaustive review of the contentions advanced by the attorneys in their petitions and briefs, and covers four pages of type-written matter. Only one response is delivered to the two cases, evidencing the fact that they were considered together, notwithstanding the case of Walling contained points materially different from that of Jackson.

FLYING MACHINE INVENTION.

Chicago Man Says His Ideas Have Been Stolen.

Chicago, Ill.—The description of the flying machine that Leonard E. Clawson and Adam Beck, of San Francisco, claim to have invented and successfully tested, has brought forth the statement from Charles Andress, of this city, that they have stolen his ideas. Andress claims that two years ago, while residing in New Orleans he took a sketch of his machine to a model-making firm on Poydras street, who moved away without delivering the model, and Andress never got track of them. In his model the lifting power is supplied by four wings working at right angles from a ball-bearing center. These wings are so constructed that two go up while two are going down. Andress says that he applied for a patent some time ago through Joseph Wolfson, a New Orleans attorney.

AN OLD MAN'S CRIME.

Arrested for Sending Obscene Matter Through the Mails.

Florence, Ala.—R. N. Davis, charged with sending obscene matter through the United States mails, was arrested and placed in jail, at this place, late Sunday night. The letters about which he was arrested, were written in answer to leters of inquiry from H. F. Curry, who lives near Godsden, Alabama, and that Curry had him arrested. Davis is an old man and has a family. He has been living on the river here since November. Preliminary hearing will be held before U. S. Commissioner G. H. Smith Wednesday.

TRAIN "SWINGING."

Scottsboro, Ala.—James Macler a boy about fifteen years of age was thrown from a train while swinging on it Friday evening, and was seriously, though not fatally, hurt.

The authorities have continually punished boys for swinging on trains, but nothing but such experience will deter them.

TURKEY TO FIGHT.

Will Attack Greece in Thessaly Unless the Powers Restrain the Latter.

Constantinople, Turkey.—The Porte has informed the Powers that Turkey will atack Greece in Thessaly in the event of the Powers failing to restrain the hostile action on the part of Greece in Crete.

POWERS CONDEMN GREECE.

London, Eng.—The Morning Post publishes a News Agency statement that the Powers are unanimous in their condemnation of the attitude of Greece, and that they will not allow her to continue her present course. She must, it adds, abandon the idea of commencing a war with Turkey.

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THE BANNER.

Let the people rule

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Direct legislation will purify our politics.

Boodle seems to be running this county.

Both of the old party machines are founded on pie.

The greatest trust in this country is the money trust.

Socialism is growing rapidly on the continent of Europe.

We would like to see a few farmers in Congress for a change.

American workingmen seem to have wishbones than backbone.

Whoever opposes direct legislation opposes government by the people.

There were only thirteen candidates for United States senator in Illinois.

Improved methods of production demand a new system of distribution.

Any kind of a government promise is worth more than that of the old parties.

When farming becomes profitable every other legitimate business will flourish.

If the banks persist in speculating on credit, they should be required to furnish the credit.

Every Populist should attend the meeting of the Reform Press Association at Memphis, February 22.

The gold reserve is now more than $110,000,000 but prosperity seems to have missed connection with it.

The declaration of independence seems to have no part in our government except on the 4th of July.

Managing a national campaign is no "infant industry," yet it requires a great deal of "boosting" to help it along.

It is reported that nearly half the people of Liverpool receive charitable relief. And this is in gold-standard England.

The annual product of gold is rapidly increasing, and the goldbugs may want it demonetized themselves within a few years.

When a man borrows money out of a bank he has to give security; why should not the bank give security when a man deposits money with it?

India is afflicted with what scientists call the bubonic plague. It is almost as fatal as the financial plague with which United States is afflicted.

It seems that Hanna is trying to sidetrack the regular State Republican machine in Ohio to the end of placing himself in the United States Senate.

The Rothschilds, having cornered about all the gold on top of the earth, are now evidently trying to obtain possession of what silver there is in the earth.

It costs England more than $100,000,000 annually to support her navy, but there are three or four trusts in the United States that cost the people a greater sum.

There is danger of the people being swindled even in a foreclosure of the mortgage on the Pacific roads. No bid should be considered for less than the full amount of the indebtedness.

The promises of politicians are a weak platform on which to build the hopes of the republic. Let us have the Referendum and Imperative Mandate. These will unhorse the scheming politicians.

Our Revolutionary fathers said in the Declaration of Independence that a people have a right to "alter or abolish a government," but the plutocrats call that kind of doctrine anarchy. Who is right?

The Pacific railroads owe the government more than they are worth, and more than the managers intend to pay; therefore the government should foreclose its mortgage and bid them in, and operate them itself.

Senator Wolcott and Lord Rothschild fired at each other at short range, and we predict that hereafter the senator will not be such a rampant silverite as he "use ter be." It is extremely dangerous to come within close range of the Rothschilds' batteries.

At last accounts Senator Wolcott, who was sent to Europe to go through the motion of trying to secure international bimetallism, had the Rothschilds by the ear. It is the wrong row, senator. Rothschilds want their pay in 200-cent dollars and will never consent to anything else.

The Tennessee legislature wanted Tillman to put up a $25,000 bond to contest the election in that state. They value the office pretty high, but that is not as extravagant a demand as the one the Arkansas legislature made on Norwood in 1888. They wanted him to put up $40,000 to contest.

President Cleveland's jumping-jack, Mister Eckels, says it is only the "rotten banks that are failing." Why, of course, how could a sound one fail—but there are no sound ones, therefore only a part of the rotten ones are failing. Nothing is sound that is based on confidence and does most of its business on credit.

DEGRADE THEIR SEX.

AMERICAN WOMEN WHO MARRY TITLED WRECKS.

Dr. Brobst, the Celebrated Chicago Minister, Furiously Arraigns the Most Dreadful Sin of the Century—Talk on Topics of the Day.

(From the Chicago Dispatch.)

At the services of the Union Church Association in the Great Northern Theater Monday morning, a permanent organization was perfected by the election of officers and committees and the adoption of a name.

In his prelude, "A Pulpit's View of People Made Prominent During the Week," Dr. Brobst said, in part: "Standing by the side of the great king Jesus Christ and looking over the world, nothing becomes so interesting as a human being. Here and there one has been made prominent during the week. An American woman, the wife of a European prince, has become conspicuous by divorce proceedings. Heiress of a very large estate in Detroit, because of the urgent efforts of her mother, she was induced to marry an impecunious prince, whom she did not love, for the sake of his title. As in 999 cases out of 1,000, where American heiresses marry European titles her life was miserable. No sadder or more tragic spectacle can be presented than that when a woman, the shrine of purity, a woman, the living personification of love; a woman, the divinest being of earth, with the world's resources at her command, profanely commits sacrilege in this shrine of purity, assassinates love and degrades her divinity below that of the street outcast, who is the victim of circumstances, by marrying a title reeking with a vile past and worn by a beggar in the present. The horror of the tragedy becomes more awful when a mother sinks so fearfully unnatural and degenerate as to counsel and urge her daughter on. American heiresses who marry titled Europeans are the most melancholy specimens of degenerates presented to the scientific mind. They have done more to degrade the standard of American womanhood than all other influences combined. What dismal depths yawn between them and the womanhood which rises for approval in the presence of the Great King! Sad and wretched as are their fates, pity in their behalf follows hard after condemnation.

"From this standpoint we look again into the week and see a man wandering aimlessly on our streets, his mind impaired, a valise in his hand, packed with greenbacks, silver and gold, whom the police have to take in charge. Ah, he is not alone. There are others in our city and country with heaps of money, with immense riches, gripping them as tightly as did this man his valise, their minds according to the true standard—the King's standard—of manhood, as unbalanced as his; their moments are erratic. Irrational in their selfishness, they go zigzagging on, soon to fetch up in front of one of the Almighty's police, who will take them and their unblest wealth in charge. A selfish, rich man cannot go on for long with his riches any more than can an insane man go on for long in the streets of Chicago. There is an invisible patrol as well as our visible.

"We look again through the week and see a woman in Iowa suddenly dying with grief over the failure of her son. We see a young Chicago man of wealth, friends and standing, and of robust physique, active as usual one day, the next day at noon in Omaha complaining and at set of sun dead. We see a noted lawyer there in Milwaukee come in from a walk, sit down in his chair and the next moment his heart ceases to throb. Sudden death! It makes one shudder, does it? Yet, my friends, the day of death should be the most happy and glorious day which has appeared up to that time in your history. The great King of Earth and Heaven, at whose side we stand to-day, says to us: 'I go to prepare a place for you, and if I go to prepare a place for you, I will come again and receive your unto myself, that where I am there ye may be also.' The preparations will surpass our fondest dreams. None knows so well what will delight us as he; no one is so generous; no one can control the resources of the universe as he can; no one will be so pleased to have our felicity complete. He will come for us, will he? His love and beauty will come in the form of radiant beings who will ravish our hearts with delight by their loveliness. Escorted by them through rosy realms, we will be brought to where the King has made preparations to receive us. And oh, what a reception that will be! Put your trust in the King, and then, only congratulations await you on the day of your departure hence.

"Again we look and the week brings to our notice the queen, because of the speech which the lord chancellor reads at the opening of parliament in London. The queen, Victoria—I have seen her and other European queens. Women, I look into your faces and see queens. I see you crowned in the future. Queen Victoria differs from you, not in any personal quality; in nothing of this, is she your superior. Certain accidental affairs, only very transient in their nature, distinguish her from you. I stand by the side of the great King and look at you and her, and these accidental affairs vanish, and you are all women. You are developing and moving on under his direction, confiding in him. I look ahead and see you as you stand in Zion, and before God, and I behold the great King leading you up the crystal steps to the throne and with his own hands placing the coronet upon your fair brows, and with the glory of that scene shimmering about me I salute you, queens to the most High, the great King, whom you will see in his beauty."

THE CITY OF GOLD.

Bank of England; "Its Methods and Their Advantages."

Moral: "If large pecuniary interests were concerned in denying the truth of the attraction of gravitation, that most obvious of physical facts would be strongly and ably disputed."—Lord Macaulay.

It is not charged that "pecuniary interests" have, as yet, influenced the Boston Transcript in its statements. If, however, it should continue to extol the Bank of England its readers may think otherwise. To encourage it to "read up" on banking and kindred questions the following short narrative from Patterson's Economy of Capital is submitted:

"THE CITY OF GOLD."

"London, as everyone knows, contains a city within a city; and within that inner city there is yet another; the very heart of the metropolis. It is a small place. In a couple of minutes you may walk across it from side to side, from end to end. * * * There is to be found the spare capital of the nation. * * *

The City of Gold is based upon gold; and the foundation is found to be pre-eminently unstable and perilous. The golden base perpetually oscillates to and fro and each of its greater oscillations is felt like the shock of an earthquake. It rises and falls, expands and contracts and sometimes seems to slip away from beneath the city altogether. Then goodly houses go down by the dozen—not because they are illy built—not from any fault of the architect or occupants, but simply because the foundation upon which they all stand has given way. Of late years (this was in 1865) these oscillations have become more frequent and more serious; and every ten years or so, a convulsion takes place—not of nature, but by Act of Parliament—which spreads terror and disaster through

"THE GOLDEN CITY,"

and paralyzes the whole country as effectually as if an earthquake had strewed with ruins the great seats of our national industry. The merchant and the manufacturer, the shopkeeper and the day-laborer, alike find their trade stopped, and their gains swept away. Suffering and want spread over the land, as if there were a great famine. * * * Is there not something wrong here? Ought the presence or absence of a few millions of gold to make the vast difference between national prosperity on the one hand, and national disaster and widespread suffering on the other? How will posterity speak of us when it sees that we made the huge fabric of our national industry stand like an inverted pyramid, resting on a narrow apex formed of a chamberful of yellow dross? Will they not laugh at our folly, our barbarism? When the usual supply of gold is temporarily diminished, why should our usual credit-system be restricted in proportion, or wholly suspended? Of what use is credit but to take the place of payments in coin? Was it not for this and for this alone, that credit and paper-money were adopted? Why then not make use of our credit-system as a means of compensating the temporary absence of gold? Why not tide over the difficulty instead of aggravating it?"

The foregoing testimony of distinguished Englishmen is merely a few fragments from the true story about the so-called "advantages which—the Boston Evening Transcript says—pertain to the "methods" of the Bank of England.

SIMON STETSON.

M'CULLOCH'S TESTIMONY.

Although a Banker, He Saw No Gold from 1834 to 1848.

(Extract from "Men and Measures of Half a Century," by Hugh McCulloch, secretary of the treasury under Lincoln, Johnson and Arthur, page 119.)

Although the double standard existed in the United States, the metallic currency of the country chiefly, and throughout the west exclusively, from the time the bank was organized in 1834 to the discovery of gold in California in 1848, was silver. The capital of the bank was paid up in Spanish and Mexican dollars, and its reserve continued to be in this coin until it was sold for gold at a premium of about 3 per cent on Mexican dollars and 6 per cent on Spanish. I had been a banker for 14 years before I handled or saw a dollar in gold except the $10 thaler pieces which were brought into this country by German immigrants. If Professor Sumner had been a banker at any time prior to 1848, he would not have gone so wide of the mark as he did in saying in the 1885 June number of The North American Review, "We do not want or need silver as a circulating medium and shall not abandon it, because we never had it." We did have it, and sooner or later we shall have it again, and without its being degraded. We are not prepared—the world is not prepared—for the domonetization of either gold or silver, nor can this preparation be brought about without the wiping out of a very large part of public and private debts. Debts contracted when both metals are used as money would be a burden too heavy to be borne when measured by a single standard.

With our present system of boodle politics representative government seems to be a farce. Let us have the Referendum.

A LIVING TRUTH.

MAN IS THE TRUE STANDARD OF VALUE.

"The Social and Industrial System Is to Be Measured, Not by the Wealth It Produces But by the Men It Produces."

Dr. Lyman Abbott has long been an advanced leader of thought in many lines. Whatever subject he touches he illumines, for his mind is clear and free and his purpose is ever inspired by loftiest intent. That he has of late turned his attention to socio-economic problems is a promise that these pressing questions will be presented in such form as to command the respectful attention of all; that others, groping toward the light, will by him be pointed out the safe and sure way.

"Christianity and Social Problems" is the suggestive title of a new book just from his pen, and the noble character of the work and the high humanitarianism which runs through it all is seen in the extracts which appear below, to which we are indebted to the Literary Digest:

"'The social and industrial system is to be measured, not by the wealth it produces, but by the men it produces; not by the abundance of the material things, but by the kind of men developed in the process. Man is the standard of value, not things. An industrial system, then, must produce good men and good women or tend to produce them. If it does not, it fails, measured by Christ's standard.' Thus Dr. Abbott takes issue with the old political economy which declared itself concerned simply with wealth and with men simply as wealth-producers. That is to say, he holds, with a number of moderns, that economics, of necessity dealing with man as an intelligent and moral being, must be ethical. He asserts that the question whether the wage system is better than feudalism or slavery has been settled, but against the present industrial system as either final or true he makes these counts: (1) That it is not giving steady and permanent employment to all willing laborers. (2) That it also fails to give all those who are employed under it wages adequate for true livelihood. (3) That it is insufficiently educative in itself and fails to allow adequate leisure for educative processes. (4) That pure, good homes are in many instances impossible under present conditions.

"'I believe,' he declares, 'that the system which divides society into two classes, capitalists and laborers, is but a temporary one, and that the industrial unrest of our time is the result of a blind struggle toward a democracy of wealth, in which the tool-users will also be the tool-owners; in which labor will hire capital, not capital labor; in which men, not money, will control in industry, as they now control in government. But the doctrines that labor is a commodity, and that capital is to buy in the cheapest market, is not even temporarily sound; it is economically false as it is ethically unjust.

"'There is no such commodity as labor; it does not exist. When a workingman comes to the factory on a Monday morning he has nothing to sell; he is empty-handed; he has come in order to produce something by his exertion, and that something, when it is produced, is to be sold, and part of the proceeds of that sale will of right belong to him, because he has helped to produce it. And as there is no labor commodity to be sold, so there is no labor market in which to sell it. * * * Both are fictions of political economy. The actual facts are as follows:

"'Most commodities in our time—even agricultural commodities are gradually coming under these conditions—are produced by an organized body of workingmen, carrying on their work under the superintendence of a "captain of industry," and by the use of costly tools. This requires the co-operation of three classes—the tool-owner or capitalist, the superintendent or manager, and the tool-user or laborer. The result is the joint product of their industry—for the tool itself is only a reservoired product of industry—and therefore belongs to them jointly. It is the business of political economy to ascertain how values can be equitably divided between these partners in a common enterprise. This is the labor question in a sentence.'"

"Anything More, My Lord?"

In answering a correspondent, the New York World quotes from the census to show that 3,000 families own over $12,000,000,000—over twelve thousand million dollars—of the wealth of the United States.

At such a time as this the World is not likely to be accused of assisting the democratic party. So, accepting its figures, let us see what they mean.

The total assessed value of all real and personal property in Nebraska under the census of 1890 was $184,000,000; Missouri, $887,000,000; Illinois, $809,000,000; Kansas, $347,000,000; Kentucky, $547,000,000; Tennessee, $382,000,000; Colorado, $220,000,000; Texas, $780,000,000; Alabama, $258,000,000; Mississippi, $166,000,000; Indiana, $856,000,000, and California, $1,101,000,000.

The combined assessed wealth, real and personal, of these 12 great states of the west and south, as shown by the census of 1890, foots up between $6,000,000,000 and $7,000,000,000, while the combined wealth of 3,000 plutocratic families foots up over $12,000,000,000—nearly twice as much.—St. Louis Post-Dispatch.

We nominate Cleveland as one of the members of the McKinley cabinet—that is, if he is not too far behind with his fishing.

RAILROADS AND FINANCE.

Some Brief Remarks Suggested by Current Events.

It is asserted that railroads don't pay. This is one of the reasons given why the government should not engage in the railroad business. It is also urged as a reason why rates should not be reduced. Notwithstanding this, however, there seems to be a keen desire on the part of those who own the railroads to hold on to them.

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Take the Pacific railroads for instance. They are covered with a first mortgage loan of $60,000,000. In addition to this they owe the government $120,000,000, making a total of $180,000,000. No one pretends to believe that they cannot be duplicated for a less sum of money, yet the companies are anxious to retain them and promise that if the mortgage is not foreclosed, they will pay off this entire indebtedness.

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President Cleveland informs us that he has the assurance of capitalists that in case of foreclosure, bids will be made to make the government safe on its investment. We very much doubt this. There is a possibility that in the foreclosure process there may be a dead African in the woodpile. Unless the government intends to make a bid to protect itself there is a chance for it to lose every dollar of its claim. In the interest of good business policy it should do this, and if it fails to do so there is room for suspicion of collusion and fraud.

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In the light of Mr. Cleveland's past transactions too much confidence should not be placed in the zeal he displays to the end of a settlement of the Pacific railroads' claim. It cannot be forgotten that the negotiation of the $62,000,000 bond deal with the Morgan syndicate, through his former partner, left a cloud of suspicion on him that excited much comment at the time. Dispatches inform us that two syndicates have already been formed for the purpose of buying in the roads provided they are put up at public auction. How are we to know that Mr. Cleveland is not financially interested in these syndicates along with other government officials?

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That would most certainly be a brilliant scheme, and some things begin to point to its consummation. It would be necessary to have two syndicates to bid against each other (ostensibly) to give the sale the appearance of being conducted legitimately. After all this may be just what the companies want. It was stated in this discussion of the Huntington bill that the terms were not as good as the Union Pacific Company had offered. It is possible that they were made purposely to secure its defeat, and to the end of settling the matter by foreclosure. No sane person believes that a syndicate of capitalists will bid more for the roads than they are worth, and they are not worth $180,000,000. As the $60,000,000, most of which is said to be held by the present owners of the road, take precedence to the government claim, it looks like Uncle Sam may be left out entirely, unless he exercises the wisdom of a business man and protects himself by putting in a bid.

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There is, however, in the situation one ray of hope for the people. If the government secures possession of these roads it will prove the entering wedge against private or corporate ownership of the means of transportation. It would be a step, and an important one towards the gradual acquirement of all the railroads, and government operation of the same. To prevent this it is possible that the railroad capitalists in the United States would even outbid the government in the sale of these roads. For this purpose they could afford to pay more than they are worth and they might possibly do so to defeat government ownership. But to compel them to do this it would be necessary for the government to bid the full amount of the railroad indebtedness. However it ends, the settlement of this question with the discussion incident to it, is likely to give greater prominence to the transportation problem during the next four years than it has ever had before, and will likely make it one of the principle issues of the next presidential campaign.

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The recent sound money convention at Indianapolis is one of the straws which indicate the most prominent issue in the next campaign. There was no talk in that convention of international bimetallism. It regarded the silver question as settled and now sets itself about the task of determining by legislation the form and character of our paper money. It should be observed that the advocates of gold are not opposed to a paper money. On the other hand, they believe that the greater part of our currency should consist of paper. But they are opposed to government paper money, and boldly announce that the government should go out of the banking business. For the same reasons they might, and perhaps will before a great while, oppose the system of government postal money orders, as they take the place of bank checks and exchange. The fight is on, and as Benton once said, "The bank is in the field." It is the same issue of the banks against the people, and the question involved is whether the people shall issue and control the currency and business of the country, or whether this power shall be delegated to the banks.

W. S. MORGAN.

A gold standard is for the benefit of the few.

WHAT IS MONEY?

SOME VERY PROMINENT AUTHORITIES ON THE SUBJECT.

Cut This Out and Paste It in Your Scrap Book for Future Reference—Be Sure and Remember These Definitions.

"Money is coin stamped metal, usually gold or silver, stamped by authority and used as a medium of commerce."—Webster's Dictionary.

"Money is the medium of exchange. Whatever performs this function, does the work, is money, no matter what it is made of."—Prof. Walker in Political Economy.

"Money is simply employed for bartering, as a ship for carrying. Its action is similar to a cart's, it fetches for its owner the things he is in want of."—Prof. Jevons.

"The intrinsic value of money was the idea in the day of crude barbarism. The simplest and most perfect form of money is that which presents nothing but transferable debt, such as paper. It is only when states have reached a high degree of civilization that they adopt this perfect form of money."—Rees' Encyclopedia.

"Whatever power there is over the currency is vested in Congress. If the power to declare what money is not in Congress it is annihilated. * * * We repeat, money is not a substance, but an impression of legal authority, a printed legal decree."—12 Wallace, 519, United States Supreme Court.

"An article is determined to be money by reason of the performance by it of certain functions without regard to its form or substance."—Appleton's Encyclopedia.

"Metallic money, while acting as coin, is identical with paper money in respect to its being destitute of intrinsic value."—North British Review.

"Money is a tool of exchange and nothing more. It is not a measure of value, nor a standard of value, nor a representative of property. It transfers property conveniently from one party to another; as a wagon hauls goods from one place to another."—Professor Price.

"Moneys are of great varieties. The palpable characteristic which distinguishes money from the numerous subjects that resemble it, but which are not money, is its mark of authority, signifying that it is issued, circulated and made payable for debts, services, fines, taxes and commodities by virtue of law."—Alex Delmar in Science of Money.

"Money is a value created by law (a statutory law). The value of metallic money is created by law."—Henry Cernuschi.

"The legislation assumes that in contemplation of law, money of every species has the value which the law fixes on it; that Congress has the constitutional power to say that ten pennyweights of silver shall henceforth be the dollar and do the office heretofore done by sixteen pennyweights, four and one-half grains."—Attorney General U. S. (12 Wallace, U. S. Supreme Court report, page 519.)

"The gold dollar is not a commodity having an intrinsic value, but money having only a statutory value. * * * And every dollar has the same value without regard to the material. * * * The gold dollar has not intrinsic value. Money has only a statutory value. * * * In business transactions gold is not a commodity, but money; nothing more nor less. This gold has and had a statutory value; legally each dollar passes for one hundred cents and legally it has no other value."—Supreme Court of Iowa, Vol. 16.

"There is legally no such thing as gold or silver money. Money is the sovereign authority impressed on that which is capable of taking and retaining the impression. That upon which the stamp is placed is called coin; the coin may be metal, parchment or paper. The value is in the stamp and not in the metal or material."—Judge Tiffany's Constitutional Law, written before the war.

A Twenty-Five Million Steal.

The reported transfer to English capitalists of an interest in the Erie Canal Traction company has not yet been completed, but it is admitted, as stated in the World, that an offer has been made of $3,000,000 for a controlling interest in the stock of the company, and that the president and secretary of the company are now in London arranging the deal.

The Erie Canal Traction company is only one of the subsidiary corporations created by the Cataract General Electric company. The pending transfer is made on a valuation of $5,500,000 for the franchise it carries. The total value of the rights acquired by the parent company, the Cataract General Electric company, is now estimated at the enormous figure of $25,000,000.

Inasmuch as the company did not pay a cent for these "rights" the charter is called a free gift from the state. But there are some people who would prefer to call it a straight steal.—N. Y. World.

This kind of prosperity is worse than 50-cent dollars.

ALABAMA GLEANINGS.

Several new buildings are going up at Uniontown.

—Work has opened at Girard on a mammoth Government distillery.

—Already this season two cars of fertilizer have been sold at the little town of Remlap.

—The Knights of Pythias at Opelika enjoyed a big day with the Grand Lodge officers Friday.

Horse swappers were in convention at Collinsville Saturday, and there was a lively time in the "boneyard" of that city.

—The Pottery Company at Cuba is having a good demand for ware now and is making shipments daily.

—The preliminary trial of Tom Killian for the killing of Gene Galloway, near Crudup, began at Gadsden on Monday.

—State Senator John A. Rodgers, of Sumter, is ill at his home, and was not able to attend the closing days of the General Assembly.

—At Anniston three small boys were charged with robbing a store, and later, it is said, confessed. Owing to extreme youth the lads were not prosecuted.

—Major Vaiden, of Uniontown, is a candidate for Colonel of the Third Regiment, Alabama State Troops, in place of Colonel Elmore, who will not stand for re-election.

—Special Judge John L. Burnette, of Gadsden, will finish up Circuit Court at Fort Payne. The illness of Judge Bilbro's wife forces his presence at home.

—Walter McAdams was hanged at Columbia Friday for murdering his wife.

—Work has begun on the water works for the Atheneum, at East Lake, and before Summer the building will be supplied with pure water direct from a spring on Red Mountain.

—The bill authorizing a railroad across the Alabama River, between Lower Peachtree and Prairie Bluff, Ala., was reported to the House of Representatives at Washington Saturday and passed.

—There is some talk of the Atlanta & Selma Railroad being built through Coosa County. The survey runs near Rockford, and goes through a section of country that many developments could be made in. The people along the line as it runs in Coosa are anxious for the road to be built.

—An Eufaula special to the Montgomery Advertiser says: "The fight in the Comer-Clayton Congressional contest case was settled here Friday afternoon, Mr. Comer gave up the contest, assigning as a reason that he did not care to tax the State, worry Congress or put Mr. Clayton to any further expense."

—George Lacey, colored, met a fatal accident Friday afternoon at the Birmingham Rolling Mills. It seems he was carrying a load of iron on his shoulder and stumbled over some obstructions. He fell heavily and struck his head on another piece of iron, which caused instant death. It was reported at first that he had dropped dead. No inquest was necessary.

—Conductor W. H. Brown met with a painful and perhaps serious injury Friday morning at Eutaw, on the Alabama Great Southern Railroad. He was in charge of the local freight and was doing some switching at the station. In making a coupling Mr. Brown, in some unknown manner, had his left arm badly crushed. The accident occurred about noon.

—The people in the vicinity of Lincoln, Talladega County, are very much aroused over the total stock law measure recently passed by the Legislature. They have "whereased and resolved" and passed, almost unanimously, the "nullification act." The greatest trouble arises from the fact that the stock law takes immediate effect. If enforced it would cause many farmers to lose a part of their stock, as they have no pastures and no time to make any, and the stock is not fat enough for market. Many farmers in favor of the law have decided to ignore it for the present year for the sake of their neighbors, so the fences will remain up for the larger part of beat 1.

—Mr. Thomas H. Clark, of Montgomery, who has been in Washington recently, looking after his contest for a seat in the Fifty-fifth Congress in place of Hon. Jesse F. Stallings, informed the Alabama members Friday that he had abandoned the contest.

KILLED HIS FRIEND.

New Albany, Miss.—Saturday morning at Rock Ford, fourteen miles Southwest of this place, Ben Gaines shot and killed Bob Majors. They had been life-long friends, and quarreled over a frivolous matter.

Governor Jones, of Arkansas, has approved a bill to require railroads to carry bicycles as baggage.

Mexican dollars in New York are quoted at 50¢.

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MONDAY is election.

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EVERY citizen of Clanton should and ought to vote for the best men for mayor and councilmen.

AT the time of writing it is impracticable to give any account of the meeting of the Reform Press Association in session at Kansas City this week.

THE Legislature adjourned without having performed any very mentorious act, or in fact having accomplished anything of benefit to the people.

THERE has been a call for a meeting of the citizens of Clanton at the court house to-morrow evening for the purpose of putting out a ticket for the city offices. Every citizen of the town should be in attendance and nominate just such men as can best fill the offices.

A CONVENTION of cotton growers is called by Hector D. Lane, president of the cotton growers association, to meet at three different points for the purpose of considering what is best to be done this season. In the call he says:

The only remedy is to "fight the devil with fire," meet organization with organization.

Do not be led into the error that you can cambat this power without systematic organization. You can not deceive the great firms that buy your product. They have their emissaries in every town and village; they are ever scrutinizing your actions and know more in regard to the general conditions than you can possibly find out.

Destroy the annual surplus of cotton that is the active coadjutor of the cotton "bear." This can be accomplished by increasing the acreage of food crops and consequently the judicious diminishment of cotton acreage. You will be better off with a seven million bale crop selling at ten cents, supplemented by ample food crops, than with a ten million bale crop selling at five cents.

The world spends about three hundred and thirty-five million dollars annually for American cotton. If we make a seven million bale crop they run after us for our product. If we make a ten million bale crop we fall ourselves to sell it to them.

The ten million bale crop of '94 and '95 brought the South in round numbers two hundred and eighty-nine million dollars. The seven and a half million bale crop of '93 and '94 brought in rought numbers two hundred and ninety-three million dollars.

The seven million bale crop of '95 and '96 brought two hundred and ninety-two and one-quarter million dollars. Demonstrating the fact that a small crop brings more money irrespective of of acreage used for food crops and the labor and money expended on a larger acreage.

Our only hope of protection lies in intelligent concert of action. We should keep ourselves informed of crop condition, amount of production, etc., throughout the cotton area. Then by a symtematic and judicious marketing of our crops we can realize inestimable benefits that never can be secured permanently otherwise.

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The Farmer and Prosperity.

The Constitution has pointed out with an iteration almost tiresome that there has been and can be no real or permanent prosperity in this country unless the farmers are receiving fair returns for their products. The editors, the merchants and the business men of New York may close their eyes to this fact if they choose to. In the end, and before many months have rolled around it will be forced on their attention in a way that will compel them to recognize it.

Here is a truth that we advise them to take to heart and study at their convenience: The whole fabric of our business, trade, commerce, wealth and industry has been built up and is based on agriculture. This is the root and essence of the whole matter, and when it is once clearly compehended the whole situation is made plain. We shall never have prosperity again until those who control legislation comprehend this great truth and act upon its suggestion.

In the very newspapers that print the tabular statements of distress, we see it announced that there is a "plethora" of money in New York. Now "plethora" is a good word, and is intended to mean something; but when we see the anouncement that nearly half a million of people in the metropolis are suffering because industrious workers cannot sell their labor for money, we immediately discover that the "plethora" here described is phantom—a creature of the imagination—for if there was a real plethora of money in New York city, trade would be booming, all the vacant places would be filled, and the half a million of sufferers would be enjoying comparative comfort today.

We see that in the socalled plethora the money famine among industrious workers in New York city is as strenuous as it is in the agricultural regions. And, in proportion, the result is much more serious. How often and with how much emphasis will the editors who propose all remedies but the right one have to be told that the money question is not a farmer's question. If every dollar of currency were destroyed, the position of the farmer makes him superior to such a calamity. If every other productive industry were to be razed to the ground and all the railways torn up and abandoned, his position would still be one of comfort as compared to the rest of the population. For, as he has built all the great industries and produced all the wealth and capital of the country, he would produce them again, slowly, but as surely as the sun shines.

The farmer is complete master of the situation, so far as earning a comfortable livelihood is concerned. But the prosperity of the whole country depends on his prosperity. Let him receive fair prices for his products and the beneficent results flow quickly and promptly to the remotest interest, to the humblest as well as the highest individual. In this land where everything is directly or indirectly based on agriculture, there is no possible remedy for the prevaling depression, except that which enables the farmer to receive fair and profitable returns for his products. Prosperity can proceed only from its source, and that source, in this country, has its roots deep in the soil.

While the rest of the country is suffering from financial and business depression, neither New York nor any other city can be prosperous. The source of trade, commerce, and all forms of productive industry is in the farm. Give the farmers profitable prices for that which they produce, and within a few months all trade will revive and every channel of commerce will be fed. Money that is hoarded ceases to be money. It becomes more important than money. It represents poverty, idleness, crime and all the woes of social uneasiness and distress. The money that the farmer receives for his produce goes to the small tradesmen, thence to the larger merchant, thence to the jobber, thence to the factory, and from the factory into the hands of the wage-earners, back into trade again, making a wholesome and profitable visit to the pocket of every worker.

When financial distress falls upon the farmer, the force of the blow is spent on those who depend on him, and those who directly depend on him in this country constitute the vast majority of the people. We advise our metropolitan contemporaries that unless they perceive the truth and are willing to announce it their fair city may prepare itself for worse days to come.—Constitution.

Why was it necessary for Mr. McKinley to select a banker to carry out the pledges in the Republican platform? Because no one else except a banker could understand the scope and meaning of those pledges, in which banks alone are interested.—Silver Knight

Were the pledges in the Republican platform made to the bankers or to the people? They were made for the benefit of the bankers and to deceive the people.—Silver Knight.

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Political Pointers.

People's Press Bureau, St. Louis, Mo., Feb. 23, 1896.

Much interest has been felt in regard to the recent press meetings. The most radical element in the party, some of whom were so tainted with republican boodle as to have been expelled from their state press and party organizations, called a meeting of the N. R. P. A. and a conference to "re organize" the party at Memphis, Tenn., Feb. 22. The call was irregular and in direct opposition to the expressed wish of a majority of the reform editors. The last meeting having been held in the far south and the great difficulty of obtaining transportation (interstate) caused a demand for the meeting to be held at some more central point. In response to letters elicited by the application of the referendum principle, A. Rozelle, Corresponding Secretary and Treasurer of the N. R. P. A. issued a call for a press meeting to be held at Kansas City on the same date. This was done in order that an organization free from party tyranny and yet willing to sustain the National Committee and its officials might be brought into existence. Its object is for business purposes in contra distinction to the cantankerous machine that is wholly under the control of men whose career can but injure any organization with which they may be identified.

Lyman Gage, in his farewell address to friends who were banqueting him on the eve of his departure for Washington, D. C., where he goes to assume a place in the cabinet of President McKinley, referred to the unrest and dissatisfaction existing in this country in regard to money matters as a "sort of social and political hysteria" that could be cured by patience and that exercise of wisdom in high places which he evidently believes himself well able to furnish.

It is generally understood that the extra session of congress will not touch the money question. Tariff alone will be considered.

McKinley has asked leading bankers of Chicago and New York to draft a new National Bank system.

Much interest is felt in the senatorial investigation of Secretary Francis' land grant to Perrine, Grover Cleveland's father in-law. Mrs. Folsom, Mrs. Cleveland's mother, married this man Perrine after her daughter's marriage to Cleveland. The land lies in Florida and is valued at more than a half million dollars. Unless this investigation goes mysteriously into that oblivion which has engulfed so many of its predecessors, it will throw much light upon the appointment of Francis by Cleveland at the eleventh hour of his fast waning administration.

Talk about your Billion Dollar Congress! Congressman Dockery of Missouri estimates that the present session has cost the country already $1,045,000,000.

Gov. Bushnell has decided that he will not appoint a successor for Sherman, thus making it almost a certainty that Hanna will be able to buy the legislature.

Populists in Congress are opposed to the proposition that the party give up the silver question. They, with a majority of the party, regard such a course as foolish in the extreme.

Col. A. S. Buford, president of the Virginia Board of Agriculture, has called a national conference of farmers to meet at Washington, March 5.

William P. St. John, Treasurer of the allied silver forces in the last campaign, died February 14 at his home in New York. He came into note when he resigned the presidency of the Mercantile National Bank of New York and declared himself for free silver. Over-work during the campaign brought on an illness from which he never recovered.

W. J. Bryan recently had a most pleasant and profitable visit in Texas He has accepted invitations to speak before the joint legislative bodies of Missouri and of Kansas, on the currency question. A. R.

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Strasburg.

The farmers of this section are now quite busy preparing for another crop; sowing oats, etc.

Mr. Walter Hill and sister, Miss Katie, is visiting friends and relatives at Bessemer. We wish them much joy.

Miss Cora Hill has returned home from Jemison, after staying awhile with her sister, Mrs. Crosby.

We are glad to know that Miss Nolia Littleton is improving after having the measles.

We are sorry to know that Mr. Walter Hill has gone to Bessemer where he will make his home.

Miss Gracie Martin visited Miss Nolia Littleton Thursday evening.

Mr. B. N. Martin and wife visited Mr. Littleton's family Friday evening.

Miss Henrietta Sorrell is visiting friends at Jemison.

Mrs. Piety Crosby of Jemison is visiting her mother of Strasburg this week.

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Loweville Locals.

Owing to the inclemency of the weather, Aunt Hannah failed to send in the locals last week.

Mrs. T. B. Teel was a pleasant visitor here last week.

Our energetic friend, Mr. W. E. Lowe, visited relatives here last Tuesday.

Mrs. G. W. Lodge of Lomax was the guest of Mrs. H. Lowe last week.

Misses Annie Marlar and Lilla Danforth visited Clanton last week.

Misses Gilchrist and Baker, of Longstreet visited Miss Gerusha Marlar last week.

We are glad to know that the little infant of Mr. and Mrs. H Lowe is recovering from a severe attack of pneumonia.

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Editor Morrison of Worthington, Ind., "Sun," writes: "You have a valuable prescription in Electric Bitters, and I can cheerfully recommend it for Constipation and Sick Headache, and as a general system tonic it has no equal." Mrs. Annie Stehle, 2625 Cottage Grove Ave., Chicago, was all run down, could not eat nor digest food, had a backache which never left her and felt tired and weary, but six bottles of Electric Bitters restored her health and renewed her strength. Prices 50 cents and $1.00.

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Notice No. 18795.
Land Office at Montgomery, Ala., Jan. 17, 1897.

Notice is hereby given that the following named settler has filed notice of his intention to make final proof in support of his claim, and that said proof will be made before The Clerk of the Circuit Court at Clanton, Ala., on Feb. 27th, 1897, viz: Noah Pletcher, Homestead entry, No. 26,264, for the nw¼ of sw¼, sw¼ of nw¼, section 28 tp 20 n of r 13 east.

He names the following witnesses to prove his continuous residence upon and cultivation of, said land, viz: William H. Anderson, Willis F. Sims, Thomas Anderson, Artar E. Hicks, all of Stanton, Ala.

H. PURCELL, Register.

Final Proof Notice.

Notice No. 18883.
Land Office at Montgomery, Feb. 17, 1897.

Notice is hereby given that the following-named settler has filed notice of his intention to make final proof in support of his claim and that said proof will be made before Register or Receiver of the United States Land Office, at Montgomery, Ala., on April 6th, 1897, viz: Sidney J. Miller, Homestead entry, No. 22,275 & 23,250, for the n½ of nw¼ 4, n½ of ne¼ section 18 tp 20 n r 11 e, Thomas H. Wright, Homestead entry, No. 26,500, for the w½ of se¼ 4, n½ of sw¼ section 12 tp 20 n r 10 e.

He names the following witnesses to prove his continuous residence upon and cultivation of, said land viz: T. H. Wright, of Chadwick, Ala., L. B. Crocker, of Chadwick, Ala., L. R. Friday, of Morrowville, Ala., S. J. Miller, of Stanton, Ala., G. W. Harrison, Chadwick, Ala.

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Final Proof Notice.

Notice No. 18882.
Land Office at Montgomery, Ala., Feb. 17, 1897.

Notice is hereby given that the following-named settler has filed notice of his intention to make final proof in support of his claim and that said proof will be made before Register or Receiver of United States Land Office, at Montgomery, Ala, on April 6th, 1897, viz: Luther R. Friday, Homestead entry, No. 23,090 for the w½ of se¼, section 24 tp. 20 north of r 10 east. Leonard B. Crocker, Homestead entry, No. 23,739, for the s½ of sw¼ section 12 tp 20 north r 10 east.

He names the following witnesses to prove his continuous residence upon and cultivation of, said land, viz: T. H. Wright, of Chadwick, Ala., G. W. Harrison, of Chadwick, Ala., L. B. Crocker, of Chadwick, Ala., L. R. Friday, of Morrowville, Ala., S. J. Miller, of Stanton, Ala.

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THE MISSING WORD.

A New Chance for Our Subscribers to Make Money.

We call the attention of our readers to the interesting details of our clubbing proposition with The Atlanta Weekly Constitution, published in full elsewhere. As will be seen, the joint price of our paper and The Weekly Constitution for one year is but $1.50. Every subscriber will not only get the two papers for little more than the price of one, but will, in addition, have a chance to participate without cost in the "Missing Word Contest," the premiums for which are offered by both papers. Every subscriber is entitled to guess at the missing word in the following sentence:

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and the one who supplies the correct word will be entitled to 10 per cent. of the amount received from subscriptions not only from The Constitution, but all of the papers participating in the clubbing offer with The Constitution between now and the 1st of March. The Constitution guarantees that at least FIVE HUNDRED DOLLARS IN CASH will be distributed, and probably the amount will be between $1,000 to $2,000. If more than one person supplies correctly the missing word, the cash amount will be distributed among the successful guessers.

A few months ago The Weekly Constitution offered $1,000 in cash to the subscriber guessing the size of the year's cotton crop as announced by the New Orleans exchange. The successful guesser was Mr. R. T. Poole, of Rockingham, N. C., who received immediately after the announcement of the crop by the New Orleans cotton exchange $1,000 in cash from The Weekly Constitution, enabling him to buy the farm which he was then renting and pay himself out of debt.

Every intelligent person should subscribe to his home paper and take at least one general newspaper which covers the news of the world. The Constitution does better than any southern weekly newspaper, and the fact that it has now the largest circulation of any weekly newspaper published on the western hemisphere attests to its popularity. It publishes 156,000 copies every week and goes into more homes in the southern and western states than any weekly newspaper published in America.

You want your home paper; and when you can get it in connection with The Weekly Constitution for almost the price of one and in addition become a participant in the great missing word contest, announced elsewhere, you should take prompt advantage of the combination. Remit the combination price to us and send your guess of the missing word along with it, and we will forward your name to The Constitution, and your guess will be duly recorded. If you are already a subscriber to our paper and want The Weekly Constitution, forward us ONE DOLLAR with your guess of the missing word and we will see that it is sent to The Constitution.

The proposition is an attractive one, and it is to be hoped that some readers of this paper will supply the correct missing word in the above sentence.

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Notice No. 18826.
Land Office at Montgomery, Ala., Jan. 26, 1897.

Notice is hereby given that the following-named settler has filed notice of his intention to make final proof in support of his claim, and that said proof will be made before The Clerk of the Circuit Court at Clanton, Ala., on March 6th, 1897, viz: John A. Roberry, Homestead entry, No. 25,937, for the se¼-4 of se¼-4, section 26 tp 21 north of r 13 east.

He names the olowing witnesses to prove his continuous reside ce upon and cultivation of, said land, viz: Bowen L. Jones, John L. Smith, Peter A. Vance, James R. Broadhead, all of Kincheon Ala.

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Dr. Stewart went to Montgomery Tuesday.

Mr. W. J. Martin visited Jemison yesterday.

John Dennis, Esq., visited Montgomery Monday.

Mr. Sam Stannel visited Montgomery last week.

Mr. Scott Chesnut visited Jemison Monday night.

Mr. E. L. Gribbon visited Coopers yesterday.

Mr. Mack Hall, of Montgomery was in town yesterday.

Mrs. Gamma Anderson was in Montgomery yesterday.

Mr. Tom Thornton was in Cooper the first of the week.

Miss Mamie Johnson visited Montgomery yesterday.

Mr. Will Beasley, of Jemison, was in Clanton Sunday.

Mr. Duke, contractor, of Annison, was in town last week.

Miss Maud Allen, of Jemison, visited relatives here Sunday.

Mrs. Mollie Woolley visited Mr John Garner's family Sunday.

Mr. Harry Blasingame of Walsworth, visited relatives in Clanton this week.

FOR SALE 12 head of Horses and Mules. Apply to B. M. Gentry, Jemison.

Mr. Durward Foshee, after a spell of sickness, returned to his work in Birmingham yesterday.

Mr. Eugene Evons entertained a number of his friends at his home on court street last Monday night.

Miss Gussie Allen, of Birmingham, after a pleasant visit to friends and relatives here, left last Monday for a visit to Jemison.

The many friends of Mr. Sam Catts were delighted to see him, accompanied by his brother, Gordon, in town last Saturday.

Miss M. A. Wilkes, who recently commenced teaching a little school here, gave it up and left last Monday morning for her home at Columbiana.

Go to T. J. Arnold's to sell your furs, dry cow-hides, chickens, eggs and beeswax, he will make it to your interest if you want anything in the mercantile line. Call and see him.

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The following gentlemen were here last week taking testimony in the chancery suit of Parnell vs Gary & Kennedy involving the estate of Noah W. Foshee: Messrs. S. W. John and W. A. Collier, Birmingham; Thos. H. Watts, W. M. Adams, Montgomery; Henry Pitts, Dr. Gary, Minthora Woolsey, Mr. Hooper, Selma.

Marriage licenses have been granted this week by the Probate Judge to the following persons.

Mr. Joseph A. W. Mims and Miss Ada Adams; Mr. John D. Sanders and Miss Mamie Ray; Mr. Madison D. Ray and Miss Annie M. Robinson; Mr. Albert E. Wilkins and Miss Maggie Askins; Mr. Albert R. Johnson and Miss Cora Askins.

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There will be a series of public reviews at the University School beginning Friday, March 5, 1897, as follows:

March 5: Mathemathics—including Arithmetic, Algrebra, Geometry and Trigonometry.

March 12: Natural Sciences—including Geography, Natural History, Natural Philosophy, Physical Geography and Chemistry.

March 19: English Branches—including History, English Grammar, Rhetoric, English Literature and English Classics.

March 26: Latin Language—including classes in first Latin Book, Cæsar, Sallust, Cicero, Virgil and Livey.

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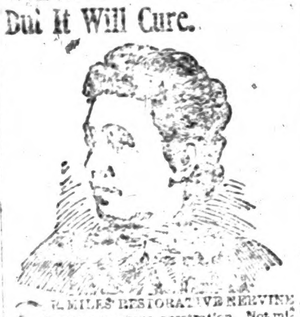

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He names the following witnesses to prove his continuous residence upon and cultivation of, said land, viz: Thomas Smith, Merriman Smith, Jesse Thomas, John Moles, all of Clanton, Ala.

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Final Proof Notice.

Notice No. 18877.

Land Office at Montgomery, Ala.
Feb 13, 1897.

Notice is hereby given that the following-named settler has filed notice of his intention to make final proof in support of his claim, and that said proof will be made before the Clerk of the Circuit Court at Clanton, Ala., on March 27th 1897, viz: Daniel Minor, Homestead entry, No. 25,310, for the w½ of sw¼ sw1-4 of nw1-4, section 14 tp 22 n of r 15 east.

He names the following witnesses to prove his continuous residence upon and cultivation of, said land, viz.: William Mims, Newton Connell, James Mims, R. E. Jones, all of Clanton, Ala.

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Final Proof Notice.

Notice No. 18872.

Land Office at Montgomery, Ala.,
Feb. 12, 1897.

Notice is hereby given that the following named settler has filed notice of his intention to make final proof in support of his claim, and that said proof will be made before The Clerk of the Circuit Court, at Clanton, Ala., on March 27th, 1897, viz.: Henry S. Oates, heir of Mary J. Oates, Homestead Entry No. 26,049 for the sw½ of ne¼, Section 26 tp 21, north of r 13 east.

He names the following witnesses to prove his continuous residence upon, and cultivation of, said land, viz.: Peter A. Vance, of Kincheon, Ala., William Roper, of Kincheon, Ala., Bowen L. Jones, of Kincheon, Ala., William W. Williams, of Lily, Ala.

H. PURCELL, Register.

Final Proof Notice.

Notice No. 18794.

Land Office at Montgomery, Ala.,
Jan. 15, 1897.

Notice is hereby given that the following-named settler has filed notice of his intention to make final proof in support of his claim, and that said proof will be made before The Clerk of the Circuit Court at Clanton, Ala., on Feb 27th, 1897, viz: Elizabeth Moles, Homestead entry, No. 25,279, for the w½ of ne¼, section 10 tp 22 north of r 15 east.

He names the following witnesses to prove his continuous residence upon and cultivation of, said land, viz: John Cleckler, Anderson Baker, Jesse Thomas, Thomas Smith, all of Clanton, Ala.

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Jan 25, 1897.

DEAR SIRS—I am anxious for the sake of the suffering and out of gratitude to you to give my personal endorsement of your wonderful remedy. On the 4th of January 1897, I was in Washington and was suddenly seized with an agravated case of inflammatory rheumatism so severe and painful was the attack that within 24 hours my left arm was paralyzed and I was only able to access with assistance. I secured a bottle of 5 DROPS and took a dose that night, rubbing some on externally as directed. The following morning I was surprised to find myself immensely relieved, and continuing treatment I woke the second morning cured. My arm was absolutely free from pain, and all swelling and stiffness had disappeared. The quickness and completeness of my cure was remarkable. I have known for over a year of the great curative properties of your medicine and have several friends who have been cured by it of Neuralgia, Catarrh and Asthma. Wishing you every success and trusting that those similarly afflicted will at least give this remedy a trial. Sincerely yours,

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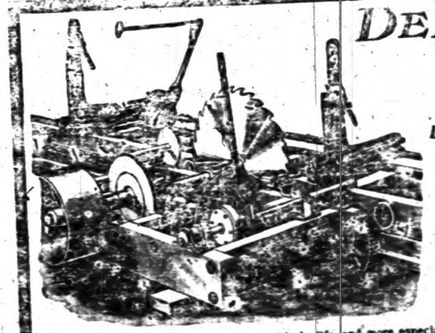

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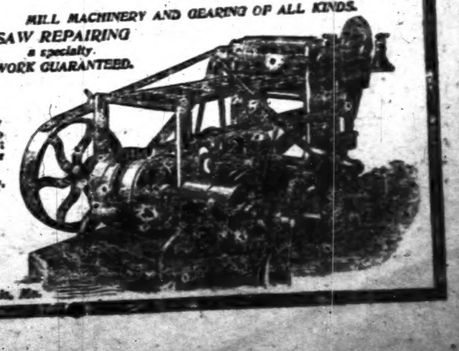

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CAPITAL GOSSIP.

A Newsy Letter from Our Washington Correspondent.

OHIO CONGRESSMAN'S IDEA.

Pennsylvania Avenue Lined With Skeleton Stands Preparatory for Accommodating the Inaugural Visitors.

NATIONAL CONGRESS OF MOTHERS.

Sundry Civil Amendments.—The Senate Committee Adds a Million For Luck—Mark Hanna and the Senatorship.—Another Battleship.—Minor Items.

Washington. — (Special Correspondence.)—Representative Beach, of Ohio, made a statement to the House Committee on Foreign Affairs today in explanation of a resolution introduced by him for securing a uniform standard of value in commerce by the use of international coins. The measure is particularly designed to bring about closer trade relations between the United States and other countries of this hemisphere and the East. It requests the President to begin negotiations with China, Japan, the republics and colonies of the American Hemisphere, Canada and the Hawaiian Islands, for the purpose of securing a uniform standard of value. All of the countries mentioned in the resolution are silver-using countries, and Mr. Beach said that one result of his project, if it succeeded, would be to increase the demand for American silver. The greatest hindrance to trade with neighboring nations was the system of exchange through London. These international coins would take the place of London exchange. They would not be adopted for general circulation in the countries which might adopt them, nor need they be made legal tender in those countries. Silver would be the material best adapted for the coins, and its present and prospective value should be taken into consideration in adopting such a coinage.

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The Senate Committeee on Commerce has agreed to report favorably a number of amendments to the sundry civil appropriation bill providing for improvements to rivers and harbors, including the following $273,000 to complete the improvement of the Great Kanawha river, West Virginia; $318,050 for dredging a channel in Mare Island strait to enable all classes of vessels to reach the naval establishment of Mare Island; improving harbor at Oakland, Cal., $360,577; $200,000 for a steam revenue cutter with headquarters at New York; $125,000 for vessel for coast survey purposes in Alaskan waters; $85,000 for steam tender for construction and repair duty in third lighthouse district; $130,000 for dredge boat at Sabine Pass Tex.

An amendment was agreed to directing the Secretary of War to designate a board of five engineers of the army to investigate the question of movable dams and to recommend the best type for various conditions of the service. All these amendments go to the Committee on Appropriations for consideration and final report.

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Pennsylvania avenue is lined at every available point with the skeleton supports of the grand stands that are being built to hold the thousands who will view the inaugural parade on March 4. At each of the triangles along the avenue which mark the intersections of the streets stands are being erected by the parties who bid successfully for the privileges and the passer by is informed by large placards that he may purchase coupon tickets for seats in the stands. Prices will range from $1 up to $4 and $5. The President's reviewing stand is being erected immediately in front of the White House and is shaping into a very elaborate and rather ornamental structure. The decorations will be profuse and patriotic. Across the street from the President's stand and extending the full length of Lafayette Square another stand is being built. Next to the one that Mr. McKinley will occupy, this will be the most desirable in the city. The parade appears at its best when passing the White House. The young man who bid successfully for the Lafayette Square location is an employe in the Treasury Department and counts upon making at least $2,000 on March 4. Mark Hanna has purchased 250 seats on this stand.

In addition to the stands which are being erected each window and point of vantage along the avenue has been or will be rented for reviewing purposes. At frequent intervals the passerby is met with large signs, which read: "Seats in this window for the parade $5. See plat inside." In many instances the prices are lower. A rather remarkable fact is that vacant rooms on the avenue, ordinarily for rent, can not be rented now at all without reserving to the owner their use on the 4th of March, and in many cases the owners will refuse absolutely to consider propositions to rent until after the inauguration. Every possible source of revenue is being prepared for untilization on that occasion.

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Mark A. Hanna is giving himself far less concern about the question of his entering the Senate to succeed Mr. Sherman than are the newspaper correspondents who speculate upon political possibilites. The quiet, undisturbed deportment of Mark Hanna is the natural sequence to absolute confidence such as the Republican national chairman is believed to enjoy. Among many politicians here there is firm belief that Mr. Hanna will enter the Senate as surely as he lives to see the entrance of Senator Sherman into the Cabinet. The phase of the case upon which this faith is based is interesting and has not been incorporated in the press so far.

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The navy appropriation bill for the next fiscal year has been practically completed by the House Committee on naval affairs. The bill carries about $33,000,000 which is about $2,000,000 more than the appropriation for the current year. The committe has decied to put in the bill the new battleship, of the first-class, recomended by the sub-committee. It is to cost, including the hull, armor and machinery, not more than $3,750,000.

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The National Congress of Mothers, which holds its first session in this city, has outgrowin the expectations of its most sanguine promoters by the number of delegates in attendance, the importance of its discussions and the interest manifested in its proceedings. Some of the lady promoters, who recently estimated the probable attendance at 200 or 300 ladies, were overwhelmed by the presence of 1,800 or more at the first day's session, with constant accessions. This neccessitated a sudden and complete change of plans for the housing of the congress and conducting its exercises.

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The United States Civil Service Commission will hold an examination at the postoffice in Chicago, on Mar. 24th, to obtain elegibles to the position of Assistant Printer in the printing office of the railway mail service in that city. Applicants will be given practical questions relating to the the trade, and in addition they will be given a light examination in spelling, letter-writing, penmanship, arithmetic and copying, from plain copy. The position pays well, and some good printer will get a good place.

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The President has signed the act amending the railroad land grant forfeiture, act of September 20th 1890 by extending the time allowed purchasers of the land.

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The act of Congress granting a pension to Gray's battallion of Arkansas Volunteers has become a law without the signature of the President.

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Postmaster General Wilson has authorized the statement that he has accepted the presidency of the Washington and Lee University.

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The selection of Judge Gary of Baltimore to be Postmaster General under the McKinley administration is quite gratifying to his many friends a this city.

NATURAL GAS

By Exploding Shatters a Newspaper Office and Injures Five People.

Chicago, Ill.—A severe explosion of natural gas at 7 o'clock Saturday morning in the engine room of the Chicago Chronicle, at 164 and 166 Washington street, badly shattered the basement and injured five persons, some of them seriously. Pipes leading from the street sprung a leak and the explosion was caused by ignition from the electric light wires.

John McMillan, foreman of the press room, was the most seriously injured and his recovery is doubtful. He was blown against a wall and badly burned. One arm was so badly crushed that it will probably have to be amputated.

Larry Hargrove, the engineer, was blown thirty feet, and badly injured internally.

John Stenger, pressman, was seriously burned about the face.

John Wheeler, driver for Case & Martin, who was standing in front of the Chronicle Office, was blown half way across the street and Charles Williams, who was standing on the sidewalk over the gas pipe, was blown as high as the second-story of the building and badly injured.

Matthew Beines, mailer, was badly burned.

A few minutes after the explosion flames leaped through the basement floors and consumed the business office and destroyed the Western Union Telegraph Company's branch office adjoining.

All the wires leading to the office including the wires of the United Associated Presses, were broken. The editorial rooms of the Chronicle were flooded by water and badly damaged by smoke. The force of the shock from the explosion broke every plate glass window in the building and tore up the sidewalk in front of the office. The wall separating the press room of the Chronicle from the Journal was blown down, and the water from the engines flooded the presses and damaged the large stock of paper.

It is difficult to ascertain the exact losses, as the firemen and police will not allow reporters to enter the building, owing to the frequent explosions of gas in the basement. Horatio Seymour, publisher of the Chronicle, estimates the damage at $10,000.

A REMARKABLE CASE.

A Georgia Negro in the Penitentiary Illegally.

Savanah, Ga.—It has just come to light that a negro named Maj. Lee who has served fifteen years in the penitentiary on conviction for murder has never had a new trial which was granted him by the Supreme Court on the grounds that he is not guilty under the evidence that was submitted in the case. Lee was convicted in 1881, and the verdict was contrary to the law and the evidence. In the meantime Lee was sent to the penitentiary and is there to-day, and has never had his new trial. When sent up he was a little 14-year-old boy. He is now a big burly negro of 30. Solicitor-General Osborne, of the Eastern Judicial Circuit, who has just come into office, tok up the case, and has insisted on its being disposed of. Lee was charged with the murder of Elbert Lee, a white man, but there was nothing but circumstantial evidence against him. Judge R. Falligant, now on the Superior Court bench, defended him on which account a judge from an adjoining circuit will be called down to try the case should there be any attempt to try it, which is not probable.

SOME WAR NEWS.

General Weyler Leaves a Trail of Blood and Fire.

WHAT AN EYE-WITNESS SAW.

Homes Laid Waste, Cane Fields Destroyed and People Forced to Crowd into the towns.

SOME WITHOUT SHELTER OR FOOD.

Some So-Called Spanish Victories.—The European War.—Greek Troops Mounting Gups, Preparatory to Capturing a Turkish Fort.—Report of Massacre Confirmed.

Key West, Fla.—A passenger arrived on the steamer Aransas Friday morning who, on reliable authority, is said to have come from an extensive trip through the central provinces—Santa Clara, Matanzas, and Havana—and gives the impressions of his journey in the following terms:

The ruin and desolation were frightful to witness, he said. The country being bare and wasted, cane fields and plantations burned; no vestiges of the country homes remaining except those stone-built, blackened walls only remaining. Thatched huts were but heaps of ashes; villages, towns and cities were partially destroyed, but crowded with miserable, folorn people with emaciated, hungry-looking, starved faces. They were all huddled in small spaces, without commodities, with no hygiene, and suffering from diseases of all descriptions, and dying by the hundreds daily. All this state of things was brought about by Weyler's brutal and inhuman decree ordering the concentration of the country people into the towns. Weyler, in his march through these provinces, has left a trail of fire and blood. Horrible stories are told of the outrages and butcheries committed under his personal orders. Such is the terror he inspires that the mere fact of his approach creates consternation and the alarm at once spreads to all the people who rush to the nearest town for protection. When this gentleman left Sancti Spiritus, Weyler was reported as encamped near Calbarion, and expected to arrive there that day. His forces numbered 15,000 men, and as he marches without provisions, the result is that on the road his soldiers sack all the stores, as happened at Santa Clara City, which was left bare, with the natural result of increased misery and starvation for the poor people there.

Near Sancti Spiritus at a place named Guayo, a column of Spanish troops when passing last Friday, after killing all the cattle, set fire to the buildings and ranches and butchered the owner, a planter named Ramon Napolea, a man of independent means, well known and esteemed in that district. This was reported as a rebel camp, captured and destroyed.

The same party found a party of rebels lying in ambush, and taken by surprise, they only had time to escape after a desperate fight, in which a Cuban officer, Lieutenant Perez, made a brave defense against eight soldiers. He had to succumb, and was hacked to pieces with the machete, after surrendering. Two other Cubans perished. This was also reported as a great encounter in which the rebel losses were numbered by the hundreds.

The result of this destruction and the terrible atrocities committed by the Spaniards has been the means of an increase of the rebel forces in great numbers. All able-bodied men in these provinces are rushing to the Cuban ranks, and hundreds of families prefer to suffer hardships in the woods than misery and starvation in the towns.

At the estate Gibacy, near Tunas, about 100 families were living in peace When ordered to move into town they at once took to the woods. This is but a single instance in the hundreds of similar cases. Meantime these shocking things on the Spanish side only increase the Cuban army. Scores are constantly flocking to the rebels.

The evident signs of weakness which Spain displayed by offering so-called reforms have all the more determined the insurgents to continue the strugle.

From reliable sources it is learned that Gomez will now initiate a vigorous campaign. After arranging with the Cuban government the plans and purposes of his future movements, Gomez ordered a concentration of all the rebel forces preparatory to his advance into the Western provinces. His first step was to send the Cuban Government back to Cubitas with headquarters in Camaguey. The pany started with an escort of 200 men and successfully crossed the central trocha Saturday night near the best protected part of the line at La Redonda, under the very walls of a

This is another instance of the usefulness of the Spanish trochas. Gomez's plans, it appears, are to sneak back through Weyler's line, and once on his rear guard, commence his campaign by attacking and destroying the sugar estates grinding against his orders. He will also, it is said, punish severely all the local Cuban leaders who have tolerated grinding within their jurisdiction.

Gomez's exact location is unknown, as he is constantly moving from Remedios to Sancti Spiritus, watching Weyler's movements in order to seize the first opportunity to outflank him. Weyler, as customary, has had no engagement with the rebels. He carries with him such a strong body guard that no one cares to interfere with his movements, and they leave him to march along unmolested.

Carillo is reported encamped with 15,000 men near Finulcu, and Jose Miguel Gomez, with about 2,000 men near the Taguasco farm.

This is the nucleus of the rebel forces operating around Sancti Spiritus. Their organization is perfect, they are fairly well supplied with arms and munitions, and they are complete masters of the field to such an extent that nothing enters Sancti Spiritus without a permit and the payment of specified taxes to the revolution. Jose Vaklivia an American citizen residing near Sansti Spiritus, formerly a rich cattle raiser, has been ruined by the Spanish troops. His cattle ranch has been destroyed, the buildings burned, and all his cattle citizen residing near Sancti Spiritus, despite the fact that he showed his papers proving his citizenship. His protest was of no avail. He will now file a claim through the American consul.

THE REPORT CONFIRMED.

As to the Massacre of Two Thousand Moslems by Christians.

Canea, Crete.—The Austrian vice consul at Heraklion confirms the report of the massacre of 2,000 Moslems by Cretan Christians at Scitia, on the eastern extremity of the island. Col. Vassos, commanding the Greek forces in Crete, has given orders to his troops to refrain from molesting or giving offense to civilians and unarmed Moslems, and has promised that the men under his command will show equal respect and observe equal treatment to all peaceably disposed persons.

The Greek Consulate here is now being guarded by Russian marines, who will be successively relieved by marines from other foreign warships. The Geek consul withdrew the Greek guards from the consulate in obedience to orders from the admirals of the foreign squadrons. The consul, in complying with the order, protested that the admirals were exceeding their functions in taking such action against him.

The Greek steamer Pan Hellenic, conveying munitions of war to insurgents in Crete, has been stopped and turned back by a British cruiser. The action of the British vessel has created the fiercest indignation here.

HERE COMES WAR.

Greeks Mounting Guns and Preparing To Capture a Turkish Fort.

Canea, Crete.—Col. Vassos, commander of the Greek troops in Crete has mounted guns on the heights of Akrotir and is making preparations to capture the Turkish fort at Voukolies.

From present indications fighting is likely to take place very soon and the British and Russian Consuls have gone to Selino to endeavor to put a stop to the hostilities.

AN EXTRA SESSION IN VIEW.

Jackson, Miss.—Governor McLaurin has invited a conference for one day this week between the several state officials, Speaker McCool and President of the Senate Jones, relative to calling a special session of the Legislature. The Governor will submit to the conference estimates showing the financial condition of the State and will be prepared to state the amount of the shortage that is likely, in case the shortage is apparent. It is more than likely the extra session will be called and that while adopting revenue measures the Legislature will also be called upon to build a new capitol.

SATISFIED SISTERS.

WHAT POSTPONED THE TRIP TO HOT SPRING.

From the Tribune, Cullman, Ala.

Two well known ladies of Holly Pond, Cullman County, Alabama, are the Misses H. A. and M. F. Shepard, and they are held in the highest esteem.

Two years ago, Miss M. F. Shepard, was stricken with terrible sickness, from which she suffered long. The history of the case is so interesting that we publish the lady's own version as it is every way worthy of perusal:

"Two years ago last February, I was stricken with a terrible pain around my heart, which prostrated me for hours, and from then on I grew weaker until spring, when from impaired circulation and impoverishment of the blood, a stomach difficulty set in, bloating my body fearfully. Of course I was confined to my bed and to add to my sorrows a general attack of rheumatism followed, so that motion was painful, and locomotion impossible.

"Several physicians were consulted but they gave me no relief, until the last came, who so helped my stomach difficulty, that after several months I was able to sit up. The rheumatism, however, stubbornly stayed, and I was advised that my only hope was the Hot Springs of Arkansas. I was preparing to make the journey, when I was recommended to try Dr. Williams' Pink Pills.

"During my illness, I had taken two boxes of these self same pills, but not in the way recommended, as I was taking other remedies. Now though, I determined to try them properly, as I was no longer under a physician's care, and could do as I pleased, and my sister, Miss H. A. Shepard, at my request, ordered six boxes of Pink Pills for me, as I could not leave the house and could only hobble with the aid of crutches.

"By the time I had finished the pills, I had given up crutches, though I was still almost a skeleton from the ordeal through which I had passed. I am now quite fleshy, and the only agent that has caused the change is Dr. Williams' Pink Pills, for I used no other medicine. My right hand is still drawn so that I can only use the thumb and first finger, and my back is still lame, but I am in better health than for many years. None of my friends expected me to live, and at one time it was feared my reason was giving way. I do not know how to pay a sufficiently high tribute to Dr. Williams' medicine. It is, I believe, the grandest blood medicine that was ever prepared.

"Now, having stated my own case, let me refer to my sister, Miss H. A. Shepard, who had a scirrhous growth on her right temple. This was terribly inflamed and spreading so fast, that I prevailed upon her to order five dollars worth of Dr. Williams' Pink Pills, and test their virtue as a blood cleaner, as the only means of arresting the rapid growth of the cancer. This she did, and has taken about seven of the boxes, and is still taking them. The sore has stopped spreading, and appears to be healing. When she began to take the pills she was the thinnest living being I ever saw that could move about. Now she has gained in flesh, her skin has regained its normal appearance, and she is stronger, and her general health is better than it has been in many years. God grant she may be spared the horrible death with which she was threatened. My sister's case, more than my own, has induced me to write this statement, in order that it may be made public.

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MORGAN'S HOT SHOT.

NOTES AND COMMENT ON PASSING EVENTS.

The Investigation of the Sugar Trust in New York. Utter Contempt for the People. Public Ownership Must Come Soon.

The Lexow committee has been investigating the sugar trust. One of the witnesses brought out in the investigation was the real capital invested in the sugar and the stock of the trust [illegible]. The witnesses could not, or did not remember a great deal but enough information was obtained to show that the managers of the trust were little less than organized robbers.

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We [illegible] this perpetual cant [illegible] "We want to be let alone to develop our business." We want to be protected that your whole life is spent in a community that [illegible] capital and anything [illegible] protection [illegible] which it [illegible] to be taxed.

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Alabama has become [illegible] to the legislature of that state [illegible] building of railroads by the convicts. This is one of the straws showing which way the wind blows. In [illegible] any other capacity than the building of public roads the labor of convicts comes into competition with free labor. But in addition to this it emphasizes the importance of the state owning and operating its own roads. The sentiment for public ownership of the lines of transportation is growing rapidly, and promises now to outstrip in way of accomplishment any radical reform in our financial system.

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And why should it not grow in public favor? It is no experiment. It is no wild idea having its origination in the brain some crazy theorist. It has been thoroughly demonstrated to be a success. From a recent issue of the American Agriculturist we clip the following: "The attention of financiers all over the world has been drawn to the financial budget of the Russian minister of finance. His 'prosperity budget' shows an increase of revenue of nearly 70,000,000 rubles over last year's, and an increase of ordinary expenditure of only 53,750,000 rubles. Of the immense expenditure of 1,000,000,000 rubles 450,000,000 were expended in building the Siberian railroad and its branches. It is especially interesting to note that this handsome increase of revenue came chiefly from railroad systems. In devoting the supplies to further extensions of these systems, therefore, she is investing her capital in the very enterprises from which it has been derived. The Russian government has gone into business on an enormous scale, but it is business that proves immediately profitable and is likely to become an example for other nations."

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Not only in Russia, but in other nations, the public ownership and operation of the lines of transportation has stood the practical test of experience, and while giving the people better rates has paid into the government treasury a revenue. It is as practical as handling the mail, managing the public school system, and a hundred other things that the government does. The government will now carry for the people a four-pound parcel with as much safety and better care than the railroad or express companies. Then why should it be thought impractical for it to forward a hundred-pound package or a car load of goods for that matter? The government carries and delivers a written message. Then why should it be thought incredible to send a message over its own telegraph lines, as is the case in England, France and other nations?

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The Missouri World, which, by the way, is one of the best Populist papers published, is guilty of the following sensible remarks: "Some as good populists as breathe favor fusion with the Democrats. They have confidence in the Democratic party since its Chicago convention. Otherwise they would be straightouts. They are opposed to fusion with the enemy, but somehow the Democratic politicians have gained their confidence. We would think they would become a little suspicious as to the genuineness of the conversion when they learn that the free silver Democrats of the Indiana legislature cast their votes for old Dan Voorhees for the United States senate. The only reason demonetizer Voorhees was not sent back to the senate was because the silver Democrats did not have a majority in the legislature."

With the majority of Populists this fusion business is simply a matter of judgment; but when the evidence exists to show that it is a fraud it is time that the judgment was convinced of its error. Putting one's finger in the fire might be a matter of judgment the first time, but after that it would be nothing less than folly.

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Senator Peffer deserves great credit from Populists for his conduct during the senatorial contest in Kansas. In strong contrast is it with the wild scramble made by those who desired to step into his shoes. So marked was his action that a plutocratic paper was moved to the following expression of admiration for the Kansas senator:

"The Populists have six members of the present senate and the same number in the house, while they have elected a somewhat larger number to the next congress. In several respects Senator Peffer is the worthiest man they have had in any office. A few of their members of congress, like Allen and Butler in the senate, are more picturesque and showy, and Simpson and one or two others whom they have elected at one time and another to the house, have excited more curiosity and have in this way advertised their party more extensively. But the Kansas senator is more typical of his party than any of these. He stands between the sharpers and tricksters of the former class and the freaks and mountebanks of the latter. The virtues and vices of his party find a stronger embodiment in him than they do in any of its other conspicuous men. He is visionary and fanatical, but he is scrupulously honest. While all the other senators who thought they had a chance for reelection were at their state capitals during the contests for the choice of their successors, Senator Peffer stuck to his post in Washington doing his work as he saw it with a hardy and a courage recalling the traditions of the senate during its best days.

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The Labor World of Duluth, Minnesota, the reformers elected to office in that city are not making use of their opportunities. In a recent issue it says: "At the national election last fall the silver element, the supposed reform element of Duluth, gained a glorious victory. It rolled up a majority of which it might be proud. And what has it done since? Nothing, absolutely nothing, unless explaining how it happened could be called something. The opportunity to obtain controlling power of the municipal government was within the grasp of the silver people. What have they done? Instead of taking advantage of this splendid opportunity they have allowed their organization to go to pieces. They, instead of calling a convention and putting candidates for the different municipal offices in the field and put up an honorable and aggressive fight, have made themselves subjects for just ridicule and criticism; a laughing stock in the eyes of the public. They have indulged in encounters and personalities and resorted to all that has been charged against the old corrupt parties."

We beg to inform our worthy brother that the spirit of office-getting and that of reform are incompatible. All reforms are usually unpopular. To attain to and hold office you must be popular. Fusion is nothing but the eruption caused by office fever—the breaking out as it were. It is not along the lines of reform but is a backward step and has nothing in common with reform. The office-seeker never makes a good reformer—it requires men who do not care whether they are in office or not. Such are independent and strike out boldly; the chronic office-seeker is a coward, a compromiser, afraid to do anything for fear it hurts his chances for re-election.

W. S. MORGAN.

Ahead of Us.

If an American city were to undertake a great public enterprise for the good of the people, such as is now in successful operation in the English town of Manchester, the federal judiciary, under orders from the corporations, would instantly put a stop to it as an unconstitutional proceeding. Manchester has just broken up the meat trust that long plundered her people, by the erection of a municipal cold storage plant, owned and operated by the city. The result is that the price of meat has come down one-third, and without in any way causing loss of employment or wages to anyone. The money has simply been saved out of the revenue formerly paid to two millionaires for doing nothing but enjoy a monopoly. Manchester's cold storage plant was completed in 1895. It is the largest of its kind in the world, having ample facilities for the entire meat supply of the city. The local butchers and retailers are once more able to make a living, being freed from their former terror of the trust. The citizens are able to have meat on their tables without paying tribute to strangers. But, as we have said before, no American city would be permitted to attempt such an enterprise. One city in the northwest tried a similar plan five years ago. A clique of Wall street magnates got an order from a federal judge and the plan was stopped under threats of imprisonment.—Twentieth Century.

Government Defined.

A double-barreled legislature is a cunning contrivance. The object being to prevent government by the people, two chambers give two chances; that which cannot be killed in one branch may be slaughtered in the other. It is like a man who, having survived the ministrations of one doctor and recovered, is at once placed in the hands of another and dies. Why should there be two doctors?

And then, there being a possibility that the people may enforce their demands through both house and senate, there sits, above both, a king called a President, with power to annul the action of both; one man who knows more than sixty millions of people, of whom he was the other day an obscure member.

In other words, the people is a horrible monster which must be chained by both legs and neck.

But, lest the people should coerce house, senate and President to do something against the moneyed aristocracy, there is still another tribunal. A lot of lawyers, mainly selected by the great corporations, sit upon a bench, with old women's gowns upon them, with power to nullify house, senate, President and people. Oh, it is a beautiful contrivance to arrest progress and shackle liberty!—Hon. Ignatius Donnelly, in "The Golden Bottle."

POWER OF GENIUS.

INVENTION IS WORKING OUT NEW CONDITIONS.

A Grand and Peaceful Revolution If Not Blocked by Unnatural Obstacles. The Age of Machinery. Labor Should Control All New Inventions.

The following is condensed from an able paper by J. M. H. Frederick in the American Magazine of Civics.

Whither are we tending? What of the future? Will it be evolution or revolution, and if revolution, will it be peaceful or violent? These and a multitude of other kindred questions burst from the lips of representatives of all classes, who in wonder and amazement behold the marvelous transformations which are taking place in our industrial and social conditions. Of one thing nearly all seem to be agreed: Some great change is in store for us. What that change will be and how it will be wrought, however, are questions on which many differences of opinion are entertained.

Invention, the product of more of man's inspiration than of his laborious efforts and carefully weighed plans, is rapidly working out new conditions, the "logic" of which points to a revolution; a revolution whose grandeur and peaceful accomplishment will depend upon the ready acceptance and non-resistance by man of the fruits of the present evolution. Left to its own natural course, it will affect its own great changes peacefully; but obstructed and impeded by human resistance, who can say what destruction may not result? Congresses may regulate, general assemblies may legislate, courts may adjudicate, and individuals may agitate; but at the most, with all their effort they will only change the course of the river of progress; they are quite unable to prevent its final outlet to the sea.

Every new discovery has been hailed as a blessing to mankind. But has it been a blessing? John Stuart Mill said: "It is questionable if all the mechanical inventions yet made have lightened the day's toil of any human being." And John Ruskin has written in his melancholy strain: "Though England is deafened with spinning wheels, her people are not clothed; though she is black with the digging of coal, her people die with cold; though she has sold her soul for gain, they die of hunger."

Formerly the introduction of new machines opened up new fields for labor, in some instances creating a demand for labor in excess of the labor saved. Hardships to the laborer frequently resulted from the adoption of a new machine, but these were generally regarded as only temporary defects, which time would rectify. To-day the new mechanical devices create a very small demand for labor compared with that dispensed with.

Largely through machinery one-half of our people are miserable because they have too much to do, while the other half are wretched because they cannot find enough to do. Thus by our remarkable social system the work of genius, which should free the laborers from excessive burdens, and bless all those so set free, has made slaves of the workers and beggars of the millions who are in enforced idleness.

Before the Civil War black men and women sold for many hundreds of dollars each; to-day white men, if placed on an auction block, would not bring pennies where the blacks brought dollars. Indeed, the taskmaster of to-day simply does not want a title to the laborer's body—would rather not have it, in fact—for such a title would carry with it uselessly burdensome responsibilities. To be "master of the situation," to control the wages of the laborer, is a far more convenient form of slavery.

Every year new machinery is throwing out of employment armies of men, while as a rule supplying in return no corresponding demand for labor. The number of printers in the United States thrown out of employment by the introduction of typesetting machinery in the last year is estimated at about 4,000 and there is no corresponding demand for labor provided by this change.

In the great iron mills the new "electric crane" throws out of employment twelve "heaters," twenty-four helpers, three "dinky" engines, three firemen and three engineers on each turn, besides effecting quite a saving in fuel. It was only five years ago that the Jones "charger" threw out of work thirty-six men for every machine introduced, and now comes the "electric crane," which will throw the "charger" upon the scrap-heap, besides displacing upwards of forty additional men for every machine in use. The demand for iron has not materially increased since the introduction of the "crane," and the manufacture of this piece of mechanism gives employment to few, if any, more hands than those required to make a Jones "charger" which it displaces.

It has been figured out that 142,285 shoe workers now do as much by the help of the machine as 2,250,000 could have done by the hand process; that is, one worker now does as much as fifteen did formerly. Whether this has been a direct blessing to the laboring class may be judged when it is considered that the price of shoes has not fallen nor the capacity to consume increased in any such proportion.

Alger says if he ran away from any battle during the war he don't remember it, and that he was away on leave of absence only when sick. One of the peculiar features in the case is that Alger never did have good health until the war was over. But he couldn't help that.

THE SUGAR TRUST.

Elicited at the First Hearing of the Lexow Investigating Committee.

That the American sugar refineries company succeeded the sugar trust by purchasing the stock of the fifteen companies in the trust.

That Henry O. Havemeyer, president of the refineries company, once declared, under oath, that the principal object of the refineries company was to control the output and price of sugar.

That he now says, under oath, such was not its object.

That he admits that a man who controls 80 per cent of the output of sugar can control the price.

That he concludes, therefore, that he controls the price of sugar.

That he says the price of sugar to the consumer is less than it was before the formation of the trust.

That, in his opinion, he would not have a monopoly of the sugar even if he controlled 99 per cent of the whole output.

That the refineries company will porbably go into the coffee business, as it is immensely profitable; more so than sugar.

That since his firm has been in the coffee business the profit on each pound sold has been reduced from 3 cents to 1 cent, thus benefiting the consumer.

That he says Arbuckle Bros. were not threatened that if they went into the business of sugar refining the refineries company would embark in the coffee trade.

That Mr. Arbuckle and his partner aver they were so threatened.

That the refineries company was organized in New Jersey because, as Mr. Havemeyer says, there is "less scrutiny, examination and investigation of corporate acts" there than in this state.

That Theodore A. Havemeyer says the price of sugar is lower now than it ever was.

That the refineries company has for years paid a dividend of 12 per cent on its $37,500,000 of common stock and 7 per cent on the same amount of preferred stock.

That Theodore A. Havemeyer would not go into any business that did not pay a profit of 15 or 16 per cent, at least.

That there is that much profit in the coffee business, and that is why he is going into that business.

That his brother Henry, fixes the price of sugar.

That Theodore attends solely to the refining, and that, on all other topics, he refers his questioners to his brother, Henry, or to "Mr. Searles."

That John E. Searles was declared in contempt of the investigating committee, because he did not respect its subpoenae and appear before it.

That as the investigating committee must report to the legislature on March 1, and is to sit on only two days in each week, it has only seven more hearings in which to learn all about the trusts in this state.—N. Y. Journal.

A Model Political Boss.

The political boss confirms the doctrine of evolution. His origin was humble and despised. The primeval habitat of the original specimen was in the back room of a third rate side street saloon, and his jurisdiction comprehended only the impecunious customers of the gin mill. He evolved by slow gradation to places more pretentious, and the area of his authority was proportionately extended. In time the boundaries of the ward, and all the booze shops within the same became the province of the "heeler" and his deputies. Then whole towns and cities were acquired, and the "boss" had evolved to a figure of political dignity and importance. The process finally developed into the state dictator, and from that to the Hanna stage of national political boss evolution.

In the earlier periods the antetypes of the species were retiring in disposition, presumably because of their fewness in number, and the absence of popular enthusiasm which attached to either their presence or calling. Social lines were drawn against them, and their garb and breath obnoxious to the higher grades of animals. The "sinews of war" were also minimized, and almost altogether liquid in character, and deadly as the lightning in execution. In this respect, also, a wonderful evolution has gone forward. The beginning was marked by the bribe stealthily offered in the shadows of the night from the flask of bug juice, and is in striking contrast to the million dollar slush fund, and open negotiation for train loads of voters which characterized the operations of Mark Aurelius in the late campaign.—Leader Democrat.

Don't Trust One Man.

Do not chance the cause of reform on the honesty, backbone and sound judgment of any man. You may be fooled in him. You have been fooled and are liable to be again. Consider your own judgment as good as anybody's as to the best principles and the best policies. Don't hesitate to disagree with the man at the top—he is there merely because some one must be there. Of course, we all feel like expressing our approval of any one who has shown staying qualities in times of trial, but don't worship such—they have at most but done their duty, as thousands and thousands of the rank and file have done. Under other circumstances those we would worship now might go back on us. Pin your faith to principles, they'll never go back on you. Man may err, his temper may throw him off the right track, his personal ambition may cloud his judgment; even his very eagerness for the success of right may induce him to try to cut across the swamps to victory.—Missouri World.

Gold is not our only enemy nor silver our only friend.

FIGURES ON BANKS.

STATISTICS WHICH THE GOVERNMENT DOESN'T GATHER.

It Is the Duty of the Government to Provide a Safe Banking System for the People. Must Come to Government Banks.

Augusta, Ga., Daily Tribune: Among the many statistics compiled and published by the government there are none giving an account of the money lost by the depositors in national banks. During the past few months a large number of these institutions have come to grief, and in every case the depositors have lost in whole or in part, their deposits, which no doubt in many cases represented the hard-earned savings of poor people laid by for a rainy day.

These bank failures often amount to nothing more nor less than downright stealing. The cashier skips, or some of the big officials gamble and lose the money. In such case the depositors' money is gone, and there is no redress. Blood cannot be squeezed out of a turnip, neither can depositors be paid out of an empty cash box. The criminal laws rarely ever reach these high toned thieves. A starving man who steals a loaf of bread and a slice of fish may be put in jail and lie there for four months before he receives his sentence, but a national bank president who gambles with trust funds and loses them, or steals them outright, is not treated so harshly.

Sometimes bank failures may be due to incompetent management, with no criminal intent. But even this does not make the injury done the depositor any less. Their money is lost, and so far as the effect of the loss to them is concerned, whether it be due to a knave or a fool is the difference between tweedledee and tweedledum.

With its statistics on cotton and grain acreage, and meteorological reports, and losses caused by strikes, and all the other endless tables, it does appear strange that the national bank failures, their classification between rascality and incompetency, the number of depositors swindled and the amount of their losses, should not be given to the public.

Such statistics would elucidate one phase of the national banking system.

But perhaps it would make people think and the result of the thinking would be a demand for protection against these losses, and that is just what is not wanted by the powers that be.

The desire to lay up something for a rainy day, to provide for old age or possible contingencies, is one of the distinctions between man and brute. And a way should be provided where these savings could be deposited with absolute safety and the positive assurance that what was so deposited would surely be paid on demand, subject to no restrictions and imperilled by no incompetence or rascality on the part of the custodians.

The government is the only agency which can do this. No private banking system is absolutely safe. Every private corporate bank is subject to these chances. The national banking system is national only in that it applies to every state; it is only a system under which private citizens or corporations engage in business. It is not national in the sense that it pledges the faith of the nation to protect the depositor.

It is the duty of the government to provide such banks. Call it paternalism, if you like; all government is paternalism. To assure a depositor of the safety of his deposit at home is no more paternalism than to assure him of protection in a foreign country. It is no more paternalism to protect the people against thieving bank presidents than against thieving road agents. We need government banks of deposit.

Postal savings banks could be established in connection with the postal system without much additional cost to the government. They would offer the people absolute security against loss by knaves or fools. There is no valid objection against them.

Let us have them.

They Lied.

In 1893 the gold bugs, money mongers and newspaper syndicates told us that the repeal of the Sherman law would bring good times.

They lied—and they knew they were lying.

In the spring they told us we would have good times in the fall.

They lied—and they knew they were lying.

In the fall they told us we would have good times in the spring.

They lied—and they knew they were lying.

In hot weather they told us the times would get better when it got cold.

They lied—and they knew they were lying.

In cold weather they told us thing would pick up as soon as it got warmer.

They lied—and they knew they were lying.

One year they told us hard times were caused by poor crops, and the next year they told us they were caused by overproduction.

They lied—and they knew they were lying.

For three long years they have been promising better times on one pretext or another.

And all the time they were lying, and they knew they were lying.

Finally they told us that if McKinley was elected we would have a "restoration of confidence" and an era of prosperity.

They lied, and now the people know they lied.—Pittsburg Kansan.

COLIN DUAGHDRILL.

Hanged for the Murder of W. H. Bates, at Gadsden.

His Brother Present and Wept at the Sight. Morning Spent by the Condemned Man With His Wife and Babes. Said He Had Been Treated Badly.

Gadsden, Ala.—Colin Daughdrill died game. He was hung here at 1 o'clock Friday afternoon for the murder of J. H. Bates, of Montgomery, Ala., a drummer for the Peasbe-Gaines Co., of Louisville, Ky., whom he killed in the W. H. Bates saloon Christmas eve, 1895.

The hanging took place inside the county jail and was witnessed by about two dozen persons, mostly county officers.

All others were excluded by special request of Daughdrill and his relatives. The reporter gained entrance to the jail and was soon excluded by demand of the dead man's people. But Daughdrill himself requested that he be allowed to see the hanging and the reporter was admitted.

Speaking to the reporter he said: "Tell them all I bear no ill will to any one. I have been treated badly and I only hope they will never treat any other man as they have me. I am resigned to my fate. I feel sorry only for my wife and children, and the rest of my folks."

Religious services were held at 11 o'clock in the cell by Dr. Ralls, a local Methodist preacher. The man's brothers and uncle, and several ladies being admitted the latter cried much. But Daughdrill showed his usual cool demeanor.

At noon he made a request that he be allowed to address the people from the balcony, but afterwards changed his mind.

He smoked cigarettes incessantly and talked to everybody.

His wife and children, boy and girl, remained with him until noon. The prattlers did not seem to realize their father's fate. Especially the little boy who ran about from man to man smiling and chatting in happy innocence.

The prisoner loved life and fought for time. Even when he left the cell and stood on the trap door he asked the time.

Speaking to the bystanders from the trap door, he said: "Well, friends, goodbye. I have been treated badly, but I bear no ill will to any one."

To Tobe Booker, one of the jailers, he said: "Goodbye, Tobe."

Booker reached out his hand, but Daughdrill smiled and said: "I can't reach you, Tobe."

Mr. Booker withdrew, weeping. Daughdrill smiled on the crowd a few moments and again said: "Well, good bye."

Just before the black cap was put on he looked at his brother John, the only relative at hand, and said: "Make a man of yourself."

The youth addressed broke down and wept. These were the last words.

Chief Deputy Burns put on the black cap.

Sheriff Lester sprung the trap and Daughdrill swung into eternity. His neck was broken.

For thousands of persons the death of Herrmann, the magician, will cause a stirring of many reminiscences. The man's place in public regard was as peculiar as his own very peculiar profession. He was perhaps the best known of the men who practiced the art of prestidigitation. He never claimed that his "magic" was anything other than a highly developed and intelligent trickery, the result of skill and dexterity. Yet the people flocked in immense numbers to be puzzled by this trickery and applauded the brilliant trickster. It is rarely that one finds a man with an employment so peculiar winning such a complete success. The great actor or the great singer finds his just reward in an admiration for his art. The magician's work is not recognizable as art. It is a unique form of entertainment—something analogous to that of the vaudeville "specialist." The remarkable thing is that a man with one "specialty" should have been able not only to draw the public every evening throughout a season but to attract it constantly and throughout the entire country. When it is remembered that Herrmann not only became a familiar figure to thousands of persons of the present generation but held the same fortunate prominence before multitudes many years ago one can gather something of the remarkable character of his success.

REV. TOMAS DIXON, JR.

The Great New York Preacher to Visit Birmingham.

Birmingham, Ala.—Rev. Thos. Dixon, Jr., the famous New York divine, will be in Birmingham to lecture April 3d. His theme will be "Modern Babylon." Mr. Dixon is the successor of the Rev. T. DeWitt Talmage, D. D., in the Academy of Music, New York city, and draws even larger audiences than the great Brooklyn preacher attracted. Mr. Dixon is a Southerner, and has all the impassioned fire of the Southern orator. "A Live Wire," is what the unique Rev. Sam P. Jones calls him. Mr. Dixon was to have come South on a short tour in the winter, but his health would not permit. There is a remarkably widespread and eager desire to hear Mr. Dixon, as there is perhaps no more thrilling orator in the world to-day.

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PROSPERITY where art thou?

ALABAMA will have an exhibit at the Nashville exposition.

THE inaugaral address of President McKinley has been well received throughout the country.

PRESIDENT McKinley has called an extra session of congress for March 15. In all probability the tariff will be the issue to be discussed.

CUBAN affairs are moving slowly, but it seems Secretary Sherman is disposed to strengthen Consul-General Lee's position wherever American interests are at stake.

WE have received from Hon. W. F. Aldrich copies of the following Farmers Bulletins and shall be pleased to distribute them to any of our readers:

Fertilizers for Cotton.
Forage Plants for the South.
Washed Soils.
Farmyard Manures.
Sweet Potatoes; culture and uses.
Fowls; care and feeding.

TESTIMONY in the Aldrich—Plowman contest case is being taken this week in Clanton, E. D. Dryer of Talladega acting on behalf of Mr. Aldrich and Cecil Browne representing Capt. Plowman. Several witnesses have been examined, including A. H. Wilson, Col. Knox, J. P. VanDerveer, Judge Honeycutt, Sheriff Cooley, Oliver Mullins, Revr Will Cox, but so far as we have been able to learn the testimony is altogether favorable to Mr. Aldrich.

THE reform press of Alabama, which is constantly advocating the absolute necessity of organization in the ranks of reformers, has no organization of its own. About three years ago a state association was formed of reform editors in Birmingham, but has never since been heard of. The advantages of organized effort is recognized by all, then why cannot we successfully start a reform press association in Alabama in readiness for next year's campaign. We commend this to the notice of our contemporaries.

TRAIN robbers held up the north bound express, No. 4, on the L. & N. railroad Tuesday night about 11:40 on the other side of Calera. There were six men in the gang and at pistol's point the engineer was compelled to stop the train while another robber made the expres messenger hand over the valuables, which are variously estimated at from $1000 to $10000 in value. The passengers were not molested. Sheriff O'Brien from Jefferson county, with deputies and dogs got on the trail Wednesday morning, but up to the time of our going to press no arrests have been made.

THE first meeting of the Mayor and Council of Clanton, was held last Tuesday and the following business was transacted: The Mayors salary for this year was fixed at one dollar. Bonds for $1,000 for mayor and $500 each for clerk and marshal were made and approved. J. W. Stanfield was appointed clerk at $50 per annum, and J. A. Dudley marshal at $20 per month. Several ordinances were passed which become operative after being posted at the court house door for five days. Men between 18 and 45 years of age are liable to be summoned by the marshal to work the streets. For the present the county jail will serve as the city jail. Regular meetings of the council will be held on the first Friday in each month. We are glad to observe the conservative and economical course being taken by the city fathers.

SUCCESS to the twin cities—Clanton and Jemison.

Turn-Round Topics.

The bridge across Chestnut creek here has been repaired with a new floor, so that any one can pass over all O. K.

Mr. E. L. Manning has contract of putting in a new bridge across Mountain creek at Pyron's mill. The work is now in operation.

Rev. Mr. Thomas filled his regular appointment here Sunday, and spent the night with our hospitable old friend, Mr. E. T. Connell.

Mr. Edd Gulledge, of Salem, visited Turn-Round Sunday.

Mr. F. M. Connell and wife were the guests of relatives here last Sunday.

Quite a number went to Verbena after guano last Monday, but sorry to say the most of it got wet, it being a rainy day.

Mr. Thad Kicker and wife of Coopers were the guests of relatives here last Sunday.

Some of our farmers have planted their sugarcane and some have planted a little corn and commenced putting down fertilizers.

Mr. Will Gray and Rev. I. L. Long of Friendship came over to church last Sunday.

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Stanton Stories.

We regret to say that Mrs. Lester is very ill at her home near Stanton.

Misses Ollie and Lula Mitchell and Messrs. Wiley Mitchell and Fred Young, of Valley Creek, visited their friend, Miss Mamie Latham, last Sunday.

Mr. James DuBose has returned home from Marion, where he has been attending school. We are very glad indeed to have him with us again.

Miss Mamie Latham of this place visited Maplesville last Sunday.

Mr. Jessie Melton, who has been away for some time, paid us a visit Sunday.

Messrs. Fitts and Smitherman honored the Misses Dyer with a visit Saturday.

Bro. Ruddick moved into his new house and delighted his friends with a musical entertainment Saturday evening.

Mrs. Alma Lawrence and her sister, Miss Rhoda Latham of Montevallo spent last Monday with their cousin, Miss Mamie Latham.

The heavy rains which fell last Friday night has done great damage to the farmers of this part and also to the new bridge which was about to be completed on the Stanton and Clanton road about a mile from this place.

Mrs. Perry McGee has returned home after a visit to relatives and friends in Selma. GENEVA

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Everybody Says So.

Cascarets Candy Cathartic, the most wonderful medical discovery of the age, pleasant and refreshing to the taste, act gently and positively on kidneys, liver and bowels, cleansing the entire system, dispel colds, cure headache, fever, habitual constipation and biliousness. Please buy and try a box of C. C. C. to-day; 10, 25, 50 cents. Sold and guaranteed to cure by all druggists.

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East Chilton Notes.

Whom do we dearly love?
The Spring!

She brings of Id'nat transient gleam;
And fair as a dreamers finest dream,
Is the beautiful one that cometh now,
The Spring.

Mr. H. C. Raleigh of Parkersburg, West Virginia, has been a visitor here.

A visit to the Run Round was much enjoyed by a party of congenial friends, one day last week.

Mr. Dennis of Prattville is up on a prospecting tour.

Miss Lizzie Dubose, after a extended visit to relatives, at Collensville has returned home.

Mrs. Ternan has had her lot at the Methodist Cemetery covered with a snowy white earth which adds much to the glory of the exquisitely shaped evergreens and the bewildering array of floral beauties that grow there.

Our roads are in splendid condition and buggy riding is much enjoyed.

Mr. Thos. Mims has discovered a beautiful ore in his well it is thought to contain gold and zinc.

Mr. James Petty entertained a number of friends at his home last Thursday evening.

C. L. Brown visited friends here Monday.

J. Ray of Clanton, visited this section recently.

Our amateur florists have been quite busy for the last month in their gardens; we expect some to enjoy a weelth of beauty and fragrance hitherto unknown.

Mr. Newton Cooper with a party of relatives and friends had a most delightful drive to the Coosa river one day this week and brought back spoil in the way of cane and shells.

Mise Janie Oden has received a most valuable and beautiful present. It is a pure nugget of gold watch charm.

Mr. Deitze Booth has extended to Mr. Newton Cooper an invitation to a deer hunt in the vicinity of Apopku Florida.

The explosion of a kerosine lamp caused quite a ripple of excitement at the residence of Mrs. Ternan Friday night.

Master J. McKinney has a most beautiful colt to pet and no one is prouder than he.

Political Points.

People's Press Bureau, St. Louis, Mo., March 9, 1897.

The city of Washington, D. C., never witnessed such extensive and unAmerican preparations for the inauguration as were made for McKinley's induction into office. So many gorgeous dresses had never been seen at the Capitol. A bran new bible was provided for the Presidential kiss. This was said to prevent contamination and for fear of microbes. Thus is the republican mal-administration ushered in. At the last moment the horrible discovery was made that no tickets had been reserved in the senatorial hall for Mark Hanna. But of the 30 reserved for McKinley the great Ohio cannibal was fitted out for himself, family and friends.

The Silver Knight issued an inaugural edition drawing glowing contrasts between this and the old time inauguration. That the money power should celebrate the seating of their tool is fitting, but we beg to call the attention of the laboring man, who cast a McKinley vote, to the sorry part he and his like take in these ceremonies. The bad taste, the brutality of such displays, while three million of men are begging for work, is unquestioned by all thoughtful people.

The trusts have openly demanded that they be allowed to name the attorney general in McKinley's cabinent. As this is a trust-begotten administration we have no doubt it will be a trust ridden one.

Mr. Hanna has established an editorial bureau at Washington, D. C., in which the strongest yet most adroit writers will produce matter that will be offered free or with a bonus to every editor in the United States. This does not seem in line with word sent out from Hanna headquarters a few weeks ago, that the republican party would abandon campaign work until 1900.

Senator Tillman got out his pitchfork in the Senate chamber last week and added a few holes to the armour plate furnished by the Carnegies He labeled as a steal the enormous price that was about to be agreed upon; denounced certain Senators as "tools" and "hirelings," offered to fight Senator Hawley, of Connecticut who objected to such utterance. After a careful investigation, as member of the committee, he asserted that $400 per ton was being paid for armour plate that should cost onley $200.

Senator Allen has demanded an explanation from the Civil Service Commission of its dismissal of several women who offered only displaying Bryan's picture.

The usual enormous appropriations for the River and Harbor improvements were rushed through Congress during the last hours.

The Silver Republicans have issued a call for a meeting of the Provisional National Committee at Chicago, June 8th, to arrange for a national call. The address, gotten up chiefly by Senator Teller, charges the departure of the republican party from its principles, makes the organization of a new republican party imperative.

One of the new Populist congressman of whom we should feel proud, is J. H. Gunn, of Idaho. He has been for years, editor of the Advance, of Boise City, is a logical, forceful sperker and will, no doubt, make a fine record at Washington.

As a result of the Conference held at Des Moines, Iowa, Dec. 29, the Tripple Alliance of that state has just issued an address stating that the Alliance will hold until the gold basis party is defeated. The address is signed by a committee of eight—three Populists, three democrats and two republicans.

The referendum bill has past the Senate in Kansas, Populists and democrats voting for and republicans against it, but it is feared the House will defeat it.

One of the most notable of recent failures is that of the firm of Willoughby, Hall & Co., of Chicago. This is the firm that loaded up with Mexican dollars during the campaign and appended same to printed lectures on money in their show windows while others were sold for 53 cents as an object lesson. A. R.

Thin, Pale Children

One satisfaction in giving Scott's Emulsion to children is they never object to it. The fact is, they soon become fond of it. Another satisfaction is because it will make them plump, and give them growth and prosperity. It should be given to all children who are too thin, or too pale. It does not make them over-fat, but plump.

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[We are willing to publish our subscribers views at any time, but it must be distinctly understood we do not hold ourselves responsible for these opinions.—EDITOR.]

Loweville Locals.

Farmers have been quite busy of late preparing to plant corn.

Some of Clanton's young men were pleasant visitors to Loweville Sunday.

Mrs. W. E. Reese has returned home after a pleasant visit to friends in Clanton.

Mr. W. Lowe and Miss Beulah Armstrong visited here Sunday also Mr. Jesse Motts.

Mr. William McDaniel and little daughter, Essie, visited here last week.

Mr. F. R. Woodyard is preparing to burn a kiln of brick for the store of Mr. W. L. Sampey. We wish him much success.

Messrs. Woodyard and Marlar visited Lomax Sunday afternoon.

We are sorry to say Mrs. J. B. Marlar is suffering from a severe attack of la grippe.

AUNT HANNAH.

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I desire to attest to the merits of Chamberlain's Cough Remedy as one of the most valuable and efficient preparations on the market. It broke an exceedingly dangerous cough for me in 24 hours, and in gratitude therefor, I desire to inform you that I will never be without it, and you should feel proud of the high esteem in which your Remedies are held by people in general. It is the one remedy among ten thousand. Success to it.—O. R. DOWNEY, Editor Democrat, Albion, Ind. For sale by J. S. Johnson, Druggist.

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Longstreet Locals.

The farmers of this section are getting much behind with their work; some of them were knocked out from planting corn this week on account of bad weather.

We are glad to say Messrs. Willis and Thacker are improving after a long spell of sickness.

Messrs. Danforth and Wells visited friends here Sunday evening.

Mr. Sam Moore, of Drycreek, visited some of his Longstreet friends Sunday.

Our enterprising citizen, Mr. Tom Baker, paid Longstreet a pleasant call Sunday evening.

Mr. and Mrs. John Garner visited here last week.

Miss Jessie Applewhite visited Mr. Logan's family last week.

Messrs. John Thacker and Marion Gore visited Lomax Sunday.

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Mr. G. Caillouette, Druggist, Beaversville, Ill., says: "To Dr. King's New Discovery I owe my life. Was taken with La Grippe and tried all the physicians for miles about, but of no avail and was given up and told that I could not live. Having Dr. King's New Discovery in my store I sent for a bottle and began its use and from the first dose began to get better, and after using three bottles was up and about again. It is worth its weight in gold. We won't keep store or house without it." Get a free trial at Dr. J. S. Johnson, Jr. Drug Store.

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Thorsby.

Our farmers are making preparations for planting corn.

Mr. P. G. Williams and wife visited Mr. Felix Eiland Sunday.

Miss Katie Crosby, of Jemison, was here on a visit last week.

Miss Ada Collins visited friends at Jemison last week.

Miss Lula Sorrell has returned home after a pleasant visit to Birmingham.

Mr. W. J. Sorrell visited relatives at this place last week.

Miss Docia Martin visited Miss Cora Hill Sunday evening.

Mr. F. N. Foshee visited here last week.

Mr. Tom Eddings visited friends here Sunday evening; come again Tom. PLOW GIRL.

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It is, or should be, the highest aim of every merchant to please his customers; and that the wide awake drug firm of Meyers & Eshleman, Sterling, Ill., is doing so, is proven by the following, from Mr. Esleman: "In my sixteen year's experience in the drug business I have never seen or sold or tried a medicine that gave as good satisfaction as Chamberlain's Colic, Cholera and Diarrhoea Remedy. Sold by J. S. Johnson, Druggist.

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Hardy's Plain.

Mr. Sidney Hardy's new store house is about completed.

Miss Janie DuBose, who has been very sick with la grippe for some time, is improving rapidly.

I noticed another of our charming young ladies, Miss Lona Connell who has been on the sick list for the last few days is able to be out riding with her sister.

Mr. F. M. Connell, Jr., and wife are spending their leisure times riding and enjoying life together. They spent last Sunday with Mr. H. Kendrick and family.

Miss Julia Connell attended a dance near Clanton last week. She reports a delightful time.

Mr. Sidney Hardy and family spent last Sunday at Mr. W. W. Ruthands.

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The Sugar Beet.

The introduction of the sugar beet is attracting much attention among the farmers in South Alabama. Recent investigations have developed the fact that the lands in the black belt are especially adapted to the growing of the sugar beet, an industry which will beat the raising of 4 cent cotton too far to consider. The sugar beet will grow anywhere in Alabama, and our farmers should take the advantage now offered by the government to furnish the seed and give the beet a trial, at least on a small scale Write to your congressman for the sugar beet seed and he will take pleasure in seeing that you get them.

The farmers of Alabama had as well learn now as later that they cannot continue the old way of raising cotton to buy everything they have to live upon, and compete with the progressive and up-to date farmers of other sections. While the newspaper, as a rule, is not much of a success, under a practical test, yet many well known generals, while poor marksmen themselves, could direct their soldiers how to hit the bull's eye as far as they could see it, and while the State Herald does not claim to be authority on agriculture, a blind man can see that unles there is a change in the present manner of farming in many of the southern states, there is little hope under the best of conditions for our section to become prosperous. Diversified crops is the only hope.—State Herald.

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On the morning of Feb. 20, 1895, I was sick with rheumatism and lay in bed until May 21st, when I got a bottle of Chamberlain's Pain Balm The first application of it relieved me almost entirely from the pain and the second afforded complete relief. In a short time I was able to be up and about again.—A. T. MOREAUX, Leverne, Minn. Sold by J. S. Johnson, Druggist.

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Notice No. 18877.
Land Office at Montgomery, Ala., Feb 13, 1897.

Notice is hereby given that the following-named settler has filed notice of his intention to make final proof in support of his claim, and that said proof will be made before the Clerk of the Circuit Court at Clanton, Ala., on March 27th 1897, viz: Daniel Minor, Homestead entry, No. 25,300, for the w½ of sw¼ sw1-4 of nw1-4, section 14 tp 22 n of r 15 east.

He names the following witnesses to prove his continuous residence upon and cultivation of, said land, viz.; William Mims, Newton Connell, James Mims, R. E. Jones, all of Clanton, Ala.

H. PURCELL, Register.

Final Proof Notice.

Notice No. 18883.
Land Office at Montgomery, Feb. 17, 1897.

Notice is hereby given that the following-named settler has filed notice of his intention to make final proof in support of his claim and that said proof will be made before Register or Receiver of the United States Land Office at Montgomery, Ala., on April 6th, 1897, viz: Sidney J. Miller, Homestead entry, No. 22,275 & 23,250, for the n½ of nw1-4, n½ of ne1-4 section 18 tp 20 n r 11 e. Thomas H. Wright, Homestead entry, No. 26,500, for the w½ of se1-4, n½ of sw1-4, section 12 tp 20 n r 10 e.

He names the following witnesses to prove his continuous residence upon and cultivation of, said land viz: T. H. Wright, of Chadwick, Ala., L. B. Crocker, of Chadwick, Ala., L. R. Friday, of Morrowville, Ala., S. J. Miller, of Stanton, Ala., G. W. Harrison, Chadwick Ala. H PURCELL, Register.

Final Proof Notice.

Notice No. 18882.
Land Office at Montgomery, Ala., Feb. 17, 1897.

Notice is hereby given that the following-named settler has filed notice of his intention to make final proof in support of his claim and that said proof will be made before Register or Receiver of United States Land Office, at Montgomery, Ala, on April 6th, 1897, viz: Luther R. Friday, Homestead entry, No. 23,090 for the w½ of se¼, section 24 tp. 20 north of r 10 east. Leonard B. Crocker, Homestead entry, No. 23,739, for the s½ of sw¼ section 12 tp 20 north r 10 east.

He names the following witnesses to prove his continuous residence upon and cultivation of, said land, viz: T. H, Wright, of Chadwick, Ala., G. W. Harrison, of Chadwick, Ala., L. B. Crocker, of Chadwick, Ala., L. R. Friday, of Morrowville, Ala., S. J. Miller, of Stanton, Ala.

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Bales received to-date:

Sampey	1977
Mullins	1002
Wilson	461
	3439

FERTILIZERS for sale by W. L. SAMPEY, Clanton.

Mr. and Mrs. Watts Epperson, of Montgomery, visited Mrs. Epperson of this place last week.

Mrs. Goldsmith, of Nashville, is visiting her mother, Mrs. Hester, this week.

Mrs. Joe Johnson has returned from New Orleans, where her husband is taking medical lectures.

Mr. W. L. Mullins went to the capitol city Monday.

Mr. W. H. Foshee spent a couple of days in Birmingham this week.

FOR SALE 12 head of Horses and Mules. Apply to B. M. Gentry, Jemison.

Mr. Charles Robinson is building a new blacksmith shop at the rear of Mr. J. E. Evans' store house.

Mr. Pat Smith has enlarged his dwelling house by adding a new room.

Mr. P. M. McKee has removed to Birmingham where he has opened a grocery store.

Mr. and Mrs. W. F. Culp have removed to Birmingham.

We are sorry to learn Mr. G. O. Logan is very sick.

Take your chickens and eggs to T. J. Arnold, he wants 300 fat hens in the next two weeks.

There will be service in the Episcopal church, Monday the 15, at 7.30 P. M. All are invited to attend.

Mr. H. I. Honeycutt has gone to Birmingham today.

Dr. A. J. Massey Dentist of Birmingham, Ala., who is well known in his profession as being well up to date, will be at the Ward House Prattville, Ala., to practice his painless process for Extracting Teeth. All kinds of fine Dental work. Gold crowns, Bridge work and fine plates a specialty. From March 15th to 25th ten days only. All work guaranteed as represented. Terms reasonable.

Rev. R. H. Long Monday morning killed a wild goose measuring five feet two inches, at Ehrman's mill pond.

Shade trees have been planted round the court house.

If you want a Piano or Organ we can sell you one at a low figure and on easy terms. THE BANNER, Clanton, Ala.

Marriage licenses have been granted this week by the Probate Judge to the following persons:

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There will be a series of public reviews at the University School beginning Friday, March 5, 1897, as follows:

March 5. Mathematics—including Arithmetic, Algebra, Geometry and Trigonometry.

March 12. Natural Sciences—including Geography, Natural History, Natural Philosophy, Physical Geography and Chemistry.

March 19. English Branches—including History, English Grammar, Rhetoric, English Literature and English Classics.

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Notice, No. 18875.

Land Office at Montgomery, Ala., Feb. 13, 1897.

Notice is hereby given that the following-named settler has filed notice of his intention to make final proof in support of his claim, and that said proof will be made before the Clerk of the Circuit Court, at Clanton, Ala., on March 27th, 1897, viz.: Hester A. Chevier, Homestead entry, No. 25,278, for the e½ of ne¼ section 10 tp 22 north of r 15 east.

He names the following witnesses to prove his continuous residence upon and cultivation of said land, viz: Thomas Smith, Merriman Smith, Jesse Thomas, John Motes, all of Clanton, Ala.

H. PURCELL, Register.

Administratrix' Notice.

T. E. Gilchrist, Estate of Chilton County. } Probate Court.

Letters of administration upon the estate of said deceased having been granted to the undersigned on the 11th day of February, 1897, by the Hon. R. M. Honeycutt, Judge of Probate Court of Chilton county. Notice is hereby given that all persons having claims against said estate, will be required to present the same within the time allowed by law, or that the same will be barred.

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Final Proof Notice.

Notice No. 18872.

Land Office at Montgomery, Ala., Feb. 12, 1897.

Notice is hereby given that the following named settler has filed notice of his intention to make final proof in support of his claim, and that said proof will be made before the Clerk of the Circuit Court, at Clanton, Ala., on March 27th, 1897, viz.: Henry S. Oates, heir of Mary J. Oates, Homestead Entry No. 26,049 for the sw¼ of ne¼, Section 26 tp 21, north of r 13 east.

He names the following witnesses to prove his continuous residence upon, and cultivation of, said land, viz: Peter A. Vance, of Kincheon, Ala., William Roper, of Kincheon, Ala., Bowen L. Jones, of Kincheon, Ala., William W. Williams, of Lily, Ala.

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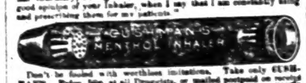

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Jan. 25, 1897.

DEAR SIRS—I am anxious for the sake of the suffering and out of gratitude to you to give my personal endorsement of your wonderful remedy. On the 4th of January 1897, I was in Washington and was suddenly seized with an aggravated case of inflammatory rheumatism; so severe and painful was the attack that within 24 hours my left arm was paralyzed and I was only able to dress with assistance. I secured a bottle of 5 DROPS and took a dose that night, rubbing some on externally as directed. The following morning I was surprised to find myself immensely relieved, and continuing treatment woke the second morning cured. My arm was absolutely free from pain, and all swelling and stiffness had disappeared. The quickness and completeness of my cure was remarkable. I have known for over a year of the great curative properties of your medicine and have several friends who have been cured by it of **Neuralgia, Catarrh and Asthma.** Wishing you every success and trusting that those similarly afflicted will at least give this remedy a trial. Sincerely yours J. P. LIMEBURNER.

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Yours respectfully, WM. M. KELLEMS, Siberia, Perry Co., Ind.

Jan. 29, 1896.

We received the following letter from Mr. J. J. Wilson of Omaha, Ill. Mr. Wilson has been for many years an invalid, and reading the above letter which was published, wrote Mr. Kellems, asking if his endorsement was genuine, and received this reply, which he forwarded us.

MR. J. J. WILSON.

DEAR SIR:—Your letter of recent date at hand, the testimonial you speak of is genuine. The company who manufactures and sells "5 Drops" published my testimonial just as I gave it to them and every word of it is true, and I could swear to it and prove it by many witnesses. The company did not ask me for this letter. I sent it to them last January for publication in order that poor sufferers, incurable as I once was, and as you are, might be cured. Get "5 Drops" and use it and it will cure you as it has cured me. I have received many letters like yours, and it is a pleasure to me to answer all who write. Tell all your neighbors what I have written about "5 Drops." I know how to sympathize with those who are afflicted, for though I suffered so long, it is now 8 months since I have felt any pain. Dr. S. W. Kellems, my brother, uses "5 Drops" in his practice, and joins me in endorsing this great remedy. He says for a case like yours it is a positive cure.

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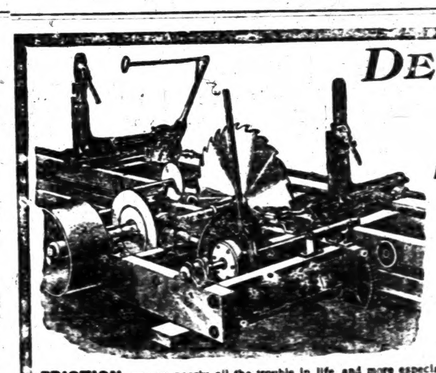

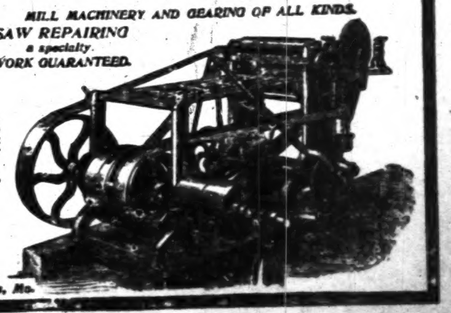

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Secretary—"All the members are here, sir, excepting the six who were blown up this week in pavement explosions, the four who were killed by electric light wires, the ten who were smashed up on the elevated railroad and the half a dozen who were run over in Broadway."—New York Weekly.

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WASHINGTON LETTER.

Gossippy Correspondence from the Capital City.

WASHINGTONIANS RELIEVED.

The New President Enters Upon His Duties Enthusiastically.—Grave and Important Questions Left by the Old Administration.—Saturday with the New Secretaries of Departments.

Washington, D. C. (Special Correspondence).—The great inaugural is over, the visiting throngs have departed, and Washingtonians, heaving a sigh of relief, have settled down to their various avocations, and things move on under McKinley and his aides, in the departments of National Government, just as though Cleveland and his able corps had not taken their departure. That the Administration of Grover Cleveland was one of marked ability no one will gainsay; that that of Major McKinley will be equally meritorious, there are few who will doubt.

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The first morning after the inaugural exercises found the President stirring at an early hour. He greeted the White House officials at 7:30 o'clock, and breakfasted at 8 with the family party, including his wife, mother and other near relatives. Then he smoked a cigar, and at 9 o'clock entered the President's private office to begin coping with the flood of public business. Already crowds of people had begun to arrive, clamoring at the main entrance to the Executive Mansion for admission. The doors were kept closed against the general crowd until 10 o'clock, but in the meantime a number of callers having special business gained admission.

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Never before in American history has an Administration been obliged to face at the very beginning of its assumption of power so many and important questions affecting the foreign relations of the United States as confront President McKinley and his premier, Secretary Sherman. All of these are important, and while some of them may be for a time kept in the back ground, others, and those of the utmost gravity, are likely to force themselves upon the attention of the new Administration in such a persistent manner that they must be met promptly. In the list of open diplomatic issues are some of the questions that were running along in diplomatic time-killing fashion when President Harrison turned over the helm of the ship of state to President Cleveland, but the latter, in his time, and with the best intentions, and in spite of the most heroic efforts, was obliged to add to the list and make new issues of his own that he was unable to bring to a conclusion before he, in turn, gave way to President McKinley. Among these questions we might mention the Cuban, the Hawaiian, the Alaskan boundary, the Arbitration Treaty and the Turkish, all of which are questions og grave interest, and will require thoughtful consideration on the part of the new Administration.

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President McKinley's first official proclamation was issued Saturday afternoon, with the attestation of the new Secretary of State, John Sherman. It read as follows:

By the President of the United States of America:

A PROCLAMATION.

Whereas public interest requires that the Congress of the United States should be convened in extra session at 12 o'clock on the 15th day of March, 1897, to receive such communications as may be made by the Executive,

Now, therefore, I, William McKinley, President of the United States of America, do hereby proclaim and declare that an extraordinary occasion requires the Congress of the United States to convene in extra session at the Capital in the city of Washington, on the 15th day of March, 1897, at 12 o'clock, noon, of which all persons who shall at that time be entitled to act as members thereof, are hereby required to take notice.

Given under my hand and the seal of the United States, at Washington, the 6th day of March, in the year of our Lord, one thousand eight hundred and ninety-seven, and of the independence of the United States, the one hundred and twenty-first.

WILLIAM M'KINLEY.
President.

JOHN SHERMAN,
Secretary of State.

The limiting clause restricting the action of the extra session "to such communication as may be made by the Executive," suggests that possibly the President may limit the objects of the extra session to the passage of the unacted upon appropriation bills, and the enactment of a tariff law, the objects of which in the words of McKinley's inaugural address, will be "to stop deficiencies by the restoration of that protective legislation which has always been the finest."

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To-day (Saturday) was a busy day with the various new Secretaries. Secretary Long, of the Navy, reached the department about 11:30. He received the bureau officers, the chiefs of divisions, the clerks and several hundred visitors who were about the corridors. Ex-Secretary Herbert stood with his successor. The officers and clerks were first introduced to Secretary Long, after which they passed to the ex-Secretary and bade him farewell. The reception lasted about thirty minutes, and at noon Secretary Long assumed his duties as Secretary of the Navy.

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General Alger took charge of the War Department about a quarter to 12. He came from the White House with the Governor of Wisconsin, and his staff, who, with ex-Secretary Lamont, stood with him while he received the officers of the War Department and their subordinates. The first function on entering the office of Secretary, and before receiving the visitors, was to kiss his two daughters.

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The new Postmaster-General, James A. Gary, arrived at the Postoffice Department at 11:45 a. m., accompanied by J. A. Richardson, of Washington. The gentlemen went at once to the office of the Postmaster-General, where they were awaited by ex-Postmaster-General Wilson. The several assistant postmasters-general then called in turn, and were presented to their new chief, and then presented the employes of their respective bureaus.

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Secretary of the Interior Bliss reached the Interior Department at noon, and went at once to the Secretary's room, where Mr. Francis awaited him, and after cordial greetings had been exchanged, the new Secretary, standing beside his predecessor, received the officers of the department, who presented their subordinates. All were cordially received by Mr. Bliss.

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Secretary Sherman reached the Department af State shortly after 12 o'clock. As soon as he reached the building the officials of the department were notified, and soon after presented themselves. Many were introduced by ex-Secretary Olney.

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Secretary of Agriculture Wilson reached the scene of his new duties shortly after noon, and had a conference with the outgoing Secretary, Mr. Morton. Mr. Wilson was at the department yesterday, posting himself on the affairs that will now come under his supervision. To-day he met the heads of bureaus and chiefs of divisions. He will receive the clerks and other employees later.

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A bit of information of peculiar interest to the friends of W. A. L. Chambers, of Alabama, comes to me to-day. It is that he has been chosen by the three pawers, party to the Samoan agreement, as Chief Justice of Samoa, to succeed Mr. Ide, of Vermont.

Critical Moment.

Whittier, the poet, and Lucy Larcom were once driving in a buggy drawn by a restless animal. The horse become more and more vicious, and the buggy swayed like a ship in a storm. But never a word would Lucy spare on the high-erected theme which then engaged her mind. At last Whittier could stand it no longer, and as he redoubled his efforts with the reins, he exclaimed: "Lucy! If thee do not stop talking till I get this horse in hand, thee will be in heaven before thee wants to!"

The great Music Hall organ, once the pride of Boston, which has been stored in a shed for the last ten years, is to be sold. It cost more than $60,000, and weighed nearly seventy tons. It was finished on Oct. 31, 1863, and the public was invited to hear it on Nov. 2. An ode was written by Mrs. James T. Fields, and was recited by Miss Charlotte Cushman. Although it was looked upon almost as a sacred thing and referred to as "the hope of art in future years," it was kicked out in 1884 because more room for the permanent orchestra was needed.

For thousands of persons the death of Herrmann, the magician, will cause a stirring of many reminiscences. The man's place in public regard was as peculiar as his own very peculiar profession. He was perhaps the best known of the men who practiced the art of prestidigitation. He never claimed that his "magic" was anything other than a highly developed and intelligent trickery—the result of skill and dexterity. Yet the people flocked in immense numbers to be puzzled by this trickery and applauded the brilliant trickster. It is rarely that one finds a man with an employment so peculiar winning such a complete success. The great actor or the great singer finds his just reward in an admiration for his art. The magician's work is not recognizable as art. It is a unique form of entertainment—something analogous to that of the vaudeville "specialist." The remarkable thing is that a man with one "specialty" should have been able not only to draw the public every evening throughout a season but to attract it constantly and throughout the entire country. When it is remembered that Herrmann not only became a familiar figure to thousands of persons of the present generation but held the same fortunate prominence before multitudes many years ago one can gather something of the remarkable character of his success.

The fast liners of transatlantic steamers have increased the minimum rate for first-class passengers. The companies participating in the agreement are the French, the North German Lloyd, American, Red Star, Netherlands-American, White Star, Hamburg-American and Cunard. The Anchor Line is in the agreement about the booking agencies, but the agents on this side have received no instructions with regard to the minimum rate. The lowest rate after Dec. 1 and until April 1 will be $75 to Southampton and $77.50 to Bremen on the express steamers. For the so-called summer season, April 1 to Nov. 1, the lowest rate will be $100 on the express steamers and $75 on the slower steamers. That means that the minimum price of first-class tickets will be from $10 to $15 higher than it has been. There will be no reduction for return tickets, the winter season on both sides will be from Nov. 1 to April 1, and children over eight years of age must pay full fare, those between eight and one paying half fare. The half-fare age was formerly twelve to three.

Interpose no barrier to God's mighty life-giving power, working in you all the good pleasure of his will. Yield yourself up utterly to his sweet control. Put your growing into his hands as completely as you have put all other affairs. Suffer him to manage it as he will. Do not concern yourself about it nor even think of it. Trust him absolutely and always.—H. W. S.

We must not spend all our lives in cleaning our windows, but in sunning ourselves in God's blessed light. That light will soon show us what still needs to be cleansed, and will enable us to cleanse it with unerring accuracy.—Rev. F. B. Meyer.

When prayer brings no solace to your weary heart try praise.

The Grand Jury at Mayfield, Ky., has been ordered to look into the lynchings that heve recently occurred in that vicinity.

BUDGET OF FUN.

HUMOROUS SKETCHES FROM VARIOUS SOURCES.

The Thorn—A Social Lion—His Desire—A Natural Inference—A Theory—The Bird Movement, Etc., Etc.

When two soft arms encircle
In affectionate embrace
A fellow's neck and two brown eyes
Look up into his face
With glances full of meaning,
And the touch of two wee hands
Smooth out dull care's furrows,
It's then Dan Cupid's bands
Are spliced into his heartstrings
And he thanks his lucky star
That she'd vouchsafed such happiness
That naught on earth can mar,
But, ah, the sad reaction,
And bitter thoughts set free,
When the sealskin sacque's delivered
With a bill stamped "C. O. D."
—Somerville Journal.

A NATURAL INFERENCE.

Sue—"Yes, Bob and I have been thrown together a good deal, lately."

Sarah—"Riding a tandem now, are you?"

DANGEROUS.

"My physician tells me I must stop smoking so many cigars."

"Afraid you will get the cabbage heart?"—Life.

HER UPWARD FLIGHT.

Hewitt—"I hear your servant left without giving you any notice."

Jewett—"Yes; she lighted the fire with kerosene."—Twinkles.

HIS VIEW.

Leisurely Lafferty—"I see Bill got six months at hard labor. Wot's hard labor?"

Restful Ragson—"Any kind."

HIS DESIRE.

Old Flint (savagely): "So you want to become my son-in-law, young man?"

Young Swift (promptly): "No; I merely want to marry your daughter."—Puck.

A SOCIAL LION.

"Yes, sir," said the man in cell 711, "time was when I was admitted to the very best houses."

"And what brought you here?"

"They caught me coming out."

FOND RECOLLECTIONS.

Brown—"Jones doesn't forget his Alma Mater."

Robinson—"He doesn't, eh?"

Brown—"No, indeed! He's trying to teach his baby the college yell."—Puck.

DRY WIT.

Blynkins—"That fellow De Soaque says some very dry things, doesn't he?"

Wynkins—"Yes, I've heard him say 'Don't care if I do' repeatedly."—Baltimore News.

A THEORY.

Mrs. Mater—"I wonder what makes that dog so afraid of me? He always acts as if he thought I was going to half kill him."

Little Daughter—"I dess he's seen you 'pankin' me."—New York Weekly.

THE HORSE AND THE WHEEL.

"After all, there's a close affinity between the bicycle and the horse."

"How so?"

"I saw a red-headed bloomer girl to-day, and there were three white bicycles directly behind her."—Truth.

SIX WEEKS WITHOUT SLEEP.

A STRANGE EXPERIENCE RELATED BY MRS. MORRIS GAFFIN.

She Was in Torture for Weeks—Excruciating Pains Made Her Life a Burden—All Bent Over and Helpless.

From the New Era, McMinnville, Tenn.

Three miles southeast of the lovely little city of McMinnville, Tennessee, nestling at the foot of the beautiful and grand "Ben Lomond" mountain, are many pretty and comfortable homes—located on fertile lands and shaded by grand and majestic forest trees.

In this locality Mrs. Morris Gaffin lives, with her sons, in comfort and contentment. Understanding that Mrs. Gaffin had been greatly benefited by the use of Dr. Williams' Pink Pills, a reporter of the McMinnville *New Era* sought an interview. With this purpose in view a visit was made to the home of Mrs. Gaffin, and she was found to be one of those pleasant little women whom one meets with, now and then, in the constantly recurring changes in life. She gave the reporter a cordial welcome, and upon learning the object of the unexpected call, she brightly responded: "Well, I know of no reason why I should object to an interview, if the report is not exaggerated. I am personally indebted to Dr. Williams' Pink Pills, and if my testimony can be the means of helping some one else who suffers as I suffered I surely ought not to withhold it.

"A year ago last October I caught a severe cold which resulted in rheumatism in my left side, causing me a great deal of suffering. I used plasters and home remedies, but obtained very little relief until the January following. I did not suffer this severe pain any more until March. In stooping a terrible pain struck me right in the small of the back, and in a few seconds had branched down my left side, extending even to my toes. I had to call my son to assist me into the house, and from that time the pain was almost unbearable. For six week I had no restful sleep. During that time I used all the old remedies and many new ones, even sending to Chicago for medicines, but none of them did me any good. I was all bent over and drawn up until I could scarcely get about at all, and oh! how I did suffer!

"Finally, one day, I told my son when he started to town, to bring me a box of Dr. Williams' Pink Pills; that I had tried everything else, and they might do me some good. He brought the box and I at once began to use them according to directions, and I began to improve by the time I had taken the fourth or fifth pill, and when I had finished the box I was entirely relieved, and could walk about as erect as ever. But I sent for another box. That was in June of last year, and I have never had a pain since. Every morning when I awake I am thankful and think how good it is to lie in such comfort. I thank Dr. Williams' Pink Pills for the wonderful relief they brought me.

"Did you ever have the toothache?" she asked. "Well, if you have, you will know something about the pain I had. It was nothing more or less than a toothache in the hip—it was an excruciating pain."

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ALABAMA PARAGRAPHS.

The Latest News of Our Own State.

The cotton mill at Anniston has been prosperous, and paid dividends of 22 per cent., while other industries were languishing.

The Louisville & Nashville Railroad Company will make no protest to the O'Brien School tax, of Birmingham, but will pay their amount toward the support of the Birmingham schools.

At Pratt City, Friday morning, Forest Jackson, who runs a little grocery store, was shot in the neck, and painfully, though not dangerously wounded, by Joe Ayres, colored. The shooting was the result of a misunderstanding about some commissary checks.

The introduction of the sugar beet is attracting the attention of farmers in South Alabama. Recent investigations have developed the fact that the lands in the black belt are especially adapted to the growing of the sugar beet, an industry which will beat the raising of four-cent cotton too far to consider. The sugar beet will grow anywhere in Alabama.

Representatives from the various mining camps in the State held a meeting in Bricklayers' Hall on Twentieth street, Birmingham, Friday, for the purpose of selecting candidates for the apointment of State Mining Inspectors. The meeting was a large one, and much interest was shown.

Reports from the surveying party out of Columbus for the M. T. & M. Railway, are to the effect that everything is progressing satisfactorily. Several sub-contracts for building the road have been let.

The city of Tuskaloosa and the Water Works Company are having a bout over pure water. The Board of Health have recommended a change of water, and the city says the company must obey the order. The matter will be settled at an early meeting of the board of Mayor and Aldermen.

Birmingham is to have pottery works. The purpose at first is to utilize the plant of the Birmingham Fire Brick works, one of the most complete in the country, for the making of general clay goods, such as fire bricks, paving bricks and sewer pipe, and manufacture stoneware goods, in which there is a home market, such as jugs, flower-pots, lawn-vases, jars, crocks, churns, water coolers, etc.

The wheel department of the Elliott Car Works, near Gadsden, will start up in a few days. Capt. J. M. Elliott, Jr., informed a reporter for the Gadsden Times-News, that he had received a large order for wheels from Southern railroads, and that he will give employment to 100 men at once.

Mr. D. H. Duncan, traveling salesman for a Richmond, Va., tobacco house, committed suicide Friday evening at the residence of his brother-in-law, Capt. J. Morgan Smith, on the South Highlands, Birmingham, by shooting himself with a pistol. Ill health, with the belief by the deceased that he would never get well, caused him to become hopelessly despondent, and led him to take his life.

Colin Daughdrill was hanged in the county jail yard at Gadsden for the crime of murder, a jury having adjudged him guilty of killing J. I. Bates, a traveling man. The trap was sprung at 1 o'clock and the body fell five feet, the victim's neck being broken by the fall. He was pronounced dead in seven minutes. Daughdrill died game, his last advice to his brother, Joho, being, "Make a man of yourself, John."

The Hoffman and Billings Manufacturing Company, of Milwaukee, Wis., will remove its entire pipe plant to Gadsden as soon as the railroads can transport the machinery, a part of which is now speeding Southward. The Hoffmann and Billings Company has been extensively engaged in manufacturing soil pipe for a number of years. The concern is one of the best known in the country, and its factory was located in the best market for the article it manufactured. But competition has forced it to pull up stakes and go to Gadsden. The company will be known as the Hoffmann, Billings and Weller Manufacturing Company. The new plant and the Weller Pipe Works will be merged into one and the same industry. Two large buildings will be constructed immediately and other improvements will be made as soon as possible. The capacity of the plant will be increased to forty-five tons daily; the Weller Pipe Works only made eight tons. The outlay of money to construct the improvements will get be less than $60,000. The company is incorporated for $100,000.

Hot Lakes of New Zealand.

The hot lakes district of New Zealand, covering an area of 1000 square miles, is very actively and peculiarly volcanic. The particular attraction of the district lies in the changes that are continually taking place in it. Almost from day to day extraordinary transformations are worked by heat, fire and steam. The greatest of the volcanic mountains, Ruapehu, rises to a height of 9000 feet, and one of the geysers is estimated to throw water and steam to a height of 180 feet, while the lakes, ponds and pools contain water of every degree of temperature.—Scientific American.

Johnny.—"Father, don't you think I had better stop all my studies at school except arithmetic?"

Father.—"Certainly not, my boy. What would you do that for?"

Johnny.—"Why, I heard mother say that you would be a horrible example for me some day, and I thought I'd better get posted up."

Medicine and Law at Yale.

The faculties of the Yale Law and Medical Schools are arranging for a formal interchange of courses. They have decided that certain subjects in each department shall be open to seniors of the other. A course in medical jurisprudence in the law school will be open to the medical students.

A Baltimore newspaper says that a contributor recently sent it a mangled copy of Whittier's "Barbara Frietchie" for publication, with a note to the effect that it was an entirely original composition!

Apropos of the large mortality by the inhalation of illuminating gas, it is interesting to note that the medical societies of Pennsylvania are giving their attention to a substitute for the gallows. They have concluded that the most humane method of extinguishing the life of the criminal sentenced to death is by the use of gas, and they propose to present a bill to the Legislature this winter providing for the change.

A pretty ring, earrings, stock-pin, bracelets.

Pat's Strong Position.

Pat—I tell you the ould frinds are always the best, after all, and I can prove it.

Dennis—How?

Pat—Where'll you find a new frind that has stood by you as long as the ould ones have?—Cleveland Leader.

Poor Wretch.

Mrs. Brown (in awed whisper)—"Sh-sh! I hear a burglar in the pantry. I believe he is going to steal the cake I cooked to-day.

Mr. Brown (sleepily)—Poor devil! He may have a family, too.—Up-to-Date.

Force of habit strong in life is illustrated in the trappings of a dray mule in New Orleans, which used to haul a bobtail car and refuses now to draw the wagon an inch unless the old car bell dangles from its collar.

Having coined "gasphyxia" as a term to describe death by escaping gas, the people of Boston now propose to adopt "dirigible," from the French, to express "that which can be directed or steered." What is the matter with "directable?"

Pill Clothes.

The good pill has a good coat. The pill coat serves two purposes; it protects the pill, enabling it to retain all its remedial value, and it disguises the taste for the palate. Some pill coats are too heavy; they will not dissolve in the stomach, and the pills they cover pass through the system as harmless as a bread pellet. Other coats are too light, and permit the speedy deterioration of the pill. After 30 years exposure, Ayer's Sugar Coated Pills have been found as effective as if just fresh from the laboratory. It's a good pill with a good coat. Ask your druggist for

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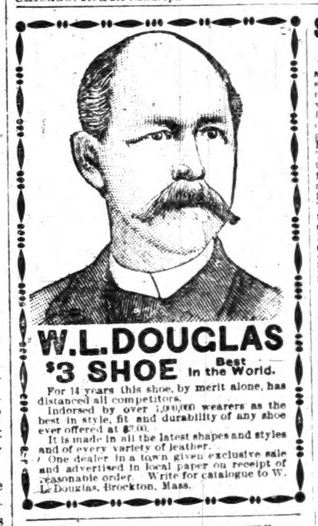

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THE BANNER.

Let the people rule

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And now the Republicans are at the ...

You can't fool the people all the time.

That ... treaty is a Trojan horse.

That ... prosperity" hasn't waived.

Yes, the sugar trust is charitable—itself.

The goal is the destruction of the greenbacks.

"Thou shalt not steal!"—except by legal enactment.

Eight more national banks went Republican this week.

The people voted for hard times and got what they voted for.

Unless man owns the machine the machine will displace the man.

Two national banks went Republican this week in Mark Hanna's state.

Those Republican promises are just now way below the 53 cent limit.

The Belshazzers are having their feast now, but what of the future?

Weyler is carrying on an active campaign—against women and children.

A billion dollar record is one of the ornaments of the Congress just closed.

That congress cost over a million dollars, but they are all "honorable men."

We have reached that stage where the dance of wealth may soon be the dance of death.

The strangest thing about the Democratic administration was the regular monthly treasury deficit.

The only way to have a good political party is to insist on having honest and efficient party leaders.

The states have no constitutional right to issue money, then why should banks be granted that privilege.

Yes, the law of supply and demand controls prices, and the trusts control the "supply and demand." See?

Various uses have been made of compressed air, but it is seldom utilized by congressmen in making speeches.

McKinley may not be a duck hunter but before he gets through with the office hunters he will wish he was.

There is a difference in surrender and arbitration. Americans do not care to submit their affairs to the will of an European king.

The grandeur of a nation should consist in the patriotic and moral greatness of its people. Riches alone do not constitute greatness.

The political promises made in 1896 were somewhat similar to those made in 1892, and the indications now are that they will be worth no more.

If the Republicans would meet the treasury deficit by a reduction of expenses instead of an increase of taxes they would be entitled to some credit.

There seems to be money in banks and railroads, therefore the people should engage in the business themselves—through government ownership.

God made interest usury; man made 20 per cent interest usury. Which is right? The church is excused from making any reply—it might cause hard feelings.

The only drawback we see to the proposed compressed air trust is that the Almighty has complete control of the supply in such a way that it cannot be cornered.

South Dakota is trying to enact a law for the establishment of the referendum. That is what it will require to break up bribery and restore purity to the government.

The Bradley-Martin ball has excited a great deal of comment, but it is only one of the appendages of our system. Let us change the system and there will be no more such balls.

The Cubans can't be hoodwinked by the promises of Spain; it is a matter of regret that the same cannot be said of the American people with regard to the promises of the politicians.

The devastation caused by Gen. Sherman's "march to the sea" covered a territory about sixty miles wide, but the desolation caused by his brother John reaches from ocean to ocean.

The concentration of wealth is the concentration of power, and there should be laws of compensation to facilitate a more equitable distribution of wealth and discourage immense fortunes, which corrupt and undermine our free institutions.

There is a probability that the Pacific roads foreclosure will be a repetition of that Morgan-Stetson bond deal which Cleveland made; that is, they will probably be sold for much less than they are worth, and somebody's nest will be feathered at the expense of the people.

PUBLIC TELEPHONES.

WOULD RELIEVE THE MONOTONY OF FARM LIFE.

What One County in Michigan Has Done and What the 'Phones Cost—Any Set of Farmers May Have a Telephone Service.

The following communication from H. K. Smith of Mt. Palatine, Ill., is so suggestive of a means by which the social life of the farm may be improved, and at slight expense, that we give place to it here. It is interesting to note that the farmers of Lenawee county, Mich., realizing the importance of easy communication with their neighbors, far and near, have adopted a telegraph system of their own and there are said to be many skilled manipulators of the keys in the farm houses of that progressive county.

The farmer owes it to himself and his family to take advantage of every means offered to make life on the farm more cheerful and stimulating to sociability. In this day of competing telephone systems and cheap wire, with the constructing force already at hand among the young men of the farms, there is no reason why every well educated farming community should not have a system of interchange at once complete and inexpensive. Mr. Smith's letter follows:

One of the most potent means of relieving the monotony and the isolation of a life on the inland country farms is a general telephone system, uniting the various farm residences and the adjoining towns. Good 'phones, with dry battery can now be bought for $10, and the wire is quite cheap when purchased by the quantity, and twenty foot oak poles for every 100 feet of line can be had in the home forests of most localities. A 'phone with a mile of poles and wire can be had for about $18.

Magnolia township, Putnam county, Ill., began the use of these telephones in the spring of 1896. This system has been added to, until now there is in operation about 100 miles of wire and fifty or more 'phones, thoroughly uniting more than one township and two small and five large towns.

The use of these 'phones to country folks is so varied and useful as to be almost incalculable. First of all, it removes the excuse of runs to town so frequently. Stock can be sold and cars ordered while at home. Farmers can order the corn sheller and thresher and all hands without leaving home, if valuable stock is shipped to him, he knows the minute it comes, can give directions concerning it, and get it quickly.

If a friend comes to the station, they notify him at once. If he goes to town and gets his memoranda mixed, he communicates with his wife at home and straightens things out. Or if she finds she has forgotten something, she meets him at the store with a dispatch for the additional things. If you expect to take the train, you telephone ahead to the agent for exact railroad time. If a social party is afoot, the driver can telephone ahead and say he will be there in ten minutes, and you are ready to the minute. If a surprise party is projected, notices are telephoned around a few hours ahead and all are there at the minute. If the weather is unpropitious for a gathering for any purpose, it is called off at once by telephone and a future date set. Country clocks and school clocks are kept in proper time by 'phone. The doctor is called quickly and the neighbors summoned in the quickest time in case of sickness or fire. If the weather is just right for the ice harvest on a certain evening or morning, you summon your cutters and teams and are at work at once.

There is no end to the short cuts and conveniences of the country telephone. If you have no pressing business on hand and are lonesome, throw open the line and have a one-half hour of social chat and fun. Or call for a little music, and all enjoy it. The other day a message came from an outpost on the line to send a certain man and his hands out as they had a prairie wolf corralled on a certain farm.

A telephone system in the country is like tile drainage—once started, all soon have to drop into the scheme. It works so nicely here that most of the young people at least can distinguish the voices of all their neighbors through the 'phone—no need to ask "who is it? very long. The lines here are twenty-two miles apart at the farthest points.

You have no idea until you try it, of the great value and convenience of a country telephone. Try it.—Farmer's Voice.

That Treaty.

Although the potentates of Europe are all related to each other in varying degrees of close blood kinship, the American republic, whose principles are confessedly a menace to all royal prerogatives, is expected by goody-goody innocents and Anglo-lunatics to submit its interests and honor in a dispute with one member of the royal fraternity to the disinterested (?) judgment of another. This is on par with bringing a suit before a judge who happens to be the father or brother of one's antagonist. A little thing like that, though, ought not to choke us in a country where it is the custom to prosecute corporations before courts presided over by their paid attorneys.—Labor World.

A Republican paper in Ohio wants to know "whether it is Hanna and Harrison, or Hell?" This seems to be a choice of distinction without a difference.

NOTES AND COMMENT.

Flashes of Thought Inspired by Passing Events.

There seems to be a contention among some very prominent men in the Peoples' party as to whether we will have all of the specie basis fraud or none of it. The adherents of scientific money need not fear the results if we can have such money to circulate alongside of both gold and silver, or only one of them. It would prove an object lession that would soon determine the people in favor of a scientific paper currency.

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The Cleveland Citizen thinks there is something wrong with the reform legislature of Colorado, because the Populist papers of that state are saying many mean things against it. Calling it a "Reform Legislature" reminds us of the story of the boy who took a dog's hide to the tanner's to sell. "This dog wasn't very fat, was he?" asked the tanner. "Fattest dog I ever saw," replied the boy; "he was so fat he went to get over the fence and fell and broke his neck." "Oh, well," said the tanner, "if he was that fat, the hide is no account, and I don't want it." "Look'ee here, mister," replied the boy, "that 'ere dog was not so dad gummed fat as you might think."

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Uncle Russell Sage had a nightmare in the daytime. He regrets the occasion of the Bradley-Martin ball. He says it and its like are doing much to spread discontent, which, if not stopped, "will break loose like an avalanche which will destroy every bulwark of our social systems." Uncle Russ. seems to have been reading the history of the French revolution, for he advises his millionaire friends that "it was the same insolvent distress and extravagance of this kind that provoked the French revolution. Those who live for pleasure alone should heed the ominous warning." But we want to inform Uncle Russ. that it's no use. The rich can't get their mind off their wealth and the pleasures it brings long enough to see how near they are verging on the precipice. "On with the dance."

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If the government permits the forced sale of the Pacific railroads at a loss to itself it will be a fitting climax to the most monumental fraud of the age. The history of the roads is one long story of stupendous fraud from the beginning. The government has hunted and prosecuted with relentless energy the petty violators of the revenue law who sought to evade the tax on whisky by conducting a moonshine distillery, yet the brigands who have managed the Pacific railroads have swindled the government out of ten times more money than all the moonshiners since the revenue laws were first enacted. The government has no mercy on a counterfeiter, but it stoops to compromise with a band of brigands who have robbed it of more than all the counterfeiters since the adoption of the constitution. If a postmaster at some country cross-roads appropriates seventy-five cents worth of postage stamps the government seizes him with an iron hand and casts him in prison, but it condescends to plead with the rascals who have falsely certified to millions of acres of land which they have not earned under the terms of the grant, and appropriated funds which it agreed to turn in on what it owed. What the government should do is to proceed at once to take charge of the whole system and bring criminal suits against the brigands who have been guilty of fraud, and are now seeking to swindle the government out of the greater part of its claim.

W. S. MORGAN.

Hilariously Desperate.

The New Road, published at Denver, Colorado, seems to be growing hilariously desperate over the situation. In a recent issue it indulges in the following reckless way of expression:

The mills are closing.
Let the ball go on.

Fifty thousand men are starving in Chicago.
On with the dance!

Honest men contemplate robbery to get the comforts of prison.
Let joy be unconfined.

Men work for starvation wages and are glad to do so.
Let the ball go on.

If fifty thousand men are starving in Chicago, how many hundred thousand men are starving in the United States? And this is the grandest, greatest, most expensive, most gorgeous inaugural that the republic ever saw.

Increase the regular army.
Let the ball go on.

Consolidate the newspaper trusts and the federal courts, and
Let the ball go on.

Here's a cheer for the dead already,
And hurrah for the next that dies.

It Didn't Work.

McKinley is elected; Bryan is not. The election is over; the campaign is not. Confidence has been restored; prosperity has not. The capitalists are banqueting; the common people are not. The idle class is satisfied; the toiling masses are not. The population is increasing; the volume of money is not. The number of empty mouths is increasing; the ability to fill them is not.—Cassville (Wis.) Index.

The powers of Europe ought to put a stop to the atrocities of the Turks, and the powers of America ought to put a stop to the atrocities of the Spaniards.

HORRIBLE PROSPECTS

RADICAL MEASURES MUST BE TAKEN SOON.

Or the World Will Experience Worse Industrial Conditions Than Ever Existed in All the Known Ages of Its Previous History.

Nicola Tesla, the great electrical expert said a short time ago:

"The labor of the future will be done principally by pressing an electric button."

Will the millions of toiling and moiling masses still be expected to work ten hours a day?

This is a question not for the working people but for capitalists and business men.

Suppose existing conditions such as the money stringency, the continued improvement in "labor saving" machinery, the combinations, trusts, etc., continue to increase the idle workmen and prevent them from consuming things that are being produced?

Where is the market for the farmer's crops, the manufacturer's products and how can business prosper? And worst of all what shall we do with our starving workpeople?

Are not these questions worth investigating?

If the trend of affairs continues in the same direction, what is going to become of the country?

If the labor of the future will be done principally by pressing an electric button, will we have one man standing by the buttons and pressing them all day—while a thousand look on and starve, or will we change our system to adapt it to changed conditions?

These are the questions we must answer if we want evolution. If we don't study and solve them it will be revolution.

Which will you choose?—Milwaukee Advance.

WHY THIS DIFFERENCE?

Capital Should Not Be Held More Sacred Than Man.

Why should the "rights of property" be more sacred than are the rights of the individual? No one questions the right of the state, in time of danger, to "draft" the individual into active service, even to the sacrificing of his life in behalf of his country.

How about the money mongers' gold? Why should it be exempt or its holder be entitled to demand such terms as he may see fit as a condition on which he parts with it?

This false idea, the outgrowth of greed and avarice, has placed upon this nation a burden of public and private debt that can never be paid. It has established a monied plutocracy, which is allpowerful and holds complete sway over the wealth producing class. In time of peril, when millions of patriotic citizens forsook their homes, their properties, and their families, and at the risk of their lives volunteered their service in defense of the government, while others, not so patriotic, were forced to make the same sacrifice, the money mongers demanded and received their "pound of flesh."

Is there any justice in now granting them further privilege to rob and despoil? We say no, a thousand times no! And we believe the sentiment of our declaration is re-echoed in the mind of every patriotic, right-minded, liberty-loving American citizen, and yet the powers that be—those who have been for years past, and will be for years to come, in control of the government—are in league with these money mongers. They, through false issues, fraud and deception, have been placed in control of the government, only to aid in the enslavement of the masses.

These same despoiled masses will, if need be, volunteer their services at the risk of their lives to perpetuate this same rule of aggregated wealth.

Where, then, is the hope of deliverance? Who shall deliver the people from this volunteer bondage? True it is not voluntary on the part of all, but since the majority rules—or are supposed to rule—and we are privileged to exercise a freeman's ballot, as a whole, the service is voluntary.

We confess the prospect for the future is not flattering, and yet patriotism and love for humanity rebels at the idea of surrender. The greater the odds against those enlisted in a sacred cause the greater should be the effort in behalf of such cause.

As we view it, the only hope lies in securing greater power to the people in the shaping and controling of the affairs of government. The agents of the people must be restricted in the exercise of powers they now abuse. Take away from them the power to rule the people—a power they have and can use as arbitrarily now in this republic as in any constitutional monarchy, if so disposed. The fact that we choose our rulers does not make their despotic rule less burdensome.

The majority of the people are honest and patriotic, but they are conservative. Such conservatism has been responsible for all past oppression, as well as all past revolutions. It may be that "history will repeat itself." People who have tasted the sweets of liberty and are blessed with universal education and the opportunity to ascertain the cause of their wrongs, are not likely to submit to involuntary servitude for an indefinite period of time.—Tulare County (Cal.) News.

THE NEW BANK SCHEME.

They Want the Privilege of Issuing Money.

If Greenbacks Are "Fiat Money" What Would the Bank Notes Be?—Philadelphia Manufacturer.

The fact that the American Bankers' Association approved the plan known as "the Baltimore plan," for permitting the issue of new bank currency, entitles the project to very serious attention. With respect to the plan the following observation may be made:

Panics usually are produced by the undue inflation of bank credits. The Baltimore plan proposes to permit the banks to issue large additional volumes of paper money in times of panics. In other words, the proposition is to try to cure the results of inflation by supplying a little more inflation. It would be the introduction to finance of something like the homeopathic principle in medicine.

Under this plan all banks would contribute to a fund for redeeming the currency of weak and dishonest banks. Can any one offer a respectable reason why a well and honestly managed bank should use its money to bolster up wildcat concerns in various parts of the country?

Why should the federal government give up all share of the profits of issuing currency and yet perform all the functions of a supervisor and guarantor? In other words, why should the American people, through their agents, undertake the labor and responsibility, while the banks pocket the profits. If the guarantee of the government (that is, of the people) is necessary to make the money go, why should not the government issue the money and make the profit? The most reckless free-trader never dared to charge that manufacturers are the beneficiaries of such "paternalism" as is here proposed.

Is a 5 per cent deposit in the federal treasury a sufficient security for the proposed bank issues? We do not think it is. During thirty years of high prosperity the national bank currency has been based upon actual value held by the federal government. The proposed change to but 5 per cent of the actual value appears to be rather violent. The proposition, indeed, is to abandon money of actual value for credit money. If we are to have more credit money, it should be money based upon the credit of the United States government, not upon a 5 per cent redemption fund of a bank which may go wild-catting almost as it pleases.

The American people will never surrender the greenbacks. That might as well be accepted at once as fact. The nation desires that the government shall control the currency of the country. Control of what is in effect the money of the people should be in the hands of the people's servants, not in those of private persons who may sometimes have a direct interest in making the supply scarce. The relation of the volume of money to the business of the people, like the quality of the money, is vital? The danger of over issue, the peril of under contraction and the possibility of inferiority of quality must all be great under the proposed plan.

"SOUND MONEY."

A Deadly Parallel Showing Some Differences That Are Worth Study.

People's Tribune: The prevalent and ever intensifying depression of industries under the "sound money" policy justifies every inquirer to put the facts of the situation to the test. Below the Tribune presents the deadly parallel column, displaying the actual results of a reasonably sufficient currency and one always contracting:

ACCOUNT WITH ONE BALE.

	1873.	1895.
By one bale cotton	$75.00	$24.00
To one barrel flour	1873. $ 8.00	1895. $ 3.40
To bolt domestics	2.40	1.50
To 1 keg nails	4.50	1.85
To 1 pair shoes	3.50	2.00
To one suit clothes	10.00	6.50
To 1 dress pattern	9.00	3.50
To garden seed	2.50	2.50
	$36.90	$21.25
Balance	$38.10	$ 3.75

Here we find that in 1873 a bale of cotton paid the above bill at then prevailing prices and left a surplus of $38.10; in 1895 the bale pays the same bill at present prices and the farmer is happy to carry home $3.75.

What was the relation of $38.10 to other property in 1873 when cotton was 15 cents? What is the relation of $3.75 to other property now? In the former period the first named surplus on sale of one bale of cotton over the bill rendered, would have been able to take a man 762 miles by rail; now he can travel 125 miles for the surplus on his one bale; then he could have paid for 3,000 feet of lumber with his surplus; now he can not pay for more than 400 feet with his surplus.

There is this other great and vital difference in the two periods, estimated upon a commercial basis, to wit: in January, 1873, money was active and safe on the market, and the volume of the currency was in circulation; now money is not on the general market at all, few can borrow at any rate, and the volume of currency is stagnant and locked in the banks for safety.

So much for the bankers' argument that these blessed times of low prices secure plenty for all! The Hindoo peon, toiling under the bayonet of the British guard, has "plenty," but what is plenty in his case? Only three to fifteen cents for a day's work; only thin soup and gruel for diet, and a pair of coarse cotton trousers for raiment. The diet, the raiment and the wages move apace. The banker's money buys more of the product of labor as money becomes scarce and laborers multiply in the field.

WHO? WHO? WHO?

The money lender is respectfully invited to read this text:

"Lord, who shall abide in Thy Tabernacle?

He that putteth not out his money to usury."—Psalm xv.

Who wants a gold or single standard?
THE MONEY LENDER.

Who wants to demonetize silver?
THE MONEY LENDER.

Who wants to retire the greenbacks?
THE MONEY LENDER.

Who wants dear money and cheap products?
THE MONEY LENDER.

Who wants a national and state bank currency?
THE MONEY LENDER.

Who wants a system of finance which is subject to manipulation to the extent that panics can be produced?
THE MONEY LENDER.

Who holds the majority of mortgages?
THE MONEY LENDER.

Who crowds the mortgagee and forecloses mortgages?
THE MONEY LENDER.

Who bids in the property at a very low price?
THE MONEY LENDER.

Who gets the benefit of the sacrifice made?
THE MONEY LENDER.

Who makes landlords on the one side and tenants on the other?
THE MONEY LENDER.

Who is responsible for the process which crowds more of the products of the soil and of labor into the dollar?
THE MONEY LENDER.

Who controls the national indebtedness of the entire civilized world?
THE MONEY LENDER.

Who ruined Australia?
THE MONEY LENDER.

Who ruined India?
THE MONEY LENDER.

Who has his clutches on the throat of the world's industries?
THE MONEY LENDER.

Who caused the downfall of Egypt?
THE MONEY LENDER.

Who caused the spark of life to depart from Rome?
THE MONEY LENDER.

Who caused the collapse of Babylon?
THE MONEY LENDER.

Who put the exception clause on the back of the greenback?
THE MONEY LENDER.

Who passed the national banking act?
THE MONEY LENDER.

Who contracted the currency in 1866, 67-68?
THE MONEY LENDER.

Who demanded the credit strengthening act?
THE MONEY LENDER.

Who demonetized silver?
THE MONEY LENDER.

Who caused the panic of 1873?
THE MONEY LENDER.

Who dictated the resumption act?
THE MONEY LENDER.

Who opposed the Bland silver law?
THE MONEY LENDER.

Who forced the passage of the Sherman bullion law?
THE MONEY LENDER.

Who took gold out of the country?
THE MONEY LENDER.

Who is responsible for the present money panic?
THE MONEY LENDER.

Who will be the gainer in the financial race for existence that is now being run?
THE MONEY LENDER.

Who is ever looking out for No. 1 and himself?
THE MONEY LENDER.

Whom must the people get rid of in order that they may gain complete independence?
THE MONEY LENDER.

The constitution endows the government with the sole and exclusive right to create money. This has been so decided by the Supreme court of the United States. The law makes it a crime for any other power to create money. The spirit of this law is violated in the issuing of bank currency. The states are denied the right to make and issue paper money, then why should that power be delegated to the banks?

The Republicans are now trying to put off prosperity until they pass a law to increase the tariff taxes. After that something else will be the matter, and so it goes.

The Pacific railroad managers and the greatest bandits of modern times—except Cleveland and J. P. Morgan.

ALABAMA BRIEFS.

The News of a Great State Told in Short Paragraphs.

—Birmingham is to have another large cotton mill.

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—Tuskaloosa has a new hose wagon and 1,500 fee of new hose for the fire department.

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Stevenson is to have a cob pipe factory. It will be run by a stock company of citizens.

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—Tom Gibbs, colored, shot and killed Carrie Moseley, also colored, near Mobile in a fit of jealousy.

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—Huntsville negroes nominated D. S. Brandon and B. E. Scruggs, both colored, for city aldermen.

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—The iron bridge over Willis Creek, near Gadsden, was wrecked Saturday by high water, and will be rebuilt at a cost of $5,000.

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—Farmers along Mush Creek near Selma, will not recover from the effects of last Friday's rain in the next five years. In many places the soil was entirely washed away, and the land was left almost worthless.

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—By order of Chancery Court the Matthews Cotton Mills, of Selma, will be sold within sixty days under foreclosure, the upset price being fixed at $15,000. The Company was involved by the Commercial bank.

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—Within a few days the ice factory at Greenville will be turning out ice just as if there had never been a fire. It will be remmbered that a short time ago the Greenville Mills came very near burning up. The ice machinery was damaged to a greater extent than anything else, and that is again all right.

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—New Market, on the Nashville, Chattanooga & St. Louis Railroad, in the past four months has shipped 250 head of cattle, 3,000 hogs, 52 cars of poplar, walnut and oak logs, 16 cars of cedar logs, 7 cars of sawed lumber, 28 cars of cotton and 2 cars of cotton seed. Farmers believe in diversified crops in that vicinity.

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—The Internal Revenue Collector at Birmingham issued $2,500 worth of revenue stamps to the Kohn Distilling Company of Montgomery for use on one brand of whisky. This is the largest order ever filled in the history of the Alabama office and is far the largest sale of Alabama whisky ever made.

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—Thos. J. Hodges, merchant at Ashville, closed his doors Thursday morning and made an assignment to D. D. Goode. It is said that the liabilities far exceed the assets. This failure is generally regretted, as Mr. Hodges is one of the most popular citizens of St. Clair county, and most accommodating business man.

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—Half of the County Tax Commissioners have been announced, Judge Wood having recently added the following gentlemen to the string. W. J. Rountree, for Dallas; R. B. Wallace, for Perry; D. D. Goode, for St. Clair; B. E. Marsh, for Wilcox. The other county appointments will follow in the course of time.

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—Walter Hill, a young farmer and teacher living three miles from Sulligent was shot from ambush while on his way home from a neighbor's house. His wound is thought to be fatal. No cause can be assigned for the deed as the young man has no enemies that he knows of. He thinks his would-be murderer was lying in wait for another man and shot him through mistake.

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—Thursday night Noah Spears killed his brother-in-law, Charles Morris, on Avenue F, near Thirty-fourth street, Birmingham, by cutting his throat with a knife. The two men, who are negroes, have been occupying rooms in the same house. They decided to move to another near by house, but Morris happened to secure the refusal first. This is said to have angered Spears.

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—The Bigbee River Lumber Company has just completed an elegant new mill at Jackson, which will saw hard wood lumber for the Northern markets at the rate of 40,000 feet per day, and the Park Smith Lumber Company will complete a mill of the same capacity at Jackson this month. The mill will ship dressed pine lumber North and East. At Whatley a mill is being built to saw gum and poplar lumber for export, and a Michigan party will shortly erect a plant there for the manufacture of box shooks for the Northern trade.

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—The Sheffield furnaces are working like clock work, turning out large quantities of splendid iron, which finds ready sale at reasonable prices. Most of the iron is shipped by barge to St. Louis and other Western points. There is quite a contest now between the railroads and the boats over the large amount of freight from this place. This fact will always give Sheffild an advantage as an iron market. The big furnace No. 2, of the Cole Furnace plant at Sheffield that has just been put in thorough repair under the supervision of Manager Jeff D. Gray, was put in blast on Monday. Mr. Gray is confident that he will be able to turn out 250 tons daily from this furnace. This furnace was built originally for 125 tons.

Surrounded by a dense jungle of whiskers, William McKinley can bid defiance to the shafts of his foes.

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Clanton, Ala.

About twenty per cent. increase in the sale of fertilizer tags is reported from Montgomery above the sales up to this date last year. This is indicative of a large cotton crop this season.

The public spirit displayed by Mayor Sampey in accepting that office without salary should be appreciated by all our citizens, as should also the gratuitous labors of the councilmen.

The Mississippi river has flooded miles of country and several thopsand people have been rescued and carried to Memphis. Numbers have perished. The levees have given way in some places.

The cotton growers' convention passed resolutions recommending that the first consideration of all planters should be the raising of home supplies. If the cotton states first raise everything possible for home consumption the balance in cotton will necessarily be so much surplus to convert into cash at rates which the planter can himself fix instead of being at the mercy of his creditors.

The Louisville and Nashville Railroad Company are about to establish experimental stations at four points on their line in Alabama to determine the fitness of our soil and climate for the culture or tobacco. Clanton is one of the four places selected; the others are Calera, Cullman and Athens. This is another evidence of the progressive spirit of the popular L. & N., and will probably lead to important results. Many of our people raise tobacco for their own use and we have known much of it to be of good quality although manufactured in a crude way. We have no doubt but that these experimental stations will soon demonstrate the practicability of raising the finest grades of tobacco in this State.

Death of Mr. G. O. Logan.

Early last Saturday morning our highly esteemed fellow-townsman, Mr. G. O. Logan, passed peacefully away to rejoin his beloved wife, who preceded him to their home above last summer. 'Tis but a very short time since Mr. Logan was out attending to his business in his quiet, unassuming way, but an attack of pneumonia was more than his not over strong constitution could bear and was the primary cause of his death. He was about 47 years of age and a native of this county, the greater part of his life having been spent in the neighborhood of Verbena. About two years ago he removed to Clanton and entered into the mercantile business, making friends of all by his pleasant manner. His body was laid beside that of his wife in the cemetery at Clanton, a large number of relatives and friends attending the burial services, conducted by Rev. W. B. Dennis, of the M. E. church, of which church Mr. Logan was a faithful member. One little orphan boy is the only surviving member of his family.

Mrs. Rosa Hanks Passes Away.

Twice within the last two weeks has the angel of death visited the Gullahorn family. Only one week from last Saturday the remains of the unfortunate Mr. Sam Gullahorn interred here, and on Monday last his cousin, Mrs. Rosa Hanks, breathed her last at her home in Jemison. Mrs. Hanks will be remembered in Clanton as the beautiful and accomplished daughter of the late Mr. J. W. Gullahorn. An estimable young lady, beloved by all, she was happily married a few years ago to Mr. G. C. Hanks, and leaves him, with two young children, to weep for a fond wife and devoted mother. The mortal remains were brought to Clanton and laid in the family lot close by the new made grave of poor Sam. Rev W. B. Dennis preached the funeral service in a most impressive manner and the bereaved ones are consoled by the thought she "is not dead but sleepeth."

Political Points.

People's Press Bureau, St. Louis, Mo., March 16, 1897.

Appropriations made by the last congress aggregate over $1,045,000.

The Idaho legislature has passed resolutions condemning two of its members—one for trying to extort a bribe, the other for offering one. Kansas has done likewise, while three of the state senators in Oklahoma have resigned, declaring the senate to be too corrupt for honest men to remain.

John D. Connelly, consul to New Zealand, comments in his report the "encouragement given the small farmer class by the government loans." These loans are made at four per cent. and enable the poorer farmers to settle on waste lands suitable for agriculture and grazing.

So much corruption has been uncovered in congress, thanks to the Populists, that the government is seriously considering making its own armour plate.

Fusion of the silver forces in Iowa has carried nearly every municipal election this spring.

San Francisco and Chicago are following the example of Detroit and giving to the unemployed the privilege of raising vegetables on vacant lots.

Of the 6,433 legislators in the United States, 3,493 are Republicans, 2,209 Democrats, 520 Populists, and 214 Fusionists.

The new civil service law reduces the number of presidential appointive offices to less than 2,000. McKinley has announced that he will make few appointments until after the tariff bill has been settled.

Another state treasurer, Republican as usual, goes out of office $500 short. This time in Nebraska.

President McKinley, in his inaugural address, admits that the country is suffering, the industrial conditions are unsatisfactory, and that willing laborers are idle and loss is thus entailed upon useful enterprises. These admissions are followed by a plea for international bimetallism and a sounder currency system. He thus indirectly proclaims that not the tariff but the finances must be adjusted before prosperity comes to the industrial classes of this country. Along the same line Cleveland said, in vetoing the immigration bill: "With the advent of settled and wholesome financial and economic governmental policies and a consequent encouragement to the activities of capital, the misfortune of the unemployed labor should, to a great extent, at least, be remedied." A.R.

Condensed Testimony.

Chas. B. Hood, Broker and Manufacturer's Agent, Columbus, Ohio, certifies that Dr. King's New Discovery has no equal as a Cough remedy. J. D. Brown, Prop. St. James Hotel, Ft. Wayne, Ind., testifies that he was cured of a Cough of two years standing, caused by La Grippe, by Dr. King's New Discovery. B. F. Merrill, Baldwinsville, Mass., says that he has used and recommended it and never knew it to fail and would rather have it than any doctor, because it always cures. Mrs. Hemming, 222 F. 25th St., Chicago, always keeps it at hand and has no fear of Croup, because it instantly relieves. Free Trial Bottles at J. S Johnson, Jr. Drug Store.

Burwell Bits.

Spring is almost here. Our farmers have been doing swift business the last week. Guano is still being hauled—from one to twenty bags to the farm.

H. J. Norris and W. N. Pierce returned Sunday from Prattville.

L. J. Dennis of Prattville is here prospecting for gold.

B. McKee of Coopers paid us a flying visit Sunday.

We are glad to say there is very little sickness in this section. X.Y.Z.

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Maplesville Music

Several of our thrifty farmers have cotton on hand.

Mr. Cooper and John Foshee have lately made trips to Selma.

Dr. Frank DuBose has been visiting relatives here.

On the 6th inst. Master Thomas Gaston Robbins came into the home of his parents to stay a long time; they have our congratulations.

Our people greatly appreciate the singing at our church.

Some of our early gardeners are enjoying vegetables, although they are dreading a possible freeze.

Scott Cox and his beautiful sister Miss Julia are visiting friends here.

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Miss Bertie Knight spent Saturday with Miss Lerah Hill at Salem.

Mrs. Dr. Marlar, of Sfanton, and two children, has been on a visit to her daughter, Mrs. Willis Lodge, at this place.

Misses Annie and Gernsha Marlar and Mr. George Bruce visited friends here Sunday.

Rev. — Dennis preached a most interesting sermon here Sunday.

Mr. C. J. Stewart has improved his dweling by adding a new room.

Little Denham Marker is out again after his sickness. W. & F.

ANNUAL REPORT OF COUNTY TREASURER

ALEX G. DAKE, Treasurer,
In Account with CHILTON COUNTY.

GENERAL FUND.

RECEIPTS.		DISBURSEMENTS.	
1896		Mch 1 1897 By am't paid clerks and managers of election	34.50
Sept 17 To amount rec'd from W. L. Sampey, ex-Treasurer	926 99	By am't pd beat regis'trs	15 81
Oct 17 To amount recv'd from T. J. Hubbard t.c	500 00	" " ret'ng officers.	36.20
" 22 To am't rec'd from B.M. Gentry taxes '95	173 86	" " equal'tion b'rd	12.10
" 23 To Insurance refunded R. M. Honeycutt	33.30	" " county com'rs	8: 90
Nov 6 To taxer 1895 B.M. Gentry ex tax collec'r	75 00	" " jury commis'rs	30.00
" 9 To sale of old court house R.M. Honeycutt	205.00	" " grand jurors	184 25
" 23 To taxes 1895 B.M. Gentry ex-tax col'tor.	104.00	" " petit jurors	542 60
" 23 To taxes 1896 T. J Hubbard tax col'tor.	600.00	" " bailiffs	82 08
Dec 5 " "	210.00	" " for support	353 00
" 10 " "	365.00	" " county offic'rs	278 80
" 11 " "	700.00	" " co. stationery	96.30
" 12 " "	1393.90	" " co. printing	86 25
" 23 " "	585.00	" " carrying pat'ts to ins. asylum	47.20
" 29 " "	900.00	" " poor house	143 45
" " "	1350.00	" " coal	109 35
" 31 " "	1050.00	" " heater for c.h.	360.59
Jan 15, 1897 " "	230.00	" " work on court house build'g.	2245.08
" 19 " "	460.00	" " insurance	330.00
" 20 " "	350.00	" " carpeting c.h.	137.12
Feb 4 Court cost R. M. Honeycutt judge	49 75	" " bridges, lumber, etc.	598.33 185.30
" 16 To taxes 1896 T. J. Hubbard tax col'tor.	111.86	" " supplies to Jan.	229.79
Mch 2 " "	200.00	" " med. attend'ce.	33.25
		" " miscellaneous	621.65
		By cash on hand	3693.76
Total	$10573.66	Total	$10573.66

FINE AND FORFEITURE FUND.

Sept 17, 1896 To am't recd from W.L.Sampey	428.31	Feb 2, 1897 By am't paid out as per vouchers.	206.39
Nov 10 To am't rec'd from J. P. VanDerveer	541.50		
" " "	4.75		
" 17 " "	95.00		
" 21 " "	48.45		
" 23 " B.M.Gentry	2.00		
Dec 12 J. P. VanDerveer	10.45	By cash on hand	924.07
Total	$1130.46	Total	$1130.46

REDEMPTION OF LANDS.

Sept 17, 1896 To am't rec'd from W.L.Sampey.	5.80	Jan 7, 1897 By am't paid out as per vouchers	$64.30
" 21 " R.M.Honeycutt	47.94		
Oct 23 " " "	10.56		
Total	$64.30	Total	$64.30

Turn-Round Topics.

Spring is fast approaching. The trees are now putting forth their spring attire, and already I perceive the young buds showing their red, yellow and white; the green grass blades are peering through the earth and flowers are decking the parterres with their rich colors and filling the air with fragrance.

Mr. H. Kendrick, we are sorry to say, is still on the sick list and improves very slowly, if any at all.

Miss Nancy Long and brother, of Friendship, visited relatives and friends here last week.

The musicale at Mr. Tom McKinney's Saturday night was much enjoyed by all present.

Mr. Phil Connell visited his brother Tom near Prattville last week.

Mr. J. S. Jones and wife have returned from an extended visit to relatives at Prattville.

Messrs. Walter and David Kendrick report a splendid time at the dance at Mr. Allen's at Verbena.

Our bible school is progressing finely, as is also the singing every Sunday night.

Let us hear from East Chilton again. And I would suggest that a correspondent from in and around Salem and Providence write to The Banner and give us all the news.

Old Stonewall.

Poor Blood

When a horse is poor in flesh, a new harness won't give him strength. If a house is cold new furniture won't warm it. If your strength is easily exhausted; work a burden; nerves weak; digestion poor; muscles soft; if you are pale and worn out, the trouble is with the blood. It is not so much IMPURE blood as POOR blood. Pills won't make this blood rich; nor will bitters, nor iron tonics, any more than a new harness will give strength to the horse, or new furniture will make a house warm. For poor blood you want something that will make rich blood.

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[We are willing to publish our subscribers views at any time, but it must be distinctly understood we do not hold ourselves responsible for these opinions.—Editor.]

Lowevi le Locals.

Mrs. A. J. Marlar and children visited relatives here last week.

Mrs. Wm. Lodge of Lomax spent Saturday with relatives at this place.

Mr. John Marlar spent last Sunday at Stanton.

Some of the Thorsby citinens were last week on business.

We are sorry to say Mrs. F. R. Woodyard is quite ill.

Mr. S. E. Bruee and family visited Longstreet Sunday.

Aunt Hannah.

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I desire to attest to the merits of Chamberlain's Cough Remedy as one of the most valuable and efficient preparations on the market. It broke an exceedingly dangerous cough for me in 24 hours, and in gratitude therefor, I desire to inform you that I will never be without it, and you should feel proud of the high esteem in which your Remedies are held by people in general. It is the one remedy among ten thousand. Success to it.—O. R. Downey, Editor Democrat, Albion, Ind. For sale by J. S. Johnson, Druggist.

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Longstreet Locals.

Mr. J. M. Thacker is very sick. We are glad to see Willie Thacker out again after a long sickness.

Two of Loweville's most chaaming young ladies, Miss Lilla Danforth and Miss Annie Marlar, visited friends here last week.

Will Martin of Jumbo paid Mr. Willis a visit Sunday.

Tom Dunlay, of Ehrman's mill, visited relatives here Sunday.

Messrs. Willis and Goodgame visited friends at Mt. Zion Saturday.

We have had a good deal of rain the last few days, and, considering the bad weather, our farmers are getting along very nicely with their work; many are ready to plant corn but have to wait for the ground to get dry enough. Uncle D. & S.

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It is, or should be, the highest aim of every merchant to please his customers; and that the wide awake drug firm of Meyers & Eshleman, Sterling, Ill., is doing so, is proven by the following, from Mr. Eleman: "In my sixteen year's experience in the drug business I have never seen or sold or tried a medicine that gave as good satisfaction as Chamberlain's Colic, Cholera and Diarrhoea Remedy. Sold by J. S. Johnson, Druggist.

Congress is in session and tinkering away at a tariff bill which would be better left alone.

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On the morning of Feb. 20, 1895, I was sick with rheumatism and lay in bed until May 21st, when I got a bottle of Chamberlain's Pain Balm. The first application of it relieved me almost entirely from the pain and the second afforded complete relief. In a short time I was able to be up and about again.—A. T. Moreaux, Leverpe, Minn. Sold by J. S. Johnson, Druggist.

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NOTICE.

I shall make application to His Excellency, the Governor of Alabama, to remit the fine assessed against me at the Fall Term 1896 of the Circuit Court of Chilton county, for a violation of the prohibition law.

R. A. Miller.

March 16, 1897.

Sheriff's Sale.

By virtue of an execution issued out of the Circuit court of Chilton county, and State of Alabama, and to me directed, whereby I am commanded to make the amount of a certain judgment recently obtained against J. H. Owen, out of the goods, chattels, lands and tenements of the said J. H. Owen, I have levied on the following property, to wit:

South-east quarter of the south-west quarter of section thirty-one (31) township twenty-one (21) range fourteen (14) in Chilton county, Alabama.

Therefore, according to said command, I shall expose for sale, at public auction, all the right, title and interest of the above named J. H. Owen in and to the above described property, on

MONDAY, the 19th day of APRIL, 1897, during the legal hours of sale at the Court House door in Clanton, in Chilton county, Alabama.

Dated at Clanton, Ala., this 16th day of March, 1897.

J. T. Cooley, Sheriff.

Final Proof Notice.

Notice No. 18877.

Land Office at Montgomery, Ala., Feb. 13, 1897.

Notice is hereby given that the following-named settler has filed notice of his intention to make final proof in support of his claim, and that said proof will be made before the Clerk of the Circuit Court at Clanton, Ala., on March 27th 1897, viz: Daniel Manor, Homestead entry, No. 25,300, for the w½ of sw¼ sw¼-4 of nw¼-4, section 14 tp 22 n of r 15 east.

He names the following witnesses to prove his continuous residence upon and cultivation of, said land, viz.: William Mims, Newton Connell, James Mims, R. E. Jones, all of Clanton, Ala.

H. Purcell, Register.

Final Proof Notice.

Notice No. 18883.

Land Office at Montgomery, Feb. 17, 1897.

Notice is hereby given that the following-named settler has filed notice of his intention to make final proof in support of his claim and that said proof will be made before Register or Receiver of the United States Land Office, at Montgomery, Ala., on April 6th, 1897, viz: Sidney J. Miller, Homestead entry, No. 22,275 & 23,250, for the n½ of nw¼-4, n½ of ne¼-4 section 18 tp 20 n r 11 e. Thomas H. Wright, Homestead entry, No. 26,500, for the w½ of se¼ 4, n½ of sw¼-4 section 12 tp 20 n r 10 e.

He names the following witnesses to prove his continuous residence upon and cultivation of, said land viz: T. H Wright, of Chadwick, Ala., L. B. Crocker, of Chadwick, Ala., L. R. Friday, of Morrowville, Ala., S. J. Miler, of Stanton, Ala., G. W. Harrison, Chadwick Ala.

H. Purcell, Register.

Final Proof Notice.

Notice No. 18882.

Land Office at Montgomery, Ala., Feb. 17, 1897.

Notice is hereby given that the following-named settler has filed notice of his intention to make final proof in support of his claim and that said proof will be made before Register or Receiver of United States Land Office, at Montgomery, Ala, on April 6th, 1897, viz: Luther R. Friday, Homestead entry, No. 23,090 for the w½ of se¼, section 24 tp. 20 north of r 10 east. Leonard R. Crocker, Homestead entry, No. 23,739, for the s½ of sw¼ section 12 tp 20 north r 10 east.

He names the following witnesses to prove his continuous residence upon and cultivation of, said land, viz: T. H. Wright, of Chadwick, Ala., G. W. Harrison, of Chadwick, Ala., L. B. Crocker, of Chadwick, Ala., L. R. Friday, of Morrowville, Ala., S. J. Miller, of Stanton, Ala.

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TOWN ITEMS

Commissioners' Court meets second Monday in February, first Monday in April, second Monday in May, second Monday in July, second Monday in August and first Monday in November.

Clanton Cotton Market.

Price to-day 6¾ cents.

Bales received to-date:

Sampey	1,085
Mullins	1,109
Wilson	412
	3,607

Seed sugarcane for sale by Berry Knight, Lomax.

Mr. W. Ray went to the capital city Tuesday on business.

Hon. L. H. Reynolds was in town last Friday.

Miss Myrtle Anderson is visiting Mrs. L. A. Thornton.

Mrs. Mary Alfridge removed to Birmingham last week.

A fine line of Gents' Furnishing Goods just received at G. H. GREEN'S. All the latest noveities.

Mrs. G. L. Phillips has returned from a visit to her daughter, Mrs Dunkin, at Prattville.

FOR SALE 12 head of Horses and Mules. Apply to B. McGentry, Jemison.

The Ladies' Aid Society of the M. E. church will give a social at the residence of Mr. W. H. Merritt on Friday night.

Miss Mattie Sue Chandler, after a pleasant visit to Speigners, returned home Monday.

Take your chickens and eggs to T. J. Arnold, he wants 300 fat hens in the next two weeks.

Mr. Tipton Mullins went to Birmingham Tuesday.

Miss Kate Freeman, of Wetumpka, is visiting her aunt, Mrs. Haynes

Corbett was knocked out, but you can't knock out those 50 cent ties at G. H. GREEN'S.

Dr. A. J. Massey Dentist of Birmingham, Ala., who is well known in his profession as being well up to date, will be at the Ward House Prattville, Ala., to practice his painless process for Extracting Teeth. All kinds of fine Dental work Gold crowns Bridge work and fine plates a specialty. From March 15th to 25th—ten days only All work guaranteed as represented. Terms reasonable.

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Marriage licenses have been granted this week by the Probate Judge to the following persons:

Mr. Thomas Chadwick and Miss Rebecca Wyatt; Mr. Albert L. Edwards and Miss Velmer Allen.

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Mr. J. H. Middleton has been at home this week with a severe attack of neuralgia.

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There will be a series of public reviews at the University School beginning Friday, March 5, 1897, as follows:

March 5: Mathemathics—including Arithmetic, Algrebra, Geometry and Trigonometry.

March 12: Natural Sciences—including Geography, Natural History, Natural Philosophy, Physical Geography and Chemistry.

March 19: English Branches—including History, English Grammar, Rhetoric, English Literature and English Classics.

March 26: Latin Language—including classes in first Latin Book, Cesar, Sallust, Cicero, Virgil and Livey.

Exercises begin at 1:30 p.m. on each of the above dates.

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Notice No. 18873.

Land Office at Montgomery, Ala., Feb. 13, 1897.

Notice is hereby given that the following-named settler has filed notice of his intention to make final proof in support of his claim, and that said proof will be made before the Clerk of the Circuit Court at Clanton, Ala., on March 27th, 1897, viz.: Hester A. Checkler, Homestead entry, No. 25,278, for the E½ of ne¼, section 10 tp 22 north of r 15 east.

He names the following witnesses to prove his continuous residence upon and cultivation of, said land, viz: Thomas Smith, Merriman Smith, Jesse Thomas, Joan Motes, all of Clanton, Ala.

H. PURCELL, Register.

Administratrix' Notice.

T. E. Gilchrist, Estate of } Probate Court, Chilton County.

Letters of administration upon the estate of said decedent having been granted to the undersigned on the 11th day of February, 1897, by the Hon. R. M. Hontzcrombe, Judge of Probate Court of Chilton county. Notice is hereby given that all persons having claims against said estate, will be required to present the same within the time allowed by law, or that the same will be barred.

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Notice No. 18872.

Land Office at Montgomery, Ala., Feb. 12, 1897.

Notice is hereby given that the following named settler has filed notice of his intention to make final proof in support of his claim, and that said proof will be made before The Clerk of the Circuit Court, at Clanton, Ala., on March 27th 1897, viz.: Henry S. Oates, heir of Mary J. Oates, Homestead Entry No. 26,049 for the sw¼ of ne¼, Section 26 tp. 21, north of r 13 east.

He names the following witnesses to prove his continuous residence upon, and cultivation of, said land, viz.: Peter A. Vance, of Kincheon, Ala., William Roper, of Kincheon, Ala., Bowen L. Jones, of Kincheon, Ala., William W. Williams, of Lily, Ala.

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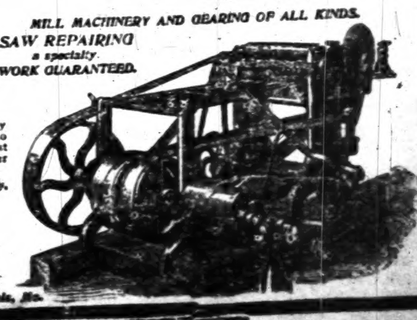

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"That is too much, Brother S——," said the Judge; "I wouldn't pay it; it isn't worth it!"

Chinese Tea Shops.

The tea shop in China is an important institution, for it serves as a news depot where people go to hear the latest gossip; it is, moreover, a business house, where men buy and sell, discuss the financial situation and otherwise make it serve the purpose of a club.

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FROM WASHINGTON.

Our Weekly Letter From the National Capital.

REED IS TO BE SPEAKER.

Baily, of Texas, Nominated on the Democratic Side.—President McKinley is Proving Himself a Diplomat.—Senator Hanna's Private Secretary's Big Salary.

This ticket was nominated at the caucus of the Democratic members of the House Saturday afternoon: Joseph W. Bailey, Texas, Speaker; E. G Bagby, District of Columbia, Chaplain James Kerr, Pennsylvania, Clerk; H H. Mohler, Illinois, Sergeant-at-Arms G. M. Cruikshank, Alabama, Doorkeeper; T. B. Stackhouse, South Carolina, Postmaster; Ike Hill, Ohio; Geo. Browning, Virgina; Felton Knight, Georgia, and James English, California, special employes.

There has been for several weeks an active canvass for the speakership nomination. The candidates were Joseph W. Bailey, of Texas; Benton McMillin, of Tennessee, and James D. Richardson, of Tennessee. Before the caucus met today Mr. Richardson withdrew, with the understanding that he should be elected permanent chairman of the Democratic caucus. This was supposed to narrow the field to Bailey and McMillin, but after these gentlemen had been placed in nomination a third candidate was presented by Mr. Terry, of Arkansas, in the person of Mr. Richard Bland, of Missouri, the silver dollar candidate for Presidential honors at the Chicago convention. Mr. Bailey proved to be an easy winner, securing a larger vote than both his rivals combined. The five members of the New York delegation, excepting Mr. Sulzer, supported Mr. Bailey, the remainder of his vote coming principally from the South. The vote was: Bailey, 56; McMillin, 30; Bland, 22.

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Speaker Reed was unanimously nominated for speaker of the house at Saturday's caucus. The attendance of members was unusually large, 192 of the 203 Republicans being present. The new members were conspicuously numerous. Mr. Payne, of New York, was selected to place Mr. Reed in nomination. He referred in flattering terms to Mr. Reed's popularity in the House. He said that Mr. Reed was nominated when this congress was elected; that he was the choice of the Republican party, and that it was the business of the caucus to respond to this popular demand. When Mr. Payne had taken his seat, Mr. Grosvenor, of Ohio, who occupied the chair, put the motion, and it was adopted without a dissenting vote. Mr. Payne, of New York, and Mr. Cameron, of Illinois, two of the veteran members of the House, were designated to escort the Speaker, who was quietly seated in his private office, to the floor. As he entered, all the members rose to their feet and greeted him with a hearty burst of applause.

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President McKinley is proving himself more of a diplomat than he has ever been credited with being. A case in point in the manner in which he handled the application of Ex-Queen Lilliloukalani, of Hawaii, whose recent admission to the Diplomatic Gallery of the Senate upon the personal request of Secretary Sherman, made quite a stir in diplomatic circles, for a private interview. The application was in writing, but the answer was given verbally to the Ex-Queen's Secretary, and was to the effect that she could take her place in the line which daily gathers in the East Room and be certain of seeing the President at almost any time, but that no private interview would be granted her now.

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Some 10,000 applications for office, which were received at Canton between the election and the inauguration, were this week sent to the several departments under which the offices applied for are. It required a big two-horse wagon to carry the boxes in which these applications were packed.

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Senator Hanna's private secretary, Mr. S. A. Perkins, gets just $1,200 more salary than either a Senator or Representative does, and is consequently envied by the secretaries of all the other public men in Washington. Mr. Perkins gets $1,200 on the regular pay roll of the Senate, and Senator Hanna gives him the $5,000 a year he will get as Senator.

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Secretary Wilson is running the Department of Agriculture like he had been there a year, instead of a week. One of the things he has done which seem to be excellent was to contract for 6,000 tons of sugar beet seed, which he intends to distribute in fourteen States, which have suitable soil and climate to raise sugar beets. Five farmers in every county in those States will be asked to plant these seeds and report results. Secretary Wilson sees no reason for our importing beet sugar from Germany, when we can just as well grow the beets and make the sugar ourselves.

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A score of almost Presidential postmasters find themselves barred out of office because no commissions were issued to them by Mr. Cleveland. President McKinley can sign these commissions, but the pressure which members of his own party will bring to bear for these very places make his doing so very doubtful. The trouble with most of these gentlemen was their failure to get their bonds prepared in time.

President McKinley has played it smart on the Senators and Representatives on the office question, if some of them have given it out straight. He intends making the Senators and Representatives take the responsibility of deciding upon the men from their State who shall receive whatever offices may be allotted to that State, and has said that when he gets ready to consider general appointments, which will not be for several months, he will appoint nobody who does not secure the endorsement of all his party in the Congressional delegation from his State. Maj. McKinley is reported to have told a close personal friend who is an applicant for a diplomatic position that he would not consider his application unless he secured the endorsement of his Congressional delegation, because of this rule, although he knows the man much better than the Senators and Representatives from his State do.

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A statement at the immigration bureau shows that during the six months ended December 31, 1896, the number of immigrants who arrived in this country was 149,808, a decrease as compared with the same period in 1895 of 42,200. For the month of January last the decrease as compared with January, 1896, was 3,325, making a total decrease for the seven months 45,525. This decrease is said to be largely due to the difficulties and uncertainties attending a landing in this country. The many deportations and the strict examinations enforced in this country of immigration from Europe to Brazil, Argentine Republic and other South American countries where inducements are offered. An important factor in the large decrease of arrivals in this country is believed to be the proclamation of the Italian minister of the interior, warning undesirable classes from embarking for this country and refusing them passports.

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A joint caucus of the Populists of the Senate and House was held Saturday night more for the purpose of permitting the members to get acquainted with each other than to outline any particular policy. Speeches were made by Senators Allen and Butler and by various members of the House. The Representatives met Monday morning at 10:30 to nominate their candidate for Speaker.

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Governor Dingley, chairman of the Committee on Ways and Means, states that the tariff bill will not be completed until Monday morning, and that it will not be given to the press in authentic and complete form until it is ready to be presented to the House which will probably be Monday afternoon.

INTO A RIVER.

A Southern Railway Train Tumbles Near Rome, Ga.

DOWN A HIGH EMBANKMENT.

The Cars Catch on Fire and Were Burned Up.—The Brave Engineer Remained at His Post and Swam Out Though Badly Injured.

Rome, Ga.—The Southern Railway passenger train due here at 3:25 Saturday morning, was frightfully wrecked on a trestle forty feet high crossing the Western & Atlantic Railroad.

The trestle is only a short distance from the high bridge of the Southern Railway over the Etowah river. The engine broke loose from the cars and missing the bridge rolled down a bluff sixty feet high into the swollen Etowah river.

Engineer James T. Pittman bravely remained at his post, and is perhaps fatally injured, with his leg broken and other injuries. He clung to some of the projecting portions of the engine and yelled for help, but as no one came he swam out.

Rescuers found him and carried him up the bluff, whence he was removed to the hospital. Alfred Kennedy, fireman, jumped and is seriously injured. Baggagemaster Winston and Express Messenger Culberson were painfully hurt.

The cars which went down with the trestle consisted of the smoker and baggage car and five cars of fast freight. They were all burned up.

The fire department was called out, and the constant ringing of the fire bells alarmed the entire city.

Three imprisoned passengers were rescued from the smoker. At noon it was stated that it would be a late hour in the afternoon before the trestle was rebuilt and the wreckage cleared. Had it not been for the freight cars the passengers in the day coach and the Pullman would doubtless have been badly hurt.

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The Extension of the Mobile and Ohio Railroad to Montgomery.

New York.—It is announced that negotiations looking to the extension of the Mobile and Ohio Railroad to Montgomery, Ala., have been successfully completed by the sale of $4,000,000 of 5 per cent bonds of the Mobile & Ohio Railway Company, having fifty years to run, the principal and interest payable in gold, and secured by first lien upon the Montgomery division of the Mobile & Ohio Railroad, including therein two branches to the Warrior and Cahaba coal fields and the equipment, to which the proceeds of part of the bonds are to be applied.

The construction of this division will add about 200 miles to the Mobile & Ohio system and will give it an important terminus at Montgomery.

Terminal grounds and facilities granted by the city of Montgomery have been secured at that point and at Tuskaloosa.

By acts of Congress authority has been given to the Mobile & Ohio Railroad Company to construct bridges across the Alabama, Cahaba and Warrior rivers.

It is expected that the Montgomery division will be in operation early in 1898.

SHOOTING AT STATE LINE.

Mobile, Ala.—Dr. R. B. Allman was shot eight times and killed at State Line, Miss., by Himes Hood, son of J. R. Hood, formerly of this city. The doctor was drinking in his room, and Hood and another young man were trying to get him to give up a jug of whiskey. The doctor finally accused Hood of talking about him, and attacked Hood with a dirk, when Hood shot him eight times through the head at point blank range. Dr. Allman went to State Line about two weeks ago, and claimed to be from Montgomery.

MEMPHIS' DANGER.

The Mississippi May Change Its Course at Bluff City.

LEAVING THE CITY DRY.

The Waters Reach a Critical Stage and Unless the Levee Holds an Island Will Be Left Between Memphis and the River.

Chattanooga, Tenn.—A Memphis dispatch of Friday, to the Times, says: The Mississippi river registers 34 2-10 feet on the gauge tonight, and is rising.

Since yesterday the rise of the river has become more rapid than the rise of the past week. The danger line is 33 feet, and it is thought that the water above will run the river to 36 or 36½ feet, which will, so experienced river men say, overflow Arkansas as far as Crawley's ridge, forty miles from Memphis.

The most serious feature of the present rise of the river is the possibility of it cutting out a new bed for itself through Cuttendon county, Arkansas, and leaving Memphis high and dry, or at least leaving her on a shallow lake. Should this happen the $3,000,000 bridge which stands across the Mississippi at this city will end at the new eastern bank of the river.

About five miles from Memphis is the Neely plantation. Some years ago a private levee was built on the northeastern side of the plantation to protect it from the river. The river has eaten through this levee, and is now rushing through a portion of the Neely plantation and cutting out Four Mile bayou at a terriffic rate. The current through the plantation is very strong, and river men say that unless the heavy timber along the bayou breaks the current so that it cannot eat out a new bed for the river, the Mississippi will change its course and run through Four Mile bayou, coming into the main river again about eight or ten miles below, and leaving a long, narrow island between Memphis and the river.

The high waters have already reached a very critical stage. The ferry steamer C. B. Bryan now makes daily trips to Marion, Ark., which ordinarily is three miles inland. The steamer during part of her trips plows down a road used by wagons during low water.

All along the route to Marion submerged and semi-submerged houses can be seen, and the country about there seems to be taking on that air of desolation which floods bring.

In 1882, 1883, 1886 and 1887 the river reached the stage of 35 feet on the Memphis gauge, and sent the water back as far as Crawley's ridge. Since that time levees have been built along the St. Francis basin, and these will cause the water which formerly went through Negro Wolf bottom and other low places to pass by Memphis. This will tax the levees below Memphis to the utmost, and will cover all except the high places in Arkansas between here and Crawley's ridge.

The seriousness of the flood can be estimated when it is known that already the water has reached such a height in Arkansas across from Memphis that several horses and some cattle have already been drowned. Many of the shanties which ordinarily stand far from the water have been vacated by their occupants on account of the high water.

At Helena there has been a rise of a foot since yesterday morning, the height at this point now being 12.3 feet, which it 4.7 feet above the danger line. At Vicksburg the water stands at 38.4 feet, a rise of 5.10 of a foot within the past twenty-four hours. The danger line there is 41 feet.

THE TRUST WINS.

The Tobacco Octopus Comes Out on Top in the Fight.

Trenton, N. J.—Vice-Chancellor Reed has dismissed the bill in the case against the American Tobacco Company, and the trust is victorious in the big fight to destroy it.

Suit was brought to annul the charter of the American Tobacco Company and break up what is known as the Tobacco Trust. The bill was filed by Attorney General Stockton on petition of John R. and Frank W. Miller, jobbers in paper cigarettes, with whom the American Tobacco Company refused to deal, according to the allegation of the Millers, because they persisted in also handling the "Admiral" cigarettes, manufactured by a rival corporation.

The points raised by the complainants and Vice Chancellor Reed's full views may be inferred fom the following syllabus which he has attached to the decision:

1. A court of equity does not possess power to restrain a corporation organized under forms of law from performing acts within its corporate power, merely because some of the steps in organizing the company may have been to establish a monopoly.

2. Under these conditions quo warranto is the proper proceedings to challenge the right of a corporation to exercise its franchise.

3. A trading or manufacturing corporation, until its charater is annulled by such a proceeding at law, has the same authority as an individual trader or manufactuer to sell or consign its goods, to select its selling agents and to impose conditions as to whom they shall sell and the terms upon which they shall sell.

4. A decree restraining officers and agents of a corporation fom executing corporate acts is the same as a decree enjoining the corporation itself.

R. V. Lindabury, of Elizabeth, and Joseph Choat, of New York, conducted the case for the American Tobacco Company.

KILLED IN ATLANTA.

Atlanta, Ga.—Sam Ashby, a butcher on Marietta street, was killed by a Southern Railway switch engine at North avenue crossing Friday. He was standing on one track watching a train pass, and did not see the engine which ran him down.

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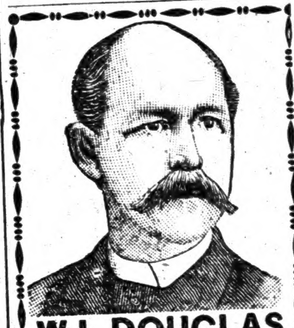

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On with the dawnce!

The Republican party has a chance.

And now the Republicans are at the bat.

The corner stone of Populism is justice.

The only way to reform is straight ahead.

Dollars should come up or salaries come down.

If people would think more they would suffer less.

The Referendum will knock out corruption in politics.

There are few people shedding tears at the funeral of the trusts.

Even the 53 cent dollar is preferable to unredeemed political promises.

Better destroy national credit than destroy the people of the nation.

Plutocracy is crucifying the republic, but "they are all honorable men."

Gold, unless declared so by law, is no more money than bacon and beans.

Scarce money means dear dollars, and dear dollars means poverty and distress.

The silver Republicans (if there can be any such thing) are trying to pull themselves together.

The Republican party is billed to fight the trusts and the people are anxious to see the battle begin.

The world could get along without money, but without labor it would die. Labor should be crowned king.

When men become so disgusted with a government that they quit voting they begin to clean up their guns.

The trusts, having fleeced the common people of about everything in sight, are now engaged in fighting each other.

Money is not wealth, but only a representative of wealth. Its sole purpose is, or should be, to facilitate exchange.

It is a good thing for Spain that the army of Republican place hunters is not turning its force loose towards Cuban liberty.

When money assumes to dictate to labor, it should receive such treatment as would compel it to assume its proper functions.

The Republican party is now not only facing "a condition," but the fact that it has entered into a contract to deliver prosperity.

The surplus labor should be employed in building public roads. In this way it does not come in contact with productive labor.

Mrs. Wallace, of Chicago, has a $50,000 dress. There are 50,000 other women in Chicago that are scarcely able to afford any kind of a dress.

What President McKinley said about the trusts will meet the approbation of every true American, but what he does, or has done, is of much more importance.

The corporations, trusts and politicians will oppose the Referendum because they fear the people. Their profession in favor of a popular government are only pretense.

The trusts have evidently given due consideration to the good will of their business, but have made no provisions to the ill will which their manipulations and extortions have provoked.

The National Reform Press Association never deviated one way or the other; it declared for Populist principles and decided to keep right along in the middle-of-the-road, Hanna or no Hanna.

The Democratic party swallowed our principal plank in 1896—Free Silver at 16 to 1. In 1896 they will have to swallow the ownership and land planks or the party will find itself following the Populist procession.

The revenue deficit for thirty months under the Wilson bill is $130,000,000 and has resulted in the issue of $262,000,000 in bonds to make ends meet. If that tariff bill and Grover Cleveland are not enough to sink any party forever we don't know what would be.

Only the Money Trust.

The account of the man so dangerously in love with Madam Calve that he threatened to shoot her turns out to be a myth. It was taken from an ancient book called "The Evolution of the Sheenees." Translated by the learned Dr. Wise, of Smith college, the story means that a worshiper of shekels in Gotham, named Jo. Pulitzer, is so hot for the Rothschild money trust that he is in danger of smashing the golden calf.—Silver Knight.

Pointer for Chicago.

The Chicago Democrats have nominated Carter H. Harrison, Jr., for Mayor. He is a Populist at heart, but is catering for the support of the enemies of the Populist party. He had better come out and denounce the enemies of Populism. Otherwise he will get it in the neck. There are 30,000 Populists in Chicago and they all have votes.

MORGAN'S COLUMN.

THE ARKANSAS REFORMER ON REPUBLICAN VICES.

The Plan to Destroy the Greenbacks—Bankers Collecting Interest on the Money They Owe to the People—Belated Prosperity—The Prospects.

One of the objections urged against the greenbacks is that they furnish an "endless chain" with which to drain the treasury of its gold reserve, and thus discredit the government. It is further claimed that when this is the case business men become frightened and hoard their money and we have a general business depression if not a panic.

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There may be a grain of truth in these claims, but if so it is no argument against a government paper currency. In our opinion, it is a piece of childish folly to undertake to redeem $346,000,000 with $100,000,000, or three dollars with one. It can't be done when the emergency calls for it, and when the emergency does not exist it does not need to be done. The only honest "redemption money" would be dollar for dollar, such as the silver certificates.

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It is proposed to substitute national bank notes for the greenbacks. For the life of me I can't see how that will help things. These bank notes will be redeemable, and the present law only requires a reserve of 25 per cent of the outstanding circulation. As a matter of fact the people have less confidence in the banks than in the government. They are more liable to set the "endless chain" running on the bank reserves than on the treasury reserve. Without the government back of the bank notes they never would command the confidence of the people that the greenbacks do.

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The trouble is not in the greenbacks, but in the bankers and brokers who raid the treasury for gold. No merchant, stockman, manufacturer, mechanic or farmer ever presents greenbacks to the treasury department for redemption. This class of people don't want it redeemed. They are not dealing in money, but in merchandise and only want money to facilitate their business. It is different with the banker. Money is his merchandise. He deals in it—buys and sells the use of it. He is a speculator in money, and hence prefers his own money to that of the government because his own will cost him less.

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But a bank note is not money. I have one before me now. It says the bank "will pay" me five dollars. What does that mean? It means the bank owes me five dollars. Thus the banker loans his own notes. He collects interest on what he owes. This is why he opposes the greenbacks. This is why he talks about the "endless chain" and the gold reserve in the treasury. Admitting for argument's sake that it is necessary to keep a gold reserve for the redemption of paper money, how could the banks keep it any better than the government does and has done? If there was a panic the "run" would be worse on the banks than on the government. Not only would a demand be made for the redemption of notes, but for the deposits. Then financial disaster would come. Every bank would have to suspend payment or go to the wall. We can conceive of no greater mistake than destroying the greenback and giving the banks full control over the paper currency.

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It was intended by the framers of the constitution that the United States senate should be the balance wheel in our government. For many years that body contained the best brains, statesmanship and patriotism of the country. That was before the era of corporations, trusts and syndicates. At least it was before the era when they could wantonly control state legislatures, and peremptorily demand national legislation. But it is different now. No man is suspicioned of being a statesman because he happens to belong to the United States senate. In his election to that place the size of his brains does not matter as much as the size of his bank account. As a rule if he is wealthy or is backed by wealthy corporations he can go to the senate. There he becomes the attorney (?) of some railroad corporation, trust or combine. He never takes a bribe, it is always a fee, and he considers it his sacred duty to do everything in his power for his client. Why not? His corporation pays him more than the people do. The name of the United States senate should be changed to the "Club of Millionaire Lawyers"—or abolished.

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None of the demands of the People's party are growing in popularity with such gigantic strides as the one for public ownership of those things upon which the public depends for its own comfort and convenience. The greedy corporations that have in many instances secured franchises through the most glaring frauds and bribery, seem to be "rubbing it in" on the dear people until even the great metropolitan dailies are forced to take a stand for municipal ownership as the only effective way to deal with the question of public utilities. The question of lighting and water works has had a practical demonstration in this country, and wherever the public has taken control the result has been a great saving. The following table shows the annual cost of one electric light before and after public ownership; the "after" service being the same as, or better, than the service it replaced:

	Before.	After.
Bangor, Me.	$150	$48
Lewiston, Me.	182	55
Peabody, Mass.	185	62
Bay City, Mich.	110	58
Huntington, Ind.	146	50
Goshen, Ind.	156	77
Bloomington, Ill.	111	57
Chicago, Ill.	250	96
Elgin, Ill.	266	43
Aurora, Ill.	326	70
Fairfield, Ia.	378	70
Marshalltown, Ia.	125	27

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The Republican party is now at the bat, but the gold standard is getting in its work nevertheless. A glance at the quotations shows a depreciation in both railroad stocks, and industrials. The following table shows the shrinkage in stock of ten of these companies since the election.

The value of the stock of the Burlington company has declined since election.	$ 8,226,270
Tobacco	1,412,000
Rhode Island	3,230,920
D., L. & W.	2,096,000
Jersey Central	2,249,700
New York Central	4,000,000
Manhattan	3,000,000
Western Union	4,768,000
Leather preferred	3,654,000
St. Paul	1,840,000
Total	$35,276,890

These figures are made up from quotations of Monday, Nov. 9, and Monday, Jan. 25.

During the campaign these companies took an active part, organized their employes into sound money clubs, and marched them through the streets of our cities under sound money banners. A shrinkage of $35,000,000 in the stock of ten companies doesn't look much like prosperity, although we acknowledge that the money is sound enough. Before we get through with the gold standard it is to be hoped that the "business men" will get their eyes open and learn that the kind of money that doesn't employ labor never sets the wheels of commerce to moving, and cannot therefore bring prosperity.

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But what will the Republicans do? They will fume, fuss and fizzle just as the Democrats did. No sane man believes that you can make times better by making taxes higher. There may and will be, perhaps, better times for a temporary season. Something like a settled policy will prevail for the next four years, and this of itself will bring out some capital which is now unproductive, but was "timid" before the election. Prices have reached a point so low that it seems we have gone to bedrock. Naturally they will take a turn. Railroads are already availing themselves of the opportunity to buy cheap steel rails. When the tide once turns and prices start upward money will come from its hiding places, add to the volume in circulation and assist prices in their upward tendency. But all this will not be on account of the gold standard or increased tariff taxes. On the other hand it will be in spite of them. The wonderful resources of this country are too tempting for capital to remain long idle, and it will only do so when money is advancing in value while prices of other things are shrinking.

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We were told by Republican campaign speakers that better times would prevail immediately after McKinley was elected. They said confidence would then be restored, business be stimulated, and prosperity quickly follow. It has now been five months since the election and McKinley has been installed as president. Looking back over the business failures since the election we find them as follows:

Failures, week ending Nov. 7, 223; failures week ending Nov. 14, 258; failures week ending Nov. 21, 308; failures week ending Nov. 28, 296; failures week ending Dec. 5, 321; failures week ending Dec. 12, 381; failures week ending Dec. 19, 387; failures week ending Dec. 26, 395; failures week ending Jan. 9, 488; failures week ending Jan. 16, 455; failures week ending Jan. 23, 429; failures week ending Jan. 30, 331; failures week ending Feb. 6, 311; failures week ending Feb. 13, 301; failures week ending Feb. 20, 325.

This doesn't look much like a return of confidence or reign of prosperity. Whatever may be in store for us in the future as regards prosperity at the hands of the Republican party, there is no mistaking the fact that the Republican politicians advertised their show too soon. But the policy of the Republican party will not produce good times. Better times than we have been having may come in spite of that policy and an unthinking public may give the Republican party credit for it.

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John Sherman.

Last week John Sherman was for free Cuba. This week he is for Spain. Day before yesterday he was for protecting American citizens at Havana to the extreme of war. Yesterday he was for taking it all back. John Sherman's first utterances must always be taken as subject to approval by Baron Rothschilds and the Bank of England.

Nearly So.

From the Tecumseh (Okla.) Leader: The cyclonic rush of the hobo brigade upon a free soup house on a cold morning is not a comparison to the McHanna pie-counter stampede that will be made on the national capitol. It will be closely akin to the recent bread riot at Moscow, in which thousands of starving peasants perished.

Any kind of redemption money means the "endless chain" attachment.

Pride and arrogance go before a fall.

GOLDBUG GOOD TIMES.

How Restored Confidence Works in the Business Community.

The firm of Duhme & Co., jewelers, Cincinnati, Ohio, made an assignment Friday to Joseph Wilby. The assets are placed at $100,000; liabilities not yet determined.

Desbecker & Co., clothiers of Buffalo, N. Y., and Desbecker Brothers, engaged in the same business, filed chattel mortgages aggregating $135,190.48 with the county clerk for the protection of their creditors. The firms are composed of David H. and Daniel Desbecker.

Assignment was made Monday by William H. Bell, grocer, at 2018 Fourteenth street, to Percival M. Brown.

Patrick Connell, dealer in hardware at 473 Pennsylvania Avenue, Monday made an assignment to John J. Dolan.

Jelenko Bros. & Loeb, of Charleston, W. Va., the largest department store in the state, wholesale and retail, have assigned.

James E. Tippett has been appointed receiver for the Lexington Savings Bank of Baltimore.

Ill-Advised Tactics.

The middle-of-the-roaders claim to be the only pure, unselfish and undefiled element in politics, yet it was the self-styled middle-of-the-road element that elected Goldbug Republican Pritchard to the United States Senate from North Carolina last week when by using their balance of power they could just as well have elected a Populist. This thing of a few disreputable politicians stealing the once respected and honorable title, "middle-of-the-road," and under its cover serving plutocracy is what is making the very thought of the term odious to those who believe in principle and honor.—Iowa Farmers' Tribune.

All Populists who believe that fusion tends to breed confusion and will, if persisted in, disrupt and disintegrate the People's Party, thereby deferring, if not destroying all possibility of reforms demanded by the party, should not be held responsible for the action of the Populists whom it is claimed are responsible for the defeat of a Populist for the United States Senate from North Carolina.—Tulare (Calif.) County News.

Time to Get Back.

It is time for a return to the methods and point of view of the first president. Whatever his personal convictions in politics, Washington was an advocate of civil service principles, both in theory and in practice. He knew that whatever claims a party might have upon a candidate, there was one claim infinitely stronger—that of the people upon the officers whom they elect and pay to perform the public work. His first cabinet was composed of men selected solely because of the ability of the appointees. It contained ardent Republicans and extreme conservatives. The practice of such men as compose the great modern political machines would have been hateful to him. We have become too much accustomed in late years to accept destructive partisanship with complacency, and to look upon the interests of the governed as of trivial importance. Washington was no partisan—he was merely a patriot.

Not Very Particular.

From Press and Printer, Boston, Mass.: When we stated in our last issue, that eastern newspaper publishers no longer took their pay in corn, cabbage or cordwood, the Athens (Me.) Post had not been heard from. In a frantic appeal for an enlargement of his subscription list, the editor of that paper says: "Remember, we take hay, fodder, corn, peas, potatoes, turnips, fence posts, feathers, scrap iron, honey, soft soap, shingles, syrup, tobacco, second-hand clothing, lumber, coal, livestock, ducks, axle grease, beer, hides, etc., on subscription." A dozen farmers might club together, roll a bale of hay into the sanctum and have a copy of the paper sent to every family in the district.

Promised Prosperity.

The rallying cry of the Republican campaign was the return of prosperity and McKinley was proclaimed as the "advance agent of prosperity." Cleveland's policy was denounced for having produced universal distress. The first act of the incoming administration is the full and complete adoption of Cleveland's financial policy. Mr. McKinley was not satisfied with adopting the Cleveland policy in words, but he selected a cabinet, every one of whom is a conspicuous advocate of Cleveland's most extreme views on the money question. On with the dance!

Why Not.

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The Greatest Criminal of All.

The St. Louis Star says that "thieves are just as bad as other people." No, no! A thoughtful man must draw the line at the editors of the subsidized press.

PERTINENT WHYS.

IT IS COSTING MUCH TO SUSTAIN THE GOLD STANDARD.

Europe Is Not Disturbed by the Friendliness for Inter-National Bimetallism on the Part of Our Putty-Headed Administration.

What function did Hanna supply in giving Presidential life to Major McKinley? The unbiblical chord through which the Presidential aspirations of the Major were returned from Wall Street.

Why doesn't England get mad because the United States continues to ask her to restore silver? Because it costs her nothing to refuse the request, and it flatters her vanity to receive the United States as a suppliant.

Why does McKinley say in his inaugural that he will sustain the gold standard by taxes or loans, unless England will give him bimetallism? Becaues he believes that England is willing to collect all debts due her in gold, and will continue the gold standard as long as her debtors will borrow or be taxed for that purpose; and that therefore he can trust England to refuse his request, and can fool the people by pretending to favor bimetallism, without endangering the schemes of his backers.

Why did the goldites lavish public and private money for inaugural display, while the masses of the people are suffering from stagnation and want? For the same reasons that Nero enjoyed the contrast between his Bacchanalian extravagance and the suffering of Roman Christians while Rome was in flames.

Why do the McKinleyites contend that more revenue for the government extorted by taxation, will increase the supply of money among the tax-payers and produce prosperity? For the same reason the physicians of the old school bled their patients to death to increase their vitality.

Why did McKinley encourage Senator Wolcott to go to Europe to negotiate for free coinage? Because Wolcott, by his spectacular display on the other side of the Atlantic, could attract the attention of the people, while McKinley himself was organizing a cabinet to maintain the gold standard confidence in his fidelity to the money trust.

Why was Sherman selected for the State Department, and Gage for Secretary of the Treasury, if McKinley intended to aid in the restoration of silver by an international conference or by any other means? Because it would have been treason to his gold backers to even pretend to be for silver, under any circumstances, without first mortgaging his administration to gold monopoly for indebtedness incurred for the millions required to secure his election, as well as for all future advances.

What is the difference between Gage and Sherman? Gage is in favor of robbing the people by contracting the money volume to the single gold standard, and acknowledges it, while Sherman is in favor of the same and denies it. In other words, Gage is a barking dog, while Sherman prefers the tactics of the gopher.

England Rules.

England, as a factor in the control of money, is ruling a greater territory than Rome did in all her glory. Through the stealthy, secret influence of gold, she is framing the monetary laws of all nations of the earth, civilized and semi-civilized. No king can go to war without the permission of the men who control the gold of the world, and the gold of the world is controlled by the Rothschilds to such an extent that the smaller holders must work in harmony with them. At the dictates of this power one nation after another has adopted gold as the money of final payment and all the commercial transactions of nations are so written. The adoption by Russia of a gold standard a few weeks ago will greatly enhance the price of gold, which will be noticed in the falling of prices of other commodities. Should China and Japan adopt the gold standard, it would reduce the average day's pay to perhaps 10 or 12 cents all over the world. Of course, all other things would go down with it excepting debts, taxes and stated incomes, and under such conditions men in debt would never redeem their obligations and would necessarily lose title to all their property, which would go into the hands of those who held the debts. We have just seen in this country a syndicate make eight millions of dollars on the issue of bonds simply because of the idea that nothing but gold can be used for the final payment of a debt. That a gold standard offers opportunities like this all over the world is an incentive for rich men to foist such laws upon nations and to gather in the property of those nations just as this syndicate gathered in a little lump by our recent bond issue. The gold standard goes upon the theory that all nations of the world could not make their own money anything but gold. It will not take many years before this system must culminate in an exceedingly few people owning title to or mortgages on all the property of the world, and then we may expect to see what McCaulay predicted fifty years ago, that not only the American nation but all other nations will have their Huns and Vandals, not from without, but from within. Already there are being created in the United States millions of poverty-stricken, desperate men, and as certain as wealth concentrates through monopolies and contracts so certain will this vast army increase until the time will come, not ten years hence, when either this entire theory of government must be changed or its entire fabric will go down in chaos. Wealth is not gathered from the air nor the clouds, by by men's labor, and the time will come when even the dullest minds will be brought to realize that they can no longer live under a competitive system of society. The gold standard is forcing the people to realize a condition that the teachings of all philosophers have been unable to impress upon the mass of mankind. So long as each little unit of society could hope to become a capitalist it was impossible to get them to understand that there was a danger line in the struggle. It is only when they have been forced to realize that all the avenues of advancement have been closed against them that they will see the injustice and enormity of the system that they have helped maintain, and if a gold standard will have this effect, as it surely will, then it is not without its good uses.

Mankind Ruled by Money.

Are not the people of more importance than continent or constitution? God made the planet for the people, not the people for the money-lenders. To stand still and see the people reduced to serfdom would be a crime against God and man. Better that all the gold and silver in the world should perish than that the nation should die; better that we should go back to primeval barter, without a dollar of money of any kind, than see God's children wiped off the face of God's planet. Ancient Mexico maintained a high civilization without a particle of money. If driven to the dreadful alternative of losing liberty and prosperity or metallic money, no sane man can doubt which the nation should choose. It is the curse of the world that mankind has been ruled for centuries by money, in the interest of money; not by the people in the interest of the people. We live only half-way in the present. The age is like a reptile whose head projects, lifted and gasping, out of the carbonic acid gas; but its nether limbs are yet imbedded in the thick mud of the Silurian period.—Hon. Ignatius Donnelly, in "The Golden Bottle."

The Difference.

According to the New York World, J. D. Rockefeller has an annual income of $8,600,000. That is just $23,562 a day, or not quite $1,000 an hour. On the basis of eight hours a day, he makes just $49 a minute.

According to the United States census report the average wages of the workingman of the country is $22 a month.

Rockefeller gets $49 a minute, and the laborer gets $22 a month. Rockefeller has a good time; the laborer has a hell of a time. Rockefeller lives like a prince in a palace; the laborer lives in a hovel, which is not even his own.

Fate (?) assigns to one man less than a dollar a day, while working, while another has an income of fifty dollars a minute without working. Is that justice?

Rockefeller gets as much in one day as 25,000 workingmen. Is he worth as much? Do his services to mankind entitle him to such reward? Does he create 25,000 times as much or does he work 25,000 times as hard as 52,000 laborers?—Representative.

Wharton Barker on the Situation.

From the Philadelphia American: It is curtailment of imports and of general consumption that is largely responsible for the deficit in the revenues, and it is the impoverishment of our people that has led to this curtailment. Nor can this impoverishment be charged to the Wilson tariff and a flooding of our markets, for it is seen there has been no increase, but an actual diminution of imports. The impoverishment is due to the fall in prices consequent in our adherence to the gold standard; this and nothing else.

Missouri World.

It is gratifying to know that Secretary of Agriculture Morton, who is a goldbug lawyer, will soon be displaced by a real farmer, Mr. Wilson, of Iowa. Wilson may not be any better as a man, but he is the leading farmer in his State, while Morton is a legal quack, an unmitigated nuisance, who has from time to time advocated anything and everything detrimental to the American farmer, though holding the highest position as the representative of the farmer.

Must Stand Together.

From the Philadelphia Press: We must have better times and less unrest. The McKinley administration was elected to lead the way. It must lead along its own lines, and unless it leads to success we shall have the fight all over again with dangerous chances. That is the reason why patriots must stand together in its support, and why, we will add, that it should be so reasonable and just that patriots can stand together behind it.

Ball Was Alright.

The Rev. T. DeWitt Talmage says that the Bradley-Martin ball was all right, because it scattered money among the poor. According to this eminent divine's logic, the Belshazzar feast must have been a regular bonanza for the poor and needy, but it proved to be hard on Belshazzar, and no doubt the poor finally paid compound interest for the crumbs.—Olathe Tribune.

The man who to-day would rather be right than to be president is a long ways from the White House.

COTTON FARMING.

How Two to Four Bales Per Acre Are Made on Very Poor Land.

We have not the slightest desire to assist in any manner in bringing about an increase in the number of bales annually raised throughout the Sunny South in general nor in Mississippi in particular, but we do desire that Southern farmers everywhere should realize the fact that the same 6,000,000 to 10,000,000 bales that are now raised annually may be just as easily, just as surely and far more economically and profitably raised on one-fourth the area it is to-day, leaving the other three-fourths to be put in provision crops, fruits or grass. We have had the good fortune to see and walk over many Georgia farms—farms, too, that were worn out and washed away many years ago—that are now made to produce from one to four bales of cotton per acre. This condition of things is made possible and actually brought about by the "intensive" system of culture and liberal yet economical fertilization.

As early in the new year as the weather will possible admit of, the old cotton stalks are "knocked," or cut, the roots are then plowed up with straight shovel; green cotton seed are then strewn in this shovel furrow at the rate of ten to twelve bushels per acre; two half-shovel furrows are next thrown on the seed to prevent the loss of ammonia; in a few weeks this small bed is opened with a long, narrow scooter and 200 to 300 pounds of some good commercial fertilizer distributed in this furrow; phosphate and potash being all sufficient, the cotton seed furnishing the necessary nitrogen; the land is then bedded out and out with straight shovel and is now ready for the reception of the seed. Under this plan, persistently followed, Georgia farmers have succeeded in so increasing the fertility of the soil that with a slight increase in amount of fertilizer used and a favorable season four bales per acre have rewarded their efforts.

A good heavy cow-pea stubble turned under will be found to be fully as beneficial to the coming cotton crop as the cotton seed; either one will supply all the nitrogen needed; but in the absence of a cow-pea stubble, the cotton seed should by no means be neglected. Stable manure may be used instead of either of above, but the fact should be kept in mind that all three of above are "nitrogenous" fertilizers, and are used mainly for the amount of nitrogen they contain; and either one, or all three need the addition of phosphates and potash in liberal quantities (seventy-five pounds of Muriate of Potash or 300 pounds of Kainit, with 200 pounds of Acid Phosphate) per acre in order to make a complete fertilizer that shall be at once properly balanced and duly proportioned. If the peas have been properly fertilized (with 200 to 300 pounds Acid Phosphate and 200 to 300 pounds of Kainit), which they always should be when the object in raising them is that may be turned under as fertilizer, it would be hardly necessary to apply any additional fertilizer directly to the cotton. Georgia farmers break their lands deep (eight to ten or even twelve inches) once about every three years; they say it does not pay to break them deep any oftener. In this deep breaking, the land is broken with a two-horse turning plow, plowing about one inch deeper than the sur ace soil, thus gradually deepening the soil. No crops are planted here at all without fertilizer being applied, and in the sandier portions of the State the farmers seem to be unanimous in the declaration that "Potash is the element that is most needed," and that "any fertilizer that does not contain as much as four per cent. of it is not worth applying." Cotton here is planted in four foot rows, barred off with half-shovels and cultivated the entire season "with cotton scrapes"—i. e. "heel sweeps."

Burgess, Miss. G. H. TURNER.

A SWEEP OF ICE.

It Came with Suddenness and Force, Causing Damage.

Sheboygan, Wis.—The ice was swept out of the river at this place last Saturday night, carrying three vessels out into the lake. The vessels were badly damaged by striking bridges and docks and fouling other craft on their way down stream. Many other vessels along the docks have been damaged. Two men, Otto Slaegel and John Forkins, were on board the schooner Baker as she moved down the river, but were swept out into the lake. Advices to-day are that they were rescued.

A freight train on the Northwestern road went through a bridge at Port Washington and fifteen cars went into Fauk Creek. The locomotive was on the bridge when the engineer heard the crash. He opened the throttle and the engine cleared the bridge before it went down.

CUBAN EXPEDITION GETS OFF.

Punta Gorda, Fla.—A Cuban expedition with forty men aboard sailed from Cleveland, on the Peace river, six miles north of here, at 12:50 o'clock Saturday night.

Nine suits have been filed against the Southern Railway, amounting to $25,000, by the administrators of the Woodward family, who were killed at the Harrison avenue crossing near Chattanooga, recently. Hoke Smith is to be the leading attorney for the complainants and will likely make it quite warm for the company.

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Let the people rule

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On with the dawnce!

The Republican party has a chance.

And now the Republicans are at the bat.

The corner stone of Populism is justice.

The only way to reform is straight ahead.

Dollars should come up or salaries come down.

If people would think more they would suffer less.

The Referendum will knock out corruption in politics.

There are few people shedding tears at the funeral of the trusts.

Even the 53 cent dollar is preferable to unredeemed political promises.

Rather destroy national credit than destroy the people of the nation.

Plutocracy is crucifying the republic, but "they are all honorable men."

Gold, unless declared so by law, is no more money than bacon and beans.

Scarce money means dear dollars, and dear dollars means poverty and distress.

The silver Republicans (if there can be any such thing) are trying to pull themselves together.

The Republican party is billed to fight the trusts and the people are anxious to see the battle begin.

The world could get along without money, but without labor it would die. Labor should be crowned king.

When men become so disgusted with a government that they quit voting they begin to clean up their guns.

The trusts, having fleeced the common people of about everything in sight, are now engaged in fighting each other.

Money is not wealth, but only a representative of wealth. Its sole purpose is, or should be, to facilitate exchange.

It is a good thing for Spain that the army of Republican place hunters is not turning its force loose towards Cuban liberty.

When money assumes to dictate to labor, it should receive such treatment as would compel it to assume its proper functions.

The Republican party is now not only facing "a condition," but the fact that it has entered into a contract to deliver prosperity.

The surplus labor should be employed in building public roads. In this way it does not come in contact with productive labor.

Mrs. Wallace, of Chicago, has a $50,000 dress. There are 50,000 other women in Chicago that are scarcely able to afford any kind of a dress.

What President McKinley said about the trusts will meet the approbation of every true American, but what he does, or has done, is of much more importance.

The corporations, trusts and politicians will oppose the Referendum because they fear the people. Their professions in favor of a popular government are only pretense.

The trusts have evidently given due consideration to the good will of their business, but have made no provisions to the ill will which their manipulations and extortions have provoked.

The National Reform Press Association never deviated one way or the other; it declared for Populist principles and decided to keep right along in the middle-of-the-road, Hanna or no Hanna.

The Democratic party swallowed our principal plank in 1896—Free Silver at 16 to 1. In 1896 they will have to swallow the ownership and land planks or the party will find itself following the Populist procession.

The revenue deficit for thirty months under the Wilson bill is $130,000,000 and has resulted in the issue of $262,000,000 in bonds to make ends meet. If that tariff bill and Grover Cleveland are not enough to sink any party forever we don't know what would be.

Only the Money Trust.

The account of the man so dangerously in love with Madam Calve that he threatened to shoot her turns out to be a myth. It was taken from an ancient book called "The Evolution of the Sheenees." Translated by the learned Dr. Wise, of Smith college, the story means that a worshiper of shekels in Gotham, named Jo. Pulitzer, is so hot for the Rothschild money trust that he is in danger of smashing the golden calf.—Silver Knight.

Pointer for Chicago.

The Chicago Democrats have nominated Carter H. Harrison, Jr., for Mayor. He is a Populist at heart, but is catering for the support of the enemies of the Populist party. He had better come out and denounce the enemies of Populism. Otherwise he will get it in the neck. There are 30,000 Populists in Chicago and they all have votes.

MORGAN'S COLUMN.

THE ARKANSAS REFORMER ON REPUBLICAN VICES.

The Plan to Destroy the Greenbacks—Bankers Collecting Interest on the Money They Owe to the People—Belated Prosperity—The Prospects.

One of the objections urged against the greenbacks is that they furnish an "endless chain" with which to drain the treasury of its gold reserve, and thus discredit the government. It is further claimed that when this is the case business men become frightened and hoard their money and we have a general business depression if not a panic.

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There may be a grain of truth in these claims, but if so it is no argument against a government paper currency. In our opinion, it is a piece of childish folly to undertake to redeem $346,000,000 with $100,000,000, or three dollars with one. It can't be done when the emergency calls for it, and when the emergency does not exist it does not need to be done. The only honest "redemption money" would be dollar for dollar, such as the silver certificates.

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It is proposed to substitute national bank notes for the greenbacks. For the life of me I can't see how that will help things. These bank notes will be redeemable, and the present law only requires a reserve of 25 per cent of the outstanding circulation. As a matter of fact the people have less confidence in the banks than in the government. They are more liable to set the "endless chain" running on the bank reserves than on the treasury reserve. Without the government back of the bank notes they never would command the confidence of the people that the greenbacks do.

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The trouble is not in the greenbacks, but in the bankers and brokers who raid the treasury for gold. No merchant, stockman, manufacturer, mechanic or farmer ever presents greenbacks to the treasury department for redemption. This class of people don't want it redeemed. They are not dealing in money, but in merchandise and only want money to facilitate their business. It is different with the banker. Money is his merchandise. He deals in it—buys and sells the use of it. He is a speculator in money, and hence prefers his own money to that of the government because his own will cost him less.

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But a bank note is not money. I have one before me now. It says the bank "will pay" me five dollars. What does that mean? It means the bank owes me five dollars. Thus the banker loans his own notes. He collects interest on what he owes. This is why he opposes the greenbacks. This is why he talks about the "endless chain" and the gold reserve in the treasury. Admitting for argument's sake that it is necessary to keep a gold reserve for the redemption of paper money, how could the banks keep it any better than the government does and has done? If there was a panic the "run" would be worse on the banks than on the government. Not only would a demand be made for the redemption of notes, but for the deposits. Then financial disaster would come. Every bank would have to suspend payment or go to the wall. We can conceive of no greater mistake than destroying the greenback and giving the banks full control over the paper currency.

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It was intended by the framers of the constitution that the United States senate should be the balance wheel in our government. For many years that body contained the best brains, statesmanship and patriotism of the country. That was before the era of corporations, trusts and syndicates. At least it was before the era when they could wantonly control state legislatures, and peremptorily demand national legislation. But it is different now. No man is suspicioned of being a statesman because he happens to belong to the United States senate. In his election to that place the size of his brains does not matter as much as the size of his bank account. As a rule if he is wealthy or is backed by wealthy corporations he can go to the senate. There he becomes the attorney (?) of some railroad corporation, trust or combine. He never takes a bribe, it is always a fee, and he considers it his sacred duty to do everything in his power for his client. Why not? His corporation pays him more than the people do. The name of the United States senate should be changed to the "Club of Millionaire Lawyers"—or abolished.

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None of the demands of the People's party are growing in popularity with such gigantic strides as the one for public ownership of those things upon which the public depends for its own comfort and convenience. The greedy corporations that have in many instances secured franchises through the most glaring frauds and bribery, seem to be "rubbing it in" on the dear people until even the great metropolitan dailies are forced to take a stand for municipal ownership as the only effective way to deal with the question of public utilities. The question of lighting and water works has had a practical demonstration in this country, and wherever the public has taken control the result has been a great saving. The following table shows the annual cost of one electric light before and after public ownership; the "after" service being the same as, or better, than the service it replaced:

	Before.	After.
Bangor, Me.	$150	$48
Lewiston, Me.	182	55
Peabody, Mass.	185	62
Bay City, Mich.	110	58
Huntington, Ind.	146	50
Goshen, Ind.	156	77
Bloomington, Ill.	111	57
Chicago, Ill.	250	96
Elgin, Ill.	266	43
Aurora, Ill.	326	70
Fairfield, Ia.	378	70
Marshalltown, Ia.	125	27

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The Republican party is now at the bat, but the gold standard is getting in its work nevertheless. A glance at the quotations shows a depreciation in both railroad stocks and industrials. The following table shows the shrinkage in stock of ten of these companies since the election.

The value of the stock of the Burlington company has declined since election.	$ 8,226,270
Tobacco	1,412,000
Rhode Island	3,230,920
D., L. & W.	2,096,000
Jersey Central	2,249,700
New York Central	4,000,000
Manhattan	3,000,000
Western Union	4,768,000
Leather preferred	3,654,000
St Paul	1,840,000
Total	$35,276,890

These figures are made up from quotations of Monday, Nov. 9, and Monday, Jan. 25.

During the campaign these companies took an active part, organized their employes into sound money clubs, and marched them through the streets of our cities under sound money banners. A shrinkage of $35,000,000 in the stock of ten companies doesn't look much like prosperity, although we acknowledge that the money is sound enough. Before we get through with the gold standard it is to be hoped that the "business men" will get their eyes open and learn that the kind of money that doesn't employ labor never sets the wheels of commerce to moving, and cannot therefore bring prosperity.

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But what will the Republicans do? They will fume, fuss and fizzle just as the Democrats did. No sane man believes that you can make times better by making taxes higher. There may and will be, perhaps, better times for a temporary season. Something like a settled policy will prevail for the next four years, and this of itself will bring out some capital which is now unproductive, but was "timid" before the election. Prices have reached a point so low that it seems we have gone to bedrock. Naturally they will take a turn. Railroads are already availing themselves of the opportunity to buy cheap steel rails. When the tide once turns and prices start upward money will come from its hiding places, add to the volume in circulation and assist prices in their upward tendency. But all this will not be on account of the gold standard or increased tariff taxes. On the other hand it will be in spite of them. The wonderful resources of this country are too tempting for capital to remain long idle, and it will only do so when money is advancing in value while prices of other things are shrinking.

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We were told by Republican campaign speakers that better times would prevail immediately after McKinley was elected. They said confidence would then be restored, business be stimulated, and prosperity quickly follow. It has now been five months since the election and McKinley has been installed as president. Looking back over the business failures since the election we find them as follows:

Failures: week ending Nov. 7, 223; failures week ending Nov. 14, 258; failures week ending Nov. 21, 208; failures week ending Nov. 28, 296; failures week ending Dec. 5, 321; failures week ending Dec. 12, 381; failures week ending Dec. 19, 387; failures week ending Dec. 26, 395; failures week ending Jan. 9, 488; failures week ending Jan. 16, 455; failures week ending Jan. 23, 429; failures week ending Jan. 30, 331; failures week ending Feb. 6, 311; failures week ending Feb. 13, 301; failures week ending Feb. 20, 325.

This doesn't look much like a return of confidence or reign of prosperity. Whatever may be in store for us in the future as regards prosperity at the hands of the Republican party, there is no mistaking the fact that the Republican politicians advertised their show too soon. But the policy of the Republican party will not produce good times. Better times than we have been having may come in spite of that policy and an unthinking public may give the Republican party credit for it.

W. S. MORGAN.

John Sherman.

Last week John Sherman was for free Cuba. This week he is for Spain. Day before yesterday he was for protecting American citizens at Havana to the extreme of war. Yesterday he was for taking it all back. John Sherman's first utterances must always be taken as subject to approval by Baron Rothschilds and the Bank of England.

NearlySo.

From the Tecumseh (Okla.) Leader: The cyclonic rush of the hobo brigade upon a free soup house on a cold morning is not a comparison to the McHanna pie-counter stampede that will be made on the national capitol. It will be closely akin to the recent bread riot at Moscow, in which thousands of starving peasants perished.

Any kind of redemption money means the "endless chain" attachment.

Pride and arrogance go before a fall.

GOLDBUG GOOD TIMES.

How Restored Confidence Works in the Business Community.

The firm of Duhme & Co., jewelers, Cincinnati, Ohio, made an assignment Friday to Joseph Wilby. The assets are placed at $100,000; liabilities not yet determined.

Desbecker & Co., clothiers of Buffalo, N. Y., and Desbecker Brothers, engaged in the same business, filed chattel mortgages aggregating $135,190.48 with the county clerk for the protection of their creditors. The firms are composed of David H. and Daniel Desbecker.

Assignment was made Monday by William H. Bell, grocer, at 2018 Fourteenth street, to Percival M. Brown.

Patrick Connell, dealer in hardware at 473 Pennsylvania Avenue, Monday made an assignment to John J. Dolan.

Jelenko Bros. & Loeb, of Charleston, W. Va., the largest department store in the state, wholesale and retail, have assigned.

James E. Tippett has been appointed receiver for the Lexington Savings Bank of Baltimore.

Ill-Advised Tactics.

The middle-of-the-roaders claim to be the only pure, unselfish and undefiled element in politics, yet it was the self-styled middle-of-the-road element that elected Goldbug Republican Pritchard to the United States Senate from North Carolina last week when by using their balance of power they could just as well have elected a Populist. This thing of a few disreputable politicians stealing the once respected and honorable title, "middle-of-the-road," and under its cover serving plutocracy is what is making the very thought of the term odious to those who believe in principle and honor.—Iowa Farmers' Tribune.

All Populists who believe that fusion tends to breed confusion and will, if persisted in, disrupt and disintegrate the People's Party, thereby deferring, if not destroying all possibility of reforms demanded by the party, should not be held responsible for the action of the Populists whom it is claimed are responsible for the defeat of a Populist for the United States Senate from North Carolina.—Tulare (Calif.) County News.

Time to Get Back.

It is time for a return to the methods and point of view of the first president. Whatever his personal convictions in politics, Washington was an advocate of civil service principles, both in theory and in practice. He knew that whatever claims a party might have upon a candidate, there was one claim infinitely stronger—that of the people upon the officers whom they elect and pay to perform the public work. His first cabinet was composed of men selected solely because of the ability of the appointees. It contained ardent Republicans and extreme conservatives. The practice of such men as compose the great modern political machines would have been hateful to him. We have become too much accustomed in late years to accept destructive partisanship with complacency, and to look upon the interests of the governed as of trivial importance. Washington was no partisan—he was merely a patriot.

Not Very Particular.

From Press and Printer, Boston, Mass.: When we stated, in our last issue, that eastern newspaper publishers no longer took their pay in corn, cabbage or cordwood, the Athens (Me.) Post had not been heard from. In a frantic appeal for an enlargement of his subscription list, the editor of that paper says: "Remember, we take hay, fodder, corn, peas, potatoes, turnips, fence posts, feathers, scrap iron, honey, soft soap, shingles, syrup, tobacco, second-hand clothing, lumber, coal, livestock, ducks, axle grease, beer, hides, etc., on subscription." A dozen farmers might club together, roll a bale of hay into the sanctum and have a copy of the paper sent to every family in the district.

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PERTINENT WHYS.

IT IS COSTING MUCH TO SUSTAIN THE GOLD STANDARD.

Europe Is Not Disturbed by the Friendliness for Inter-National Bimetallism on the Part of Our Futty-Headed Administration.

What function did Hanna supply in giving Presidential life to Major McKinley? The unbiblical chord through which the Presidential aspirations of the Major were returned from Wall Street.

Why doesn't England get mad because the United States continues to ask her to restore silver? Because it costs her nothing to refuse the request, and it flatters her vanity to receive the United States as a suppliant.

Why does McKinley say in his inaugural that he will sustain the gold standard by taxes or loans, unless England will give him bimetallism? Becaues he believes that England is willing to collect all debts due her in gold, and will continue the gold standard as long as her debtors will borrow or be taxed for that purpose; and that therefore he can trust England to refuse his request, and can fool the people by pretending to favor bimetallism, without endangering the schemes of his backers.

Why did the goldites lavish public and private money for inaugural display, while the masses of the people are suffering from stagnation and want? For the same reasons that Nero enjoyed the contrast between his Bacchanalian extravagance and the suffering of Roman Christians while Rome was in flames.

Why do the McKinleyites contend that more revenue for the government extorted by taxation, will increase the supply of money among the tax-payers and produce prosperity? For the same reason the physicians of the old school bled their patients to death to increase their vitality.

Why did McKinley encourage Senator Wolcott to go to Europe to negotiate for free coinage? Because Wolcott, by his spectacular display on the other side of the Atlantic, could attract the attention of the people, while McKinley himself was organizing a cabinet to maintain the gold standard confidence in his fidelity to the money trust.

Why was Sherman selected for the State Department, and Gage for Secretary of the Treasury, if McKinley intended to aid in the restoration of silver by an international conference or by any other means? Because it would have been treason to his gold backers to even pretend to be for silver, under any circumstances; without first mortgaging his administration to gold monopoly for indebtedness incurred for the millions required to secure his election, as well as for all future advances.

What is the difference between Gage and Sherman? Gage is in favor of robbing the people by contracting the money volume to the single gold standard, and acknowledges it, while Sherman is in favor of the same and denies it. In other words, Gage is a barking dog, while Sherman prefers the tactics of the gopher.

England Rules.

England, as a factor in the control of money, is ruling a greater territory than Rome did in all her glory. Through the stealthy, secret influence of gold, she is framing the monetary laws of all nations of the earth, civilized and semi-civilized. No king can go to war without the permission of the men who control the gold of the world, and the gold of the world is controlled by the Rothschilds to such an extent that the smaller holders must work in harmony with them. At the dictates of this power one nation after another has adopted gold as the money of final payment and all the commercial transactions of nations are so written. The adoption by Russia of a gold standard a few weeks ago, will greatly enhance the price of gold, which will be noticed in the falling of prices of other commodities. Should China and Japan adopt the gold standard, it would reduce the average day's pay to perhaps 10 or 12 cents all over the world. Of course, all other things would go down with it excepting debts, taxes and stated incomes, and under such conditions men in debt would never redeem their obligations and would necessarily lose title to all their property, which would go into the hands of those who held the debts. We have just seen in this country a syndicate make eight millions of dollars on the issue of bonds simply because of the idea that nothing but gold can be used for the final payment of a debt. That a gold standard offers opportunities like this all over the world is an incentive for rich men to foist such laws upon nations and to gather in the property of those nations just as this syndicate gathered in a little lump by our recent bond issue. The gold standard goes upon the theory that all nations of the world could not make their own money anything but gold. It will not take many years before this system must culminate in an exceedingly few people owning title to or mortgages on all the property of the world, and then we may expect to see what McCaulay predicted fifty years ago, that not only the American nation but all other nations will have their Huns and Vandals, not from without, but from within. Already there are being created in the United States millions of poverty-stricken, desperate men, and as certain as wealth concentrates through monopolies and contracts so certain will this vast army increase until the time will come, not ten years hence, when either this entire theory of government must be changed or its entire fabric will go down in chaos. Wealth is not gathered from the air nor the clouds, by by men's labor, and the time will come when even the dullest minds will be brought to realize that they can no longer live under a competitive system of society. The gold standard is forcing the people to realize a condition that the teachings of all philosophers have been unable to impress upon the mass of mankind. So long as each little unit of society could hope to become a capitalist it was impossible to get them to understand that there was a danger line in the struggle. It is only when they have been forced to realize that all the avenues of advancement have been closed against them that they will see the injustice and enormity of the system that they have helped maintain, and if a gold standard will have this effect, as it surely will, then it is not without its good uses.

Mankind Ruled by Money.

Are not the people of more importance than continent or constitution? God made the planet for the people, not the people for the money-lenders. To stand still and see the people reduced to serfdom would be a crime against God and man. Better that all the gold and silver in the world should perish than that the nation should die; better that we should go back to primeval barter, without a dollar of money of any kind, than see God's children wiped off the face of God's planet. Ancient Mexico maintained a high civilization without a particle of money. If driven to the dreadful alternative of losing liberty and prosperity or metallic money, no sane man can doubt which the nation should choose. It is the curse of the world that mankind has been ruled for centuries by money, in the interest of money; not by the people in the interest of the people. We live only half-way in the present. The age is like a reptile whose head projects, lifted and gasping, out of the carboric acid gas; but its nether limbs are yet imbedded in the thick mud of the Silurian period.—Hon. Ignatius Donnelly, in "The Golden Bottle."

The Difference.

According to the New York World, J. D. Rockefeller has an annual income of $8,600,000. That is just $23,562 a day, or not quite $1,000 an hour. On the basis of eight hours a day, he makes just $49 a minute.

According to the United States census report the average wages of the workingman of the country is $22 a month.

Rockefeller gets $49 a minute, and the laborer gets $22 a month. Rockefeller has a good time; the laborer has a hell of a time. Rockefeller lives like a prince in a palace; the laborer lives in a hovel, which is not even his own.

Fate (?) assigns to one man less than a dollar a day, while working, while another has an income of fifty dollars a minute without working. Is that justice?

Rockefeller gets as much in one day as 25,000 workingmen. Is he worth as much? Do his services to mankind entitle him to such reward? Does he create 25,000 times as much or does he work 25,000 times as hard as 52,000 laborers?—Representative.

Wharton Barker on the Situation.

From the Philadelphia American: It is curtailment of imports and of general consumption that is largely responsible for the deficit in the revenues, and it is the impoverishment of our people that has led to this curtailment. Nor can this impoverishment be charged to the Wilson tariff and a flooding of our markets, for it is seen there has been no increase, but an actual diminution of imports. The impoverishment is due to the fall in prices consequent in our adherence to the gold standard; this and nothing else.

Missouri World.

It is gratifying to know that Secretary of Agriculture Morton, who is a goldbug lawyer, will soon be displaced by a real farmer, Mr. Wilson, of Iowa. Wilson may not be any better as a man, but he is the leading farmer in his State, while Morton is a legal quack, an unmitigated nuisance, who has from time to time advocated anything and everything detrimental to the American farmer, though holding the highest position as the representative of the farmer.

Must Stand Together.

From the Philadelphia Press: We must have better times and less unrest. The McKinley administration was elected to lead the way. It must lead along its own lines, and unless it leads to success we shall have the fight all over again with dangerous chances. That is the reason why patriots must stand together in its support, and why, we will add, that it should be so reasonable and just that patriots can stand together behind it.

Ball Was Airight.

The Rev. T. DeWitt Talmage says that the Bradley-Martin ball was all right, because it scattered money among the poor. According to this eminent divine's logic, the Belshazzar feast must have been a regular bonanza for the poor and needy, but it proved to be hard on Belshazzar, and no doubt the poor finally paid compound interest for the crumbs.—Olathe Tribune.

The man who to-day would rather be right than to be president is a long ways from the White House.

COTTON FARMING.

How Two to Four Bales Per Acre Are Made on Very Poor Land.

We have not the slightest desire to assist in any manner in bringing about an increase in the number of bales annually raised throughout the Sunny South in general nor in Mississippi in particular, but we do desire that Southern farmers everywhere should realize the fact that the same 6,000,000 to 10,000,000 bales that are now raised annually may be just as easily, just as surely and far more economically and profitably raised on one fourth the area it is to-day, leaving the other three-fourths to be put in provision crops, fruits or grass. We have had the good fortune to see and walk over many Georgia farms—farms, too, that were worn out and washed away many years ago—that are now made to produce from one to four bales of cotton per acre. This condition of things is made possible and actually brought about by the "intensive" system of culture and liberal yet economical fertilization.

As early in the new year as the weather will possible admit of, the old cotton stalks are "knocked," or cut, the roots are then plowed up with straight shovel; green cotton seed are then strewn in this shovel furrow at the rate of ten to twelve bushels per acre; two half-shovel furrows are next thrown on the seed to prevent the loss of ammonia; in a few weeks this small bed is opened with a long, narrow scooter and 200 to 300 pounds of some good commercial fertilizer distributed in this furrow; phosphate and potash being all sufficient, the cotton seed furnishing the necessary nitrogen; the land is then bedded out and out with straight shovel and is now ready for the reception of the seed. Under this plan, persistently followed, Georgia farmers have succeeded in so increasing the fertility of the soil that with a slight increase in amount of fertilizer used and a favorable season four bales per acre have rewarded their efforts.

A good heavy cow-pea stubble turned under will be found to be fully as beneficial to the coming cotton crop as the cotton seed; either one will supply all the nitrogen needed; but in the absence of a cow-pea stubble, the cotton seed should by no means be neglected. Stable manure may be used instead of either of above, but the fact should be kept in mind that all three of above are "nitrogenous" fertilizers, and are used mainly for the amount of nitrogen they contain; and either one, or all three need the addition of phosphates and potash in liberal quantities (seventy-five pounds of Muriate of Potash or 300 pounds of Kainit, with 200 pounds of Acid Phosphate) per acre in order to make a complete fertilizer that shall be at once properly balanced and duly proportioned. If the peas have been properly fertilized (with 200 to 300 pounds Acid Phosphate and 200 to 300 pounds of Kainit), which they always should be when the object in raising them is that may be turned under as fertilizer, it would be hardly necessary to apply any additional fertilizer directly to the cotton. Georgia farmers break their lands deep (eight to ten or even twelve inches) once about every three years; they say it does not pay to break them deep any oftener. In this deep breaking, the land is broken with a two-horse turning plow, plowing about one inch deeper than the surface soil, thus gradually deepening the soil. No crops are planted here at all without fertilizer being applied, and in the sandier portions of the State the farmers seem to be unanimous in the declaration that "Potash is the element that is most needed," and that "any fertilizer that does not contain as much as four per cent. of it is not worth applying." Cotton here is planted in four foot rows, barred off with half-shovels and cultivated the entire season "with cotton scrapes"—i. e. "heel sweeps."

Burgess, Miss. G. H. TUCKER.

A SWEEP OF ICE.

It Came with Suddenness and Force, Causing Damage.

Sheboygan, Wis.—The ice was swept out of the river at this place last Saturday night, carrying three vessels out into the lake. The vessels were badly damaged by striking bridges and docks and fouling other craft on their way down stream. Many other vessels along the docks have been damaged. Two men, Otto Staegel and John Forkins, were on board the schooner Baker as she moved down the river, but were swept out into the lake. Advices to-day are that they were rescued.

A freight train on the Northwestern road went through a bridge at Port Washington and fifteen cars went into Fauk Creek. The locomotive was on the bridge when the engineer heard the crash. He opened the throttle and the engine cleared the bridge before it went down.

CUBAN EXPEDITION GETS OFF.

Punta Gorda, Fla.—A Cuban expedition with forty men aboard sailed from Cleveland, on the Peace river, six miles north of here, at 12:30 o'clock Saturday night.

Nine suits have been filed against the Southern Railway, amounting to $25,000, by the administrators of the Woodward family, who were killed at the Harrison avenue crossing near Chattanooga, recently. Hoke Smith is to be the leading attorney for the complainants and will likely make it quite warm for the company.

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A CYCLONE struck Arlington in southwest Georgia on Monday, killing eight children in a schoolhouse and injuring about twenty others.

THE Republican administration has decided that recent converts cannot expect any share in the distribution of pie, and J. C. Manning in consequence has withdrawn his application for the position of fourth assistant postmaster general.

SENATOR Turpie, democrat, of Indiana, has introduced an amendment to the U. S. constitution providing for the election of senators by popular vote. This is in the right line and we sincerely hope to see the amendment carried.

UNDER the provisions of the amended revenue law it behooves all persons who require to take out a license for their business, to do so before April 10, otherwise they will be liable to the penalty prescribed in the tax commission bill. Anyone desiring information should apply to Hon. R. M. Honeycutt, Judge of Probate, at Clanton, who will gladly give it. We believe there are very few businesses subject to license in this county.

IN Congress, a proposition was made to the ways and means committee, providing for a tariff of 2½ cents a pound on all raw cotton imported, but there is very little probability of its coming to anything. If we are to have a protective tariff it certainly seems that cotton raisers should be able to derive some benefit from it. It is reported that Speaker Reed said, "If the Southern people want a duty on cotton, why don't they vote the Republican ticket."

FREE seed distribution by the government is being vigorously discussed at present. The U. S. Agricultural Department in its report says: over $1,100,100 was expended for free seed distribution in the last ten years, and not a single instance of benefit to agriculture is attributable to the distribution. The original object of free distribution was to obtain reports from the recipients. We shall be glad to hear from any of our Chilton county friends whether they have received any benefit from the free distribution.

THE Tennessee Centennial and International Exposition (the World's Fair of 1897) which opens in Nashville May 1 and continues to Oct. 31, 1897, is designed to celebrate on an elaborate scale the one hundredth anniversary of the State of Tennessee into the Union, and generally to show to the world the resources of the South. The exposition buildings are now complete and exhibits arriving. No doubt the L. & N. railroad will offer reduced fares from this section and our readers can make no better trip this summer than to the exposition. The city of Nashville itself is well worth a visit and with the special attraction of the exposition is doubly so.

Your Boy Won't Live a Month.

So Mr. Gilman Brown, of 34 Mill St., South Gardner, Mass., was told by the doctors. His son had Lung trouble, following Typhoid Malaria, and he spent three hundred and seventy-five dollars with doctors, who finally gave him up saying: "Your boy won't live a month." He tried Dr. King's New Discovery and a few bottles restored him to health and enabled him to go to work a perfectly well man. He says he owes his present good health to use of Dr. King's New Discovery and he knows it to be the best in the world for Lung trouble. Trial Bottles Free at J. S. Johnson, Jr., Drug Store.

Populist Legislators Convene.

The Populists of both branches of Congress held a meeting Saturday night in the committee room of Senator Allen. Senator Stewart presided. There was a large attendance of Senate and House members of the party. The meeting was for the purpose of getting the members acquainted with each other, and not for the purpose of formulating any particular line of policy, as it is not thought necessary for the party to outline a plan as to legislation at present. Chairman Butler, of the Populist national committee, detailed the operations of the last campaign and urged the gentlemen present to make particular efforts toward keeping up the interest in the Populist party through Populist papers.

The following is a complete list of Populists in both branches of the Fifty-fifth Congress:

Members of the House.

Milford W. Howard, of Alabama; C. A. Barlow, of California; G. H. Castle, of California; John C. Bell, of Colorado; James Gunn, of Idaho; Thomas M. Jetr, of Illinois; John Baker, of Illinois; James M. Robinson, of Indiana; Jeremiah D. Botkin, of Kansas; M. S. Peters of Kansas; E. R. Ridgeley, of Kansas; William D. Vincent, of Kansas; N. B. McCormick, of Kansas; Jerry Simpson of Kansas; Albert M. Todd, of Michigan; Samuel Maxwell, of Nebraska; William L. Stark of Nebraska; Roderick D. Sutherland, of Nebraska; William L. Greene, of Nebraska; Francis G. Newland, of Nevada; John E. Fowler, of North Carolina; William F. Strowd, of North Carolina; A. C. Shuford, of North Carolina; John E. Kelley, of South Dakota; Freeman Knowles of South Dakota; James Hamilton Lewis, of Washington; William C. Jones, of Washington; John E. Osborne of Wyoming.

Members of the Senate.

Wm. M. Stewart, of Nevada; Marion Butler, of North Carolina; John P. Jones, of Nevada; Wm. V. Allen, of Nebraska; Henry Heitfeld, of Idaho; George Turner, of Washington; James M. Kyle, of South Dakota; William A. Harris, of Kansas.—Silver Knight.

Speaker Reed is not disposed to regard the Populists in the house as a separate organization. About ten days ago the Populist representatives presented a petition to Speaker Reed recitn g the fact that at the last election they had cast about 2,000,000 votes; elected governors in five states, elected twenty-seven members of the present house and requesting therefor that they have a representation on the committee on ways and means, judiciary, appropriations, banking, coinage, elections and others. Mr. Reed has just replied that he preferred to recognize the Populists as a part of the Democratic organization and that decision will stand for this congress at least.

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Stanton Stories.

Mrs. Lester, who has been very ill for some time, is still quite sick.

Messrs. E. W. Blalack and J. A. DuBose had a delightful trip last Monday.

Miss Minnie Lassiter of Plantersville was visiting relative here last week.

Miss Della Blalack of Maplesville is visiting friends here this week.

Mr. D. Lassiter, of Plantersville is visiting friends here.

The heavy rains we are having of late is putting the farmers very much behind with their crops.

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Maplesville Music

The rains have retarted plowing but our energetic farmers are catching up.

There has been some complaint against our road, but it is safe to say the one leading to Old Maplesville will soon be in good shape since the appointment of T. U. Crumption as overseer.

Mrs. Ingram of Anniston is visiting her sister here, Mrs. D. C. Savage.

We are glad to note the return of Mr. Jas. DuBose to our town.

Our farmers are trying to improve their crops this year with heavy fertilization, judging by the wagon loads being daily hauled away.

Maplesville is well favored with drummers at all times; good sign of the standing of our merchants. Our town is well supplied with ties and shingles and purchasers of these article would do well to correspond with our enterprising merchants.

Our school opens next fall, we hope to have our new school house, Science Hill by name, completed by that time.

Our fruit trees are all abloom, many wild wood flowers are giving out sweet scented ordors to brighten and bless our fair land.

Hoping for a good crop year, I lay aside my pen with best wishes for your newsy little paper.

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Political Pointers.

People's Press Bureau, St. Louis, Mo., March 24, 1897.

Congressman Bell, of Colorado asks additional recognition of Speaker Reed for the People's party in committees, especially on the Ways and Means committee, and in the division of time, between the parties. His claim is based on the fact that the Populists have 22 straight Populist and six fusion members in the House. There are also seven Senators. This gives the party the greatest strength of any third party in 40 years; it represents eight millions of people. The Populists have decided to work in harmony with the silver forces.

McKinley's message in dealing only with the tariff portrays our President to be a republican strictly, rather than an American representative. The tariff is only a party measure and based on an extra tax which the masses will have to pay. Chairman Dingley estimates the increase of revenue from the passage of the new bill, at $112,000,000.

The Nebraska Populists have discovered so much crooked work in the treasurer's office that a special committee has been appointed and an appropriation of $10,000 made to investigate every state office. Startling disclosures are expected.

Milton Park, editor Southern Mercury, as chairman of a special committee appointed by the Memphis editors, has sent National Chairman Butler a letter damanding that he (Butler) call the national executive committee to meet before May first, also that a call be issued from that committee for a national committee to meet not later than July first that the party may be re-organized.

"Sugar" Havemeyer, in his testimony before the Loxow committee said that one of the objects of the organization of trusts was to prevent "illegal combinations of organized labor." The world is a little curious, no doubt to hear exactly what such men as Havemeyer, Rockfeller, Searles and Spreckles consider "illegal organizations."

An organized movement to make Governor Pingree the next republican candidate for President has been started in Detroit. It has been given out authoritatively that Mark Hanna is willing that Pingree should have the Vice-presidency.

A graduated income tax law has been passed in South Carolina.

Populist newspapers are springing into life in Texas every week. Four new ones last week.

Hanna and Secretary Gage are a deadlock over the appointments in the Treasury department; the former demands that republicans be given the places while the latter desires to promote from the service. No appointments will be made for some time, it is thought.

The national and state silver leaders, at their meeting in Denver, decided to establish a national bureau for silver educational work during the interim before the campaign opens in 1900. This bureau will be located at Washington, D. C.

Untaxed church property in New York City alone amounts to $57,217,525.

The Missouri legislature has passed an anti trust law.

Secretary Sherman, is his message to Minister DeLome, said, "The neutrality laws will be strictly enforced. Spain will be allowed no reasonable ground of complaint; but she must understand that the equivalent rights of this nation and her citizens must be respected and guaranteed in good faith." There is now small doubt that Spain will grant independence to the Cubans.

The Initiative and Referendum bill was defeated in Kansas by a vote of 76 to 41.

The question of woman suffrage will be voted on in South Dakota at the next election.

A few figures are here given to illustrate how the people are being robbed by the three great trusts: The profits last year to the coal trust were $71,659,000; the sugar trust $24,000,000; while the coffee trust came ahead by $15,850,000. This money was made directly out of the necessaries of life. A. R.

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CORRESPONDENCE.

[We are willing to publish our subscribers views at any time, but it must be distinctly understood we do not hold ourselves responsible for these opinions.—EDITOR.]

Nashville, Tenn., March 15, '97

Editor BANNER: Ever since I have been in Nashville, THE BANNER has been a most welcome visitor and doubly so since East Chilton and the Turn Round have been coming up with a full hand. So I must ask them to come again with everything they know that is useful and interesting.

I would be pleased to have my friends visit the Centennial this summer. I have just returned from a trip to the grounds. The work is progressing rapidly and it is grand indeed.

I will close by again asking my Chilton county friends to continue their contributions to THE BANNER and do all they can in every way for its success.

J. C. PATTILLO.

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It is, or should be, the highest aim of every merchant to please his customers; and that the wide awake drug firm of Meyers & Eshleman, Sterling, Ill., is doing so, is proven by the following, from Mr. Esleman: "In my sixteen year's experience in the drug business I have never seen or sold or tried a medicine that gave as good satisfaction as Chamberlain's Colic, Cholera and Diarrhoea Remedy. Sold by J. S. Johnson, Druggist.

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Turn-Round Topics.

Mr. F. M. Connell, Jr., and wife of Hardy's Plain spent Friday night with Mr. H. Kendrick of this place.

One of the saddest accidents occurred here last Friday. Two beloved daughters of our highly respected citizen, Mr. J. H. Norrell, aged 12 and 14 were instantly killed by a tree falling on them. The two girls were a short distance from the house, and just as the storm was approaching, one went to the house; it had commenced raining and the wind blowing. With an umbrella she ran back to meet her sister. They walking side by side under the umbrella towards the house, when a pine tree fell right between the innocent and unfortunate girls, killing both instantly. The remains were interred at the Bozeman cemetery Saturday. The bereaved family have our heart felt sympathies.

Prof. R. D. May has finished his singing school at Prattville and is at home again.

Mr. H. Kendrick, we are sorry to say, is no better, but gradually getting worse.

Messrs. C. H. Connell, W. A. Goss, G. W. Jones, W. F. Connell and J. N. Goss and Miss Geneva Goss, all vissited Friendship Sunday.

OLD STONEWALL.

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I desire to attest to the merits of Chamberlain's Cough Remedy as one of the most valuable and efficient preparations on the market. It broke an exceedingly dangerous cough for me in 24 hours, and in gratitude therefor, I desire to inform you that I will never be without it, and you should feel proud of the high esteem in which your Remedies are held by people in general. It is the one remedy among ten thousand. Success to it.—O. R. DOWNEY, Editor Democrat, Albion, Ind. For sale by J. S. Johnson, Druggist.

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Lily Lyrics.

Farmers have just begun to plant corn in this section. The heavy rains have thrown them behind with work.

The young people had a "question party" last Friday night at the residence of Mr. Lee Hayes.

Miss Fannie Edwards of South Alabama who has been spending quite awhile here with relatives will return to her home next Saturday to the regret of her many friends.

Mr. George Watson left for Birmingham last week.

There was no Sunday-school at Mulberry last Sunday, as the creeks were up.

Rev. Mr. Price filled his regular appointment at Isabella last Sunday evening.

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Longstreet Locals.

A large crowd of Longstreet's young folks went to Mountain Springs and Mt. Zion Sunday.

Mr. Burl Burnett, of Strasburg visited Longstreet Sunday.

Mr. Thacker and wife and sifter, Mrs. Bruce, visited relatives at Ehrman's mill Sunday.

Mr. Jno. Marlar visited Longstreet on business Friday.

Messrs. Lowe and Gore of Longstreet visited Loweville Sunday evening.

Misses Essie and Zora Baker visited some of their Longstreet friends recently.

Messrs. Massey, Logan, Bearden and Foshee paid Lonstreet a pleasant visit Saturday.

Misses Lizzie and Irene Willis visited friends and relatives near Mt. Zion Saturday.

Miss Dora Goodgame is visiting relatives near Jumbo this week.

Mrs. Gilchrist and daughter, Miss Minnie, visited Mr. Logan's family Sunday.

SISTER JANIE.

Take possession of the government. How? Work among your neighbors. Spread Populist literature all around you. Don't stop till you see that a good Populist paper goes into every home around you. A little leaven leaveneth a great mass. Work as you never worked before—for home, country and civilization.—The Caucasian

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On the morning of Feb. 20, 1895, I was sick with rheumatism and lay in bed until May 21st, when I got a bottle of Chamberlain's Pain Balm. The first application of it relieved me almost entirely from the pain and the second afforded complete relief. In a short time I was able to be up and about again.—A. T. MORGAUX, Leverne, Minn. Sold by J. S. Johnson, Druggist.

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NOTICE

I shall make application to His Excellency, the Governor of Alabama, to remit the fine assessed against me at the Fall Term 1896 of the Circuit Court of Chilton county, for a violation of the prohibition law.

R. A. MILLER.

March 16, 1897.

Mortgage Sale.

Under and by virtue of a mortgage executed to the undersigned by Ed Sutton and his wife, Amy Sutton on the 27th day of January, 1893, and recorded on page 428 of Book 28 of records of mortgages in the office of the Judge of Probate of Chilton County, Alabama, I will proceed to sell on Monday the 12th day of April, 1897, in front of the court house door in the town of Clanton, Alabama, between the legal hours of sale the following described property to-wit: the se¼ of the ne¼ Section 23, Township 23 of Range 12, in Chilton county, Alabama.

MARY F. OAKLEY, Mortgagee.
W. W. LAVENDER, Atty.

Sheriff's Sale.

By virtue of an execution issued out of the Circuit court of Chilton county, and State of Alabama, and to me directed, whereby I am commanded to make the amount of a certain judgment recently obtained against J. H. Owen, out of the goods, chattels, lands and tenements of the said J. H. Owen, I have levied on the following property, to wit:

South east quarter of the southwest quarter of section thirty-one (31) township twenty-one (21) range fourteen (14) in Chilton county, Alabama.

Therefore, according to said command, I shall expose for sale, at public auction, all the right, title and interest of the above named J. H. Owen in and to the above described property, on

MONDAY, the 19th day of APRIL, 1897, during the legal hours of sale at the Court House door in Clanton, in Chilton county, Alabama.

Dated at Clanton, Ala., this 16th day of March, 1897.

J. T. COOLEY, Sheriff.

Final Proof Notice.

Notice No. 18877.
Land Office at Montgomery, Ala., Feb. 13, 1897.

Notice is hereby given that the following-named settler has filed notice of his intention to make final proof in support of his claim, and that said proof will be made before the Clerk of the Circuit Court at Clanton, Ala., on March 27th 1897, viz: Daniel Minor, Homestead entry. No. 25,300, for the w½ of sw¼ sw1-4 of nw1-4, section 14 tp 22 n of r 15 east.

He names the following witnesses to prove his continuous residence upon and cultivation of, said land, viz.; William Mims, Newton Connell, James Mims, R. E. Jones; all of Clanton, Ala.

H. PURCELL, Register.

Final Proof Notice.

Notice No. 18883.
Land Office at Montgomery, Feb. 17, 1897.

Notice is hereby given that the following-named settler has filed notice of his intention to make final proof in support of his claim and that said proof will be made before Register or Receiver of the United States Land Office, at Montgomery, Ala., on April 6th, 1897, viz: Sidney J. Miller, Homestead entry. No. 22,275 & 23,250, for the n½ of nw1-4, n½ of ne1-4 section 18 tp 20 n r 11 e, Thomas H. Wright, Homestead entry. No. 26,500, for the w½ of se1-4, n½ of sw1-4 section 12 tp 20 n r 10 e.

He names the following witnesses to prove his continuous residence upon and cultivation of, said land viz: T. H. Wright, of Chadwick, Ala., L. B. Crecker, of Chadwick, Ala., L. R. Friday, of Morrowville, Ala., S. J. Miller, of Stanton, Ala., G. W. Harrison, Chadwick, Ala.

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Bales received to-date:

Sampley	1992
Mullins	1019
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	3473

See I sugarcane for sale by Berry Knight, Lomax.

Prof. McMorries went to Montgomery Saturday.

Mr. E. B. Deason has gone to Florida for the benefit of his health.

Supt. Moore was in town Saturday.

Mr. J. P. Allen, of Jemison, was in town yesterday.

Mr. Leroy Watts went to Montgomery Saturday.

Hard times means low prices. We understand this and are giving you goods at rock bottom prices at G. H. GREEN'S store, Clanton.

Mr. Geo. T. Ashley, editor of the Clarion, Enfield, Ills., who is on a tour of Alabama, was a pleasant visitor of the BANNER office Monday.

Miss Annie Lamr, who has been on a visit for quite awhile to her sister, Mrs. G. L. Phillips, left for Montgomery yesterday morning.

Miss Iona Smith returned home after a several week's visit to points in Georgia.

Mr. J. W. Stanfield has secured a position with the Sistrunk & Jordan's Lumber company and left this morning for Sistrunks.

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Mr. Hugh Foshee went to Birmingham yesterday.

Burglars broke into Mr. Standifer's drug store Monday night, but got very little for their trouble, 50 cents from the cash drawer.

Dr. Johnson has recovered the mule he lost several months ago.

No marriage licenses have been issued this week.

The Ladies' Aid Society of the M. E. church will give a social at the residence of Mr. W. H. Merritt on Friday night, 26th.

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Mr. Oscar Mullins has removed his family into the house recently vacated by Mr. W. F. Culp.

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He names the following witnesses to prove his continuous residence upon and cultivation of, said land, viz: T. H. Wright, of Chadwick, Ala., G. W. Harrison, of Chadwick, Ala., L. B. Crocker, of Chadwick, Ala., L. R. Friday, of Morrowville, Ala., S. J. Miller, of Stanton, Ala.

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Notice No. 18876.

Land Office at Montgomery, Ala., Feb. 15, 1897.

Notice is hereby given that the following-named settler has filed notice of his intention to make final proof in support of his claim, and that said proof will be made before the Clerk of the Circuit Court, at Clanton, Ala., on March 27th, 1897, viz.: Hester A. Chessler, Homestead entry, No. 25,278, for the e½ of ne¼ section 19 tp 22 north of r 15 east.

He names the following witnesses to prove his continuous residence upon and cultivation of, said land, viz: Thomas Smith, Merriman Smith, Jesse Thomas, John Motes, all of Clanton Ala.

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Notice No. 18872.

Land Office at Montgomery, Ala., Feb. 12, 1897.

Notice is hereby given that the following named settler has filed notice of his intention to make final proof in support of his claim, and that said proof will be made before The Clerk of the Circuit Court at Clanton, Ala., on March 27th 1897, viz.: Henry S. Oates, heir of Mary J. Oates, Homestead Entry No. 26,049 for the sw¼ of ne¼, Section 25 tp 21, north of r 13 east.

He names the following witnesses to prove his continuous residence upon, and cultivation of, said land, viz.: Peter A. Vance, of Kincheon, Ala., William Roper, of Kincheon, Ala., Bowen L. Jones, of Kincheon, Ala., William W. Williams, of Lily, Ala.

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MR. J. J. WILSON.

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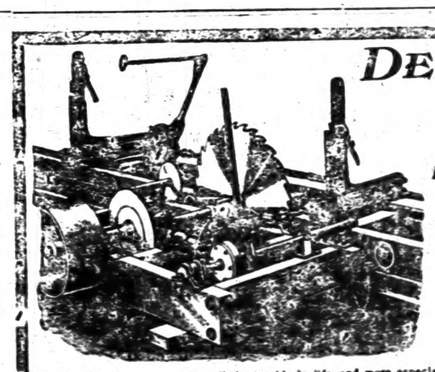

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Tried It on the Duck.

William Taylor, of Marysville, Va., has witnesses from his own home and from Lynchburg to testify that on a pond at his place a huge bullfrog seized a half-grown duck by the neck, swallowing its head, and then choking to death too late to be of service to the duck.

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Old Gotrox—You ask for the hand of my daughter. What expectations have you? Stayleight—Expectations? Well, I hear that you've got heart disease.—Philadelphia Times.

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If what Mr. Barrie, the writer, says of his sensations while composing is true we are glad that he does not write in public. He says: "It is my contemptible weakness that if I say a character smiled vacuously I must smile vacuously, if he frowns or leers I frown or leer, if he is a coward or given to contortion I cringe or twist my legs until I have to stop writing to undo the knot. I bow with him, eat with him and gnaw my mustache with him. If the character be a lady with an exquisite laugh I suddenly terrify you by laughing exquisitely." This is simply awful, and we cannot but think the gifted author is poking fun at Mr. Howells, who laid bare his throes of composition to the readers of the Ladies' Home Journal.

There has been a good deal of criticism since Du Maurier's death concerning the lack of art in his work, but the fact remains that with him disappeared the only reason why Americans ever tolerated the London Punch. The pictures which are now taking the place of his skits on society in that publication have no claim whatever on art, and as humor are very poor stuff.

First Author—I learned the typewriter in two weeks, and yet you say you can't get the hang of it at all. It is strange. Second Author—Not at all strange. My vocabulary is so large.—Cincinnati Enquirer.

Mrs. Cawker—This story you gave me to read is not completed in this number. It is a continued story. Mr. Cawker—Stops short, does it? "Yes." "Then I should say it was a discontinued story."—Harper's Bazar.

The poet enters timidly. "Here are a few verses, Mr. Editor," he says, deferentially. The barbarian, without looking up, says, busily: "Please throw them in the basket yourself—I haven't time just now."—L'Illustre de Poche.

"Curious circumstances under which Stickem left his boarding house," said a drummer, speaking of an acquaintance whose character wasn't above reproach. "Indeed! What was there curious about it?" asked a friend. "That he didn't take the house with him."—Buffalo Times.

The Living Skeleton (surprised)—You look terribly blue—and yet, only last week you married the beautiful human centipede. The Ossified Man (gloomily)—I am blue! No sooner are we two happily married than she gets the cycling fad, and I have to buy her a sextet bicycle!—Puck.

Mother (to her 8-year-old daughter)—Now, Mabel, I want you to sit down at once and mend that hole in your apron. I have spoken to you about it already three or four times to-day. Mabel—Well, mamma, you oughtn't to speak about it so often. You know the motto you taught me says: "The least said the soonest mended," and you ought to see if it will work that way with this apron.—New York Tribune.

Bubbles or Medals.

"Best sarsaparillas." When you think of it how contradictory that term is. For there can be only **one** best in anything—one best sarsaparilla, as there is one highest mountain, one longest river, one deepest ocean. And that best sarsaparilla is———?.... There's the rub! You can measure mountain height and ocean depth, but how test sarsaparilla? You could if you were chemists. But then do **you** need to test it? The World's Fair Committee tested it,—and thoroughly. They went behind the label on the bottle. What did this sarsaparilla test result in? Every make of sarsaparilla shut out of the Fair, **except Ayer's.** So it was that Ayer's was the only sarsaparilla admitted to the World's Fair. The committee found it the best. They had no room for anything that was not the best. And as the best, Ayer's Sarsaparilla received the medal and awards due its merits. Remember the word "best" is a bubble any breath can blow; but there are pins to prick such bubbles. Those others are blowing more "best sarsaparilla" bubbles since the World's Fair pricked the old ones. True, but Ayer's Sarsaparilla has the medal. The pin that scratches the medal proves it gold. The pin that pricks the bubble proves it wind. We point to medals, not bubbles, when we say: The best sarsaparilla is Ayer's.

WINDS AND FLOODS

Do Immense Damage in Various Parts of the Country.

HEAVY LOSS OF LIFE.

Mile Upon Mile of Land in the Mississippi River Bottoms Under Water. Hidden by the Raging Torrent.—Thousands of People and Much Stock in Danger.

Memphis, Tenn.—A further half inch rise in the Mississippi means the devastation of property and probably a loss of life unequalled in the flood history of this section. Seventeen persons are reported drowned fifty miles below Caruthersville, Mo.

A stretch of country over 100 miles long from a point seventy miles north of Memphis to a point fifty miles south of the Tennessee metropolis is under water in places to a depth of ten feet. The fertile valleys of Tennessee and Arkansas are completely inundated and many lives have been lost and stock drowned, fencing and dwellings swept away, inhabitants destitute and homeless, and left to starve or drown by the rising tide. Reports from tributary streams show rains are rapidly rising rivers, floods which will soon be emptied into the Mississippi, adding to the danger when hurled against the already weakened levees. The levees are patrolled hourly by armed and desperate men, provided with sand bags to strengthen weak places or to close threatened crevices, and rifles to shoot down any miscreant who would venture to cut the embankment.

The floods now partake of the nature of a deluge. As far as the eye can see nothing but water meets the gaze.

Six hundred people were rescued on the Arkansas side of the river, and taken to Memphis, but there are flood districts so situated that relief boats cannot reach the stricken ones. On island 39, 100 sufferers and considerable live stock were rescued by the steamer Itasca. Neither man nor beast had tasted food for over twenty-four hours. Human beings and helpless brutes are huddled together all along the Iron Mountain and Kansas City, Fort Scott & Gulf tracks.

Five hundred people were forced to flee from the floods in Dyer and Obion counties, Tennessee.

IN AND AROUND JACKSON.

The Storm Almost Equalled That of Thirty Years Ago.

Jackson, Miss.—A terrific storm of wind and rain visited Jackson about 6 o'clock Friday morning, lasting half an hour and doing an immense amount of damage to shade trees, fences, outhouses and barns. No loss of life has been reported, but the interior to the west of Jackson, where the storm is thought to have been most severe, has not been heard from. Telephones are down.

A telegram from Madison Station, the center of the great strawberry region of Mississippi, ten miles north, says that great damage was done there, houses and barns being demolished, trees laid flat and tomato cold frames blown out of the ground.

The storm seems to have been general over a scope of country twenty miles wide from north to south, and is known to have extended to Raymond, fifteen miles west, and across Pearl river to the east of Jackson and ten miles down into Rankin, where visitors to this city report the same destruction of timber and fences.

Thirty years ago a storm passed over this same track, but was more severe, leveling everything before it.

TEXAS STORM-SWEPT.

Houses, Barnes, Cars, Telephone and Telegraph Wires Blown Down.

Dallas, Tex.—A heavy wind storm, which in some places assumed the appearance of a cyclone, passed over this part of the State Friday night. At Plano the gale leveled the sheds of the Cotton Belt and Central roads, blew over freight cars and unroofed several residences. A number of persons were injured at Plano, but none were killed. Considerable damage was done by the storm near Itasca and Hutchison. Telegraph and telephone wires are prostrated, and it is difficult to learn the extent of the damage.

Special telegrams received state that Northern Texas was swept by a wind storm that at times developed the proportions of a cyclone. The worst damage reported so far occurred at Denton, where over one hundred houses were struck by the storm, and all more or less damaged. It is believed that the storm in the vicinity of Denton has caused damage to the extent of $100,000. Jack Simmons was fatally injured in the debris of a falling house.

It is thought that great damage to life and property has been done in the territory west of Denton. The storm also swept over the towns of Hutchinson and Itasca, unroofing houses and wrecking small buildings.

At Fort Worth, the house of the electrical railway was unroofed and traffic suspended.

On Harding and Boaz streets six or seven frame dwellings were blown down. A brick school house in the Ninth Ward was badly wrecked.

AT NATCHEZ, MISS.

The Storm Added to the Horror of the Situation.—River Rising.

New Orleans, La.—A special to the Daily States from Natchez, Miss., says: The river at this point now stands 39.08 on the gauge, which is 4.20 below the danger line, and rising at the rate of half a foot daily. The levees hereabouts are under the most careful and rigid surveillance, and the general belief is that they will be able to stand fifty feet unless there are weak places developed not apparent now. The consensus of opinion among river men is that we will not reach forty-eight feet here unless there are excessive local rains.

A tremendous storm of wind and rain passed over this city at 5 o'clock this morning, doing great damage to property in Natchez and some in Concordia parish, but while it does not appear to have had the effect of damaging the levees to any appreciable extent, it certainly did add some water to the river.

The telegraph wires above the city were all prostrated, and we are cut off from communication with the north. The worst is yet to come in this locality.

THE DELTA SECTION.

In Absolute Danger, Owing to the Unusual High Water.—Levees.

New Orleans, La.—A special to the States from Vicksburg, Miss., says: The river situation for the next thirty days promises to be more than serious. There is a higher stage at Cairo and Helena, the two main points of observation, than since 1886, and by their reported rainfalls in the last twenty-four hours, both will score extensive high water marks yet. The pressure is going to be excessive all along the levee lines. It will first appear between Helena and the mouth of the Arkansas. On that reach the new levees have been put in front of the White river basin since the last high water, and the effect of this is now to be tested. From there down the levees have been raised and enlarged greatly, and ought to hold unless the flood is prolonged. Altogether it is the most serious situation for the Delta sections that has been experienced since 1882.

AT ANNISTON.

Wind Accompanied by Rain.—Many Houses Leveled to the Ground.

Montgomery, Ala.—A special to the Advertiser from Anniston, Ala., says: A strong wind, accompanied by rain, did much damage in this section today. Several houses were blown and some plate glass windows wrecked in this place. The greatest damage was done in the Eastaboga community. The residence and every house on the plantation of Rev. Daniel Johnson were blown down. The store of T. W. Ogletree and residences of Mrs. Jackson and W. R. Bell were unroofed. Mr. Bell had a tenant house, three large barns and all his out houses levelled to the ground. No loss of life reported.

WITHIN TWO INCHES

Of the Highest Point.—Say You Can't Escape.

Helena, Ark.—The river at noon was within two inches of the highest water record here. The sun shone to-day after one of the most prolonged and heavy downpours of rain for many years, and conditions are more hopeful. The levees in front and north of the city are having the attention of the officers of the city and the levee boards are being raised and strengthened. Heavy rains yesterday and last night have partly inundated a portion of the northern suburbs of the city, but the water is now fast receding.

The levees at Modoc are still holding and with the recent recruits to the already large army of levee workers, there is a bright chance of maintaining the statu quo. The levees on the Mississippi side appear in good shape.

IN LEE COUNTY, GEORGIA.

A Destructive Cyclone Prevailed, Doing Much Damage.

Savannah, Ga.—An Albany, Ga., special to the Morning News says: A destructive cyclone prevailed in Lee county this afternoon, but only meagre reports have so far reached here of its results.

At Leeburg, the front of Salter's store was blown down, and a young man by the name of Randall, who run out as it fell, was caught under the debris and badly injured.

Fences and trees were uprooted, and it is believed the worst results were felt north of Leeburg.

AT UTICA, MISS.,

One Farmer Was Killed.—School House Lifted From Its Foundation.

Utica, Miss.—A cyclone passed this place early Friday morning with a southeasterly course, blowing down several cabins and timber and fences, killing J. O. Hill, a farmer, and injuring his wife. A country school house was lifted from its foundation and turned around.

MILLS GO ON FULL TIME.

Salem, Mass.—The Naumeakeg Steam Cotton Mills, which have been running on half time since June 1, 1896, started up on full time. The owners state that the price of their goods will be reduced to compete with other manufacturers. The mills give employment to about 1,500 men.

DESPONDENCY AND MORPHINE.

Fulton, Ky.—Andrew Stephens, a white man, aged 55, shot himself at Hickman, Ky. The suicide was the result of despondency occasioned by continued ill-health and constant use of morphine. Deceased was closely related to several prominent Hickman families.

AN ARKANSAS HANGING.

Hamburg, Ark.—William Johnson was hanged here Friday afternoon. He killed Henry Hobson last June. Both were negroes. Johnson showed wonderful nerve. His neck was not broken by the fall and he died an awful death.

FROM WASHINGTON.

Our Regular Correspondent's Weekly News Letter.

CONGRESSIONAL ITEMS.

The Record Made For the First Week is an Extraordinary One.—Charges Against Commander Mullen.—It is a Canard.—Other Items.

Washington, D. C.—The first week of the extraordinary session of the Fifty-fifth Congress closed with to-day's session of the House of Representatives. The record made is extraordinary. The tariff bill has been reported, and an order regulating its discussion adopted. Four appropriation bills, which failed to become laws in the Fifty-fourth Congress, necessary for the prosecution of important parts of the public service, carrying a total of over $72,000,000, have been passed with the exception of one paragraph, as they were finally agreed upon by the last House. Two of these, the agricultural and Indian, were considered and disposed of to-day. The former, appropriating $3,182,950, was passed, as has been the sundry civil and general deficiency bills yesterday, without change. The time allowed for debate on this bill permitted Mr. Champ Clark, Democrat of Missouri, to make a characteristic speech upon the subject of the results. He withdrew all previous criticisms of the Senate and thanked God that it still remained a deliberative assembly. The action of the House to-day and yesterday he termed the most amazing and astounding performance ever witnessed on the continent. One feature of the Indian bill provoked much opposition, and was finally stricken out by unanimous consent before the bill was passed. This was the paragraph opening the gilsonite or asphalt lands in the Uncompahgre reservation, Utah, to entry under the mineral laws, which the Senate had added to the bill. Several resolutions were offered and agreed to make appropriations for mileage, stationery and pay of session employes immediately available.

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Rumors which recently reached the navy department affecting Commander Dennis W. Mullan, causing his detachment as commandant of the Pensacola navy yard several weeks ago, are to be investigated and for that purpose a court of inquiry, of which Capt. Norman S. Farquhar is the sole member and assistant judge advocate, Gen. Charles H. Louchheimer, U. S. M. C., is judge advocate, has been ordered from Washington to meet at the Pensacola navy yard next Thursday, 25th. The precise nature of the reports is not divulged, but they are said to relate to occurrences while the officer commanded the yard during the past year, which would seriously affect his standing, if verified. Commander Mullan was one of the heroes of the Samoan disaster, in March, 1889, when three United States vessels, the Trenton, Vandalia and Nipsic, and two German gunboats were forced upon the beach and ground to pieces. He was in command of the Nipsic and by a curious coincidence Captain Farquehar, who will now investigate the rumors concerning him, commanded the flagship Trenton at the time.

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Secretary Alger acted promptly to relieve the flood sufferers of the Mississippi Valley by the use of vessels belonging to the war department. Senator Cullom, of Illinois, presented the Secretary with an appeal this morning from the Mayor of Cairo, Ill., for Governmental assistance to save life and property. Secretary Alger at once telegraphed Major Handy, the engineer in charge of river work at St. Louis, and Col. Gillespie, the President of the Mississippi River Commission, directing them to have all Government boats sent to Cairo and to confer with the Mayor, Board of Trade and Circuit Judge Roberts as to the measures to be taken for relief.

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The attention of the Department of Agriculture has been drawn to a publication in Liverpool of alleged official information relative to mill takings from the cotton crop of 1896. Mr. Henry A. Robinson, statistician of the department, thinks it well for the public to know that no official information of the nature claimed has been given out. The nature and state of the work at the time of such publication also render it impossible that the assertions contained therein could have had any substantial foundation or any verification of value either public or private. In making this disclaimer Mr. Robinson does not wish to be understood as denying or affirming any of the Liverpool statements.

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The Treasury Department closed up with its accounts with Mr. Grover Cleveland Saturday. Secretary Gage signed a warrant in favor of Mr. Cleveland for $277.78, the balance due him on his salary as President, and it will be mailed him to Princeton, N. J., on Monday. This balance completes the $200,000 to which Mr. Cleveland was entitled for his four years services.

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The new Consul General at London, Mr. McK Osborne, is the first of the foreign appointees of the administration to enter upon his work. He took the oath of office at the State Department Saturday, and immediately began to accumulate the knowledge of his new office in the hope of being able to relieve Consul General Collins at the earliest possible moment. As soon as he can be made familiar with the routine he will leave for London.

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The Senate Committee on Indian Affairs ordered the free homestead bill to be favorably reported. The bill is practically the same measure which passed the Senate last session and which failed in the house because of the amendments made in the Senate.

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(Signed) "H. J. CRANDLEMIRE."

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The Week's Work of the National Law Makers.

CONSIDERABLE TARIFF TALK.

The Extraordinary Session Drags Along Continuously.

THE DAILY PROCEEDINGS

Noted in a Condensed and Interesting Style.—Some Important Matters are Receiving Careful Consideration.—Many Bills are Being Introduced.

SEVENTH DAY.

Senate.—The Senate spent only half an hour in open session to-day, the remainder of the time being given to the consideration of the arbitration treaty behind closed doors. The agricultural appropriation bill—one of the four money bills that failed at the last session—was reported back in the shape in which it passed the House last week and was placed on the calendar. It will be acted on at an early day.

The attack upon the civil service law and its administration, which distinguished yesterday's proceedings, was followed up to-day by the introduction of two bills, one by Mr. Allen, Populist of Nebraska, for the repeal and amendment of the law and of all executive orders issued under it; and the other by Mr. Pritchard, Republican of North Carolina, Chairman of the Committee on Civil Service and Retrenchment, modifying its application to the Government printing office.

House.—Large audiences in the galleries, and an unusually large attendance on the floor of the House of Representatives heard the third day's formal debate on the tariff bill. The principal speeches of the day were those of Messrs. Johnson, of North Dakota, Grosvenor, of Ohio, and Evans, of Kentucky, Republican members of the Committee on Ways and Means, in favor of the bill, and of McMillan, of Tennessee, the oldest Democratic member, against it. Other speakers were Messrs. Democrat of Tennessee; Williams, Democrat of Mississippi; Terry, Democrat of Arkansas; Sayers, Democrat of Texas, and Maddox, Democrat of Georgia, against the bill, and by Adams, Republican, of Massachusetts, in favor of it. The general debate will be closed to-morrow, when Russell, of Connecticut, Dalzell, of Pennsylvania, Steele, of Indiana, and Payne, of New York, Republican members of the Committee on Ways and Means, and Bailey, of Texas, the Democratic leader, will speak. The latter makes the formal closing for the minority, and Payne for the majority. Besides these, Messrs Hepburn, Republican of Iowa, and Richardson, Democrat of Tennessee, will speak.

Mr. Brownlow, Republican of Tennessee, introduced in the House a bill establishing a Department of Commerce, Labor and Manufacturers. The head is to be a Cabinet officer and the necessary clerical force is provided for.

Mr. Livingston, Democrat of Georgia, was the first speaker at to-night's session and indulged in a brief half hour's protest against the tariff bill.

The last speech of the evening was delivered by Mr. Oldfield, Republican of Pennsylvania, in support of the bill. He addressed six Representatives on the floor and a score of visitors in the galleries.

At 11 o'clock the committee rose and the House adjourned.

EIGHTH DAY.

Washington, D. C.—Among the bills introduced and referred was one by Mr. Tarsker, of Ohio, to provide a uniform organization of the artillery of the army.

Mr. Pasco presented in an amended form the credentials of John A. Henderson as Senator from the State of Florida under appointment by the Governor until the next meeting of the State Legislature in April next.

Twenty minutes past 12, on motion of Mr. Davis, Republican of Minnesota, Acting Chairman of the Committee on Foreign Relations, the Senate proceeded to the consideration of the arbitration treaty (with closed doors) of the arbitration treaty.

At 1 p. m. the doors were re-opened and the unfinished business—the bankrupt bill—was taken up, being read for amendment.

The reading of the bill occupied exactly an hour. Some formal amendments were offered by Mr. Hoar and were agreed to.

Mr. Nelson, Republican of Minnesota, offered a substitute for the bill, which was also read in full, and when it was concluded the Senate at 4:20 p. m. adjourned until Saturday.

House.—This was last day of general debate on tariff bill in the House of Representatives under the order adopted last week, but because Mr. Bailey's throat would not permit him to speak this afternoon, an agreement was made to give two hours to general debate just before taking the vote next Wednesday, which will be occupied by himself and Mr. Dingley.

The proceedings were unusually interesting and they were listened to generally by a large number of members and crowded galleries. Speeches against the bill were made by Messrs. Talbert, Democrat of South Carolina, Clark, Democrat of Missouri; Maguire, Democrat of California; Gunn, Populist of Idaho; Simpson, Populist of Kansas; Cox, Democrat of Tennessee; McRae, Democrat of Arkansas; Burke, Democrat of Texas; Lentz, Democrat of Ohio, and Dearmond, Democrat of Missouri; and its favor by Messrs. Tawney, Republican of Minnesota; Dalzell, Republican of Pennsylvania; Russell, Republican of Connecticut, and Payne, Republican of New York, members of the Committee on Ways and Means, and by Grow, Republican of Pennsylvania; Curtis, Republican of Kansas; Colson, Republican of Kentucky, and Hawley, Republican of Texas.

At 5 o'clock the House took a recess until 8 o'clock to-night, the night session to witness the last general debate, except two hours on Wednesday next, just prior to taking the vote on the bill.

NIGHT SESSION.

At the evening session the debate on the tariff bill was continued.

Mr. Skinner, Populist of North Carolina, in supporting the bill said that if for the past twenty-five years the South had been trying for protection as the North and East had, it would to-day be the most prosperous section of the country. The bill had its defects and he did not think it would bring prosperity without supplemental financial legislation. Revenue, in his opinion, sufficient to supply deficiencies could be sustained by reducing by one-third of the salaries of all Government employes or by a proper income tax.

Mr. Myers, Democrat of Louisiana, said that some of the duties inferred by the bill might be erroneous and excessive, but as a representative of Louisiana, representing a great and suffering interest he should support the sugar schedule.

A number of speeches were made by various members, and at 11 p. m. the House adjourned.

NINTH DAY.

Senate.—Mr. Morgan offered a resolution which was agreed to, directing the Attorney General to inform the Senate whether any and what agreement has been entered into by the President or any of the departments relating the the future disposition of the Union Pacific Railroad property, by sale or otherwise.

A resolution was offered by Mr. Lodge, Republican of Massachusetts, and was agreed to, calling for copies of all papers and correspondence, diplomatic or otherwise, on file in the State Department relating to the arrest and imprisonment in Cuba of two American sailors, Richelieu and Bilton.

A large number of bills were introduced, among them one by Mr. Quay, Republican of Pennsylvania, by request, to suppress pauperism, and by Mr. Cullom, Republican of Illinois, to promote aerial transportation.

At 12:50 the Senate on motion of Mr. Davis, Republican of Minnesota, went into executive session on the arbitration treaty. At 4 o'clock the Senate adjourned until Monday.

The consideration of the tariff bill under the five minute rule for the purpose of amendment which, as was expected would be strictly business, opened with the livelliest political contest of the session, lasting for nearly three hours. Preliminary to the main battle of the day there was a lively skirmish immediately after the House went into a committee of the whole and the Clerk instructed to begin reading the bill.

Promptly on the reading of the prefatory paragraph of the bill Mr. Dockery, Democrat of Missouri, offered an amendment authorizing the Secretary of the Treasury to admit free of duty any article, the production and price of which would be controlled by a trust in the United States.

Mr. Dingley, Chairmain of the Committee on Ways and Means, made the point that the amendment was not in order at that place, and Mr. Dalzell, Republican of Pennsylvania, that if it were in order as to time, Congress could not devolve on the Secretary a judicial duty such as that of determining whether or not a trust was in control of certain articles. This precipitated a debate, based on Democratic charges that Republicans favored the trusts and did not want to legislate against them. All of the leaders on both sides and some not recognized in that rank, took part. Charges and counter charges were bandied back and forth, and the record of the past seven years was searched to show the action of both parties on the subject of trusts. After nearly three hours of skirmishing, the question ostensibly being the point of order, General Henderson, Republican, of Iowa, appealed to both sides to put an end to it, saying that if 't was the desire to get through the bill in the time allotted for its consideration, "a mighty bad start had been made all around."

The point against the amendment was sustained by the chair, and on appeal his ruling was sustained—158 to 104.

Many other amendments having the same object to put articles controlled by trusts on the free list, were offered, and on objection by Mr. Dingley, all were ruled out of order.

In the course of the afternoon several changes of duty were made, among them being an increase of half a cent on the duty on carbonate of ammonia, an increase of from twenty-five to forty cents a pound on the duty on sulphuric ether, and increasing the duty on the products of pig lead from 2½ to 3 cents a pound.

At 5:15 p. m. the House adjourned until to-morrow at 10 o'clock, having disposed of nine and half pages of the 163 pages of the bill.

NINTH DAY.

House.—The House in Committee of the Whole progressed even more slowly in its consideration of the tariff bill to-day than yesterday. Having disposed of but five and a half pages against nine and a half the day before. This was the rate exactly one page an hour, and if the same rate should be maintained until the expiration of the period allotted for discussion by the order adopted last week, there will have been 31 of the 163 pages of the bill considered when the hour for the vote on its passage arrives. The dilatory method of handling the bill provoked Mr. Johnson, Republican of Indiana, to protest against the irrelevant discussion which impeded progress and in which members of the Committee on Ways and Means in charge of the bill indulged as well as Democrats and to ask Chairman Dingley if a change could not be made which would result in more rapid work. When the House entered upon its work this morning there was not a quorum present, as revealed by a vote, and there was a wait of fifteen minutes until 101 members appeared. The discussion took a wide range, covering the propositions that the foreigner pays the tax under a protective tariff; that a duty on hides would be more beneficial to the farmer than all the duties in the agricultural schedule; that pig iron can be produced in Alabama and Tennessee in competition with the North and foreign countries with a smaller duty than $4 a ton (although no motion was made to reduce it); that trusts are in the main beneficial to the consumer.

As a result of the days' work a few immaterial changes were made in the chemical and earths and earthenware schedules, proposed by the Committee on Ways and Means, and at 4:15 o'clock the House adjourned until next Monday at 10 a. m.

Damaged the Fruit.

Nashville, Tenn.—The frost and freeze has damaged the early fruit crop in many Middle Tennessee counties. The potato crop was also damaged. Wheat has not yet been injured, though the frost expected to-night, if heavy, will injure this crop. From most of the Middle Tennessee counties a severe freeze with ice and frost is reported to-day.

Several Fires Near Columbus.

Columbus, Ga.—Three houses were destroyed by fire in Girard Sunday afternoon. The loss aggregated $1,500 and it was partially covered by insurance. W. E. Scott owned two of the houses. Sunday morning fire destroyed a dwelling in Phoenix City, owned by M. E. Edward. A house on Ninth Street was also slightly damaged by fire.

Furnace to Start Up.

Florence, Ala.—The Sheffield Coal, Iron & Steel Company will light the fires in their big No. 2 furnace at Sheffield Wednesday evening. Maj. A. W. Wills, of Nashville, President of the Company, intended to put this furnace

Big Wheat Crop in Sequachee.

Dunlap, Tenn.—This county has a larger area planted to wheat than ever before, and it is in splendid condition. The crop in the Sequachee Valley this season will be the largest ever known.

The handle factory at Bridgeport, Ala., is being overhauled and will be in operation by April 15. President Nixon has large orders for handles from England and Sweden.

The Avondale Cotton Mills filed their articles of incorporation in the office of the Probate Judge at Birmingham last Friday. The capital stock is placed at $500,000, and the incorporators are David Trainer, Chester, Pa.; M. V. Joseph, N. E. Barker, W. J. Milner, F. Y. Anderson, Rufus N. Rhodes, B. F. Roden, Robert Jemison, B. Steiner and R. B. Comer, of Birmingham. All the local incorporators are well-known and influential citizens, while Mr. Trainer is a wealthy and practical cotton manufacturer. These mills are the big cotton mills which Birmingham has been figuring on securing for the past year. Birmingham citizens took $150,000 of the stock, while capitalists from abroad subscribed the balance. Already the work of surveying the site, located near Avondale, just out of Birmingham's corporate limits, has begun, and ground will b broken on the foundation in a few days. The main building of the plant will be 286 feet long by 130 feet wide. The mills will be in operation not later than December 1 next. The buildings will cost $100,000, all of which money will be spent in Birmingham within the next few months.

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There has never been a time when there was greater need for a system in this country than the present. The sense of insecurity felt in banks in many cities and towns, and the terrorism of the burglar and highwayman, combine to make the life of the saving man a burden. He turns to the safety deposit vaults; but it is expensive to pay rent there, and so he is either compelled to spend a portion of his savings or keep them about his home or person, either of which he feels is unsafe.

How natural it is for the people to turn to the government at such times, is suggested in a recent newspaper interview had with Postmaster Washington Hesing of this city. Mr. Hesing emphatically favored the postal savings system, and to illustrate its needs related the following experience: "The panic, you know, was in 1893. In 1894 I became postmaster, and I had an opportunity to observe that numbers of people had withdrawn their money from the banks and other places of deposit and had purchased money orders with it payable to themselves. As soon as the flurry was over and a feeling of confidence was in some degree restored the orders began to come in. Many hundreds of thousands of dollars were thus banked, as it were, with the department. Any one can see what an advantage it would be to the public to have been able to deposit small amounts of money at any place by producing a book, and to be able to withdraw it in the same manner at any point, however remote."

In 1861 Great Britain adopted the postal savings bank system. In the following year the deposits amounted to more than $8,000,000. In 1890 they exceeded $338,000,000. In 1867 Canada, with a scattering population of 5,000,000 put the system into force. June 30, 1895, there were 120,628 depositories with $27,000,000, to their credit. Other countries make showings quite as favorable.

The farmer is especially interested in the postal savings banks. How many millions might to day be in them to the credit of American farmers had they been established, as they ought, years ago, no one may compute. But all should unite in securing the establishment of the system now.

Instead of the government's going out of the banking business, as is demanded by the bankers, there is a growing sentiment in favor of its taking complete control of the financial and currency system of the nation.

NOTES AND COMMENT.

Snap Shots Taken at the Passing Procession.

If we are to judge from the wail that comes up from the gilded saloons of plutocracy, the stupendous crime of Populism is its socialistic tendencies. The fact seems to be overlooked that government itself is socialism, and the best institutions of the land are conducted on the socialistic plane.

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There is socialism and socialism. The animal man is in part a socialistic creature and possesses at the same time an individualism that incites him to great personal effort. In all that pertains to the home one's individualism predominates. Few people live in boarding houses from choice. One of the strongest desires of the human family is to own a home.

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To make home the one resting place of our lives; to adorn and beautify it; to plant flowers and shrubbery and create shady bowers is the individualism in the human heart. But many things there are that can be better done collectively. The first step towards socialism is government. In a Republic, everything that government (the people) does is socialistic.

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Our school system is the perfection of socialism along that line. Our public road system is socialistic and the postoffice system is a living monument of the beauties of socialism. The great trouble is that few people who use the word socialism do so without a full understanding of its meaning. Some use it in connection with the word anarchism, when as a matter of fact they mean exactly the opposite of each other. Anarchism means no government at all, and is the extreme of individualism, while socialism means government by all and for all without favoritism.

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There are those who, in our opinion, go to the extreme in socialism, as some people go to the extreme in everything. The socialism of the People's party is not extreme, but it is rather in the direction of a social democracy. The most that any Populist claims is the public ownership of all public utilities, and this is more than the platform demands. But whatever may be said the logic of events is rapidly driving the world to the acceptance of enough socialism to own and operate the more important of the public utilities.

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A St. Louis chemist claims he can make gold out of clay. Another chemist claims he can make gold out of silver. Suppose that such a thing could be done, and gold would be sold on the streets for seventeen cents a bushel. Would the men who have drawn up their contracts payable in gold want to repudiate them? Would they want gold demonetized? And if they did, wouldn't they be repudiators? If it is dishonest to want to evade the payment of a debt in dear dollars, is it not just as dishonest to want to refuse to take payment in the "dollar of the contract" as expressly stipulated by the creditor himself, and put "in the bond" in black and white?

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Such an occurrence would be a blessing to humanity. It would be an object lesson that would open the eyes of the people where generations of misery, mountains of anguish and rivers of tears have failed. Gold would have as much real intrinsic value when its commercial value was only seventeen cents per bushel as it has now. A ring would look just as nice; it would do just as well to fill teeth, and more could use it; and—well, yes, it could be used just as well for money then as now, but its volume would have to be limited by law and common sense instead of as now, by chance.

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We sometimes compare the government of England unfavorably with our own, but as a matter of fact the English government is better in some respects, and not much worse in any than that which now obtains in the United States. Great Britain has a civil service system which should make us blush when compared with our "to the victor belong the spoils," and the devil-take-the-hindmost plan of rotation in office. Great Britain has postal savings banks and government telegraphs that protect her people from robbery by criminal corporations. Her postal system provides for carrying parcels at reasonable prices and the express companies are compelled to meet those prices.

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And the queen has not as much power as the president of the United States, or the speaker of the house of representatives. Parliament may be prorogued or adjourned, but the people may re-elect the same or another. The house of lords is hereditary, but even in that respect it has the advantage of our senate. If a man is a born fool or rascal he is a lord nevertheless, but all lords are not born that way and they hold for life, where in the United States senate, if an honest man does happen to break into it the combined powers of darkness spare no effort to get him out. The English house of lords represents an autocracy of blood; the United States senate represents an autocracy of corporate wealth. The English house of lords is perhaps the worst feature in the British government, save its financial system, and in both of these respects our own government, as now administered, is not much better.

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It is surprising how wonderfully honest and economical some of our wise scions become at times. One of the reasons given for the passage of the bill to permit the national bankers to have the use of $23,000,000 more on the bonds now deposited with the comptroller was that it would increase the revenues of the government 230 thousand dollars. This would come from the one per cent tax on the circulation. It was urged that this would be saved to the people. There was nothing said about the banks loaning this money out at 8 per cent which would bring them $1,840,000 per annum, and it would be collected off the people. That is to say the banks would make a clear profit of $1,610,000. Or in other words the people would spend $1,840,000 in order to save $230,000. Isn't that brilliant statesmanship? Yet it is the kind we have been having for the past thirty years.

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Now if this amount of money was loaned the people at one per cent and thereby enable them to save the $1,610,000, there would be some sense in it. But that would be "anarchy," "socialism," or something else terrible, and every notorious note shaver and usurer in the broad land would have a fit. Commenting on this subject the Missouri World says:

"Now, if the government would establish postal savings banks and loan the same amount direct to the people at a rate of, say 3 per cent per annum, the revenue to Uncle Sam would be about 700 thousand dollars. After deducting sufficient to pay all the expenses the remainder could be turned into the national treasury and taxes reduced to the extent of the net profit. If, as Van Voorhis and his associates argue, it is a good thing for the government to loan money at 1 per cent to the national banks, would it not be a much better thing for the people and the government to loan it direct to the borrower at 3 per cent? The government would derive more revenue and the people would have less taxes to pay and be able to secure money at a reasonable rate. Give us government banks and abolish the vicious national banking system."

W. S. MORGAN.

The best speech that McKinley ever made was when he told the office hunters to "go home and wait."

THE CURSE OF GOLD.

EFFECT OF SINGLE STANDARD UPON THE MASSES.

The Overproduction Theory and the Absurdity of It — The Independent Farmer Has Become a Hopeless Toiler —Something Wrong.

Judge O. W. Powers in Chicago Record: What is the matter? Poverty is increasing. With increasing poverty there is more crime. Suicides are more frequent and despair is displacing hope. The wealth of the world is drifting under the control of the few. Department stores are ruining the small shop keepers. Syndicates manipulate our industries. The independent farmer has become a hopeless toiler. The day laborer sees nothing ahead but a hand-to-hand struggle.

Something is wrong.

The days are just as long, the soil is just as productive, the sun shines just as brightly and the rains are just as refreshing. Our housewives are far more economical and the opportunities for bettering our condition should not not be fewer.

Still, prices are falling. Real estate is a poor investment. Business enterprises end oftener in receiverships than profits. Mortgages are being foreclosed and deficiency judgments entered. The courts are busy running bankrupt railroads at the instance of bondholders. Money at interest at three per cent is more profitable than in employing labor in industrial enterprises. The nation is a constant borrower, and, although taxes are an excessive burden from the national government down to our municipalities, the public revenue is insufficient.

This sort of thing has been going on for more than twenty years.

Unless things change there is no certainty for the future but universal bankruptcy.

The excuse given for the deplorable state of affairs by those who advocate the gold standard is that there has been overproduction. In other words, we have been made poor by reason of having too much wealth. People are starving because they have too much to eat. Railroads are going into bankruptcy because they have too large crops to move. Men are in rags because the sheep have produced too much wool.

The conditions that exist are these: All men would like to have on hand plenty of flour. From the gold men's statistics the supply of wheat seems to be adequate. The men who own the wheat would like to exchange it for money, but the people who need the wheat have no money to give in exchange. Real estate has fallen in value until no one can readily tell what it is worth. There are numberless people who would like to own homes, and there are plenty of people who would like to sell land. But the people who want homes cannot raise the money to exchange for the land, and the result is very unsatisfactory to both parties. There are hundreds of thousands of industrious men and women who would like to make exchange of their labor for money, in order to exchange the money thus received for things which they really need, but the owners of money cannot find profitable investments upon a falling market, and hence hoard it in banks or loan it at interest and the working men and the working women go without employment. Horses are ridiculously cheap, and many people would prefer riding to walking. The men who own the horses need money and would like to sell, but the mass of the people keep on tramping, for some could not afford a horse, even if he could be purchased for two bits.

We have, then, plenty of labor which is seeking a market. We have manifold opportunities awaiting the touch of money to spring into beneficent life. We have an ample supply of the necessities of life, and yet, with bursting granaries there are needed more pauper houses. With ample wealth on every hand there is a demand for more policemen to club down crime born of squalor and misery.

On the other hand, gigantic fortunes have been accumulated in the hands of a few people. While hundreds of thousands suffer, it is possible for a Whitney, through the magic of his wealth, to transfer 7,000 acres of wild land into a pleasure garden for his children in less than twenty days. Impecunious lords of the old world have no difficulty in exchanging their titles for the daughters of our millionaires, while many honest workingmen cannot sell their labor at any price. The beneficiaries of this vicious condition insist that it shall continue upon the false plea of "honest money." The peculiar advantages which they secure may be the real reason why they denounce their suffering fellow-countrymen as "anarchists," and violently rail because a cry of distress sometimes rings above the chink of their gold. As other people suffer they gain. The distress of the government is their source of profit.

He'd Be Crazy.

What would you think of a business man who would unnecessarily issue interest-bearing notes against himself, and an interest, too, which would be greater than the entire profits of the business? And especially when the people with whom he dealt were perfectly willing to take non-interest bearing notes as long as said notes were redeemable in any goods or chattels the merchant might have in his store? He'd be a crazy merchant, wouldn't he? Well, it's down just such a ruinous and idiotic path the bankers and goldbugs want to keep this nation stumbling along.—Uncle Sam.

GLOVE MAKING IN AMERICA.

The Industry of Fulton County, New York and Its Importance.

The statement made recently by an importer of gloves that the United States plays an unimportant part in that line has brought the American manufacturers to the front with a statement which shows that the industry is a large one and that thousands of people are engaged in it. In the report prepared by Congressman Lucius N. Littauer for the Committee on Ways and Means, showing the industries of Fulton County, the following figures appear: Men employed in factories making gloves and mittens, 4,000; women employed in the same factories, 7,000; women empolyed making gloves in their homes, 2,000. To these people $5,400,000 is paid annually in wages, and the sales amount to $12,000,000. The capital invested is upward of $5,500,000.

In addition to the glove industry Fulton County is a headquarters for glove leather, employing about 2,000 people in its manufacture who receive per year $1,050,000 for their work. The centre of the industry is Gloversville, although Johnstown, Mayfield, Northville, Broadalbin and other nearby places contribute largely to the production. Gloves have been made in that locality for over fifty years, and Mr. Littauer, in speaking of the business, said:

"The manufacture of gloves at Gloversville, in a place rather far from the commercial centres, sometimes surprises people, but we who have seen the development of the industry can readily account for it. The place was a centre years ago for the pedlers who sold their wares in the Adirondack region. They took deer skins in exchange for many of their goods, and these they brought to the little village of Gloversville, where the hides were dressed and tanned, and then they were cut and made up into gloves by the women and children. The home-made articles were disposed of again by the very men who brought the raw skins from the shores of Saranac Lake.

"The village was still small and difficult of access when its products were known all over the country, and gradually machinery supplanted the primitive manufacturing outfits, factories took the places of shops, and the hamlet, to which a stage came once every week from the nearest railroad town, grew to be a city of 18,000 inhabitants."

The best glove-makers and the most improved glove-making machinery drifted towards Gloversville, and although the supply of material is no longer the Adirondack region, leather gloves of all grades and description are still made there from stock which now comes principally from Central America

A large business is done in Gloversville making gloves for the workingmen "This is the only country in which the workingman's wages and standard of living are such," said Mr. Littauer, "that he can afford to wear a pair of gloves to protect his hands from hard usage at work."—New York Tribune.

The Doll as a Symbol.

The Indians of New Mexico are famous weavers. Incidentally to the business of making large blankets for the real folks, the good mother turns out some little blankets for her children's dolls.

Among the Indians it seems to be quite usual to bury dolls with children. The custom apparently is of great antiquity, for such manikins are often found in old graves in that region. The same practice is followed in parts of Africa, and to some extent it is pursued by the Africans in the United States. In the cemeteries of colored people in the South not only dolls, but all sorts of playthings that belonged to the dead child are placed upon the grave and permitted to remain there. Available facts are scant about the dolls of the savage tribes of the Amazons, who are the nakedest people in the world, many of them wearing no clothes whatever. Perhaps they have no dolls. The natives of Terra del Fuego certainly possess no dolls. They have no art of any kind, their entire attention being constantly absorbed by the very difficult problem of procuring food for a day ahead.

In Europe the business of making dolls is an important and extensive industry. You can purchase in Italy for a few dollars a set of dolls accurately representing all classes of the people, with the whole scheme of national costume. The same may be said of China, India and Japan, in all of which countries the dollmaker plays an important role. The Chinese are very fond of dolls representing mandarins. In Japan you can get dolls illustrating every class, profession and rank from the Mikado down to the humblest peasant. The costumes for Japanese plays, such as Gilbert & Sullivan's "Mikado," are always obtained from dolls. Thus they are sure to be correct in every detail.

Utilizing Water Power.

According to present indications, the waterfalls and rapids in the country will some day be utilized as a generator of electricity. The latest achievement in the way of utilizing power is throwing a large wing dam across the St. Lawrence at the Lachine Rapids. This dam runs out something more than a thousand feet into the river, and takes in an immense body of water. The entire length of the dam is to be occupied by a power-house with an unbroken interior of at least a thousand feet. A large number of minor streams are being used for similar purposes. With a good fall, a force sufficient to run a good-sized dynamo may easily be secured.

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THE United States supreme court has rendered a decision that all railroad traffic associations are illegal.

JEMISON is in the throes of a municipal contest which culminates next Monday. Two tickets are in the field, one headed by S. M. Adams, the other by Mr. Patten.

MR. Thos. Plowman was reported very sick in Washington a few days since, but is now better. He has appointed his son Claud as his clerk.

A CYCLONE struck the town of Chandler, Oklahoma Tuesday evening, killing forty-five persons and injuring 150 others. The storm broke without warning and nearly every building in the town was wrecked.

THE National Bimetallist, which figured so largely in the late campaign, has been revived under the same management and is now published at Washington, D. C., subscription one dollar a year. We hope it will meet with the greatest success.

THE floods in the Mississippi valley are the worst ever known in the history of the country. Levees are broken in numbers of places and miles upon miles of country are under water, houses swept away, stock drowned, while the loss of human life cannot at present be ascertained.

THE Birmingham State-Herald seems to be in some trouble, the directors having met and elected a new president and general manager, at which the incumbent is vigorously kicking. On the other hand the Montgomery Journal is hinting, it (the Journal) may be greatly improved within sixty days. Is the chief newspaper support of Governor Johnston's administration to be transferred to the capitol city?

WHILE President McKinley has decided that recent Republican converts must not expect "pie," Governor Johnston has concluded to try its efficacy, and has appointed J. D. Deramus tax commissioner of Autauga county. Mr. Deramus is supposed to have been a Populist, but we doubt very much if he was ever deeply imbued with the true faith.

BIRMINGHAM has a school tax which is unconstitutional and can not be enforced. Nevertheless the L. & N. Railroad company recognizing the fact that the schools needed money voluntarily paid over $600 last week, just in the same way as if the tax could legally have been demanded. This speaks well for one corporation.

HON. W. J. BRYAN, when informed by his publishers that $16,000 was due him in royalties on the first month's sale of his book "The First Battle," instructed them to forward one-half of the amount to the following persons to promote the cause of bimetallism in their respective parties: Senator Jones $4,500 who will use it through the Democratic party; Mr. Warner $1500 through the National Bimetallic Union; Senator Allen $1500 for advancement of the cause through the Populist party, and Senator Teller $500 through the silver Republicans. Mr. Bryan based the division upon the fact that he received four and a half million votes from the Democrats, one and a half million from the Populists, half a million from the silver Republicans, while at the same time most effective work of a non-partisan character was performed by the National Bimettallic Union.

In 1898 it now seems certain the republicans will be overwhelmingly defeated, while it is by no means certain that the populists will not be the victors, instead of democrats. In every section of the country the people are realizing that it is useless to look to the old parties for reform, and the populists are making rapid strides and gaining with remarkable progress. If every populist would stick and work, a victory would be easy. A strong and determined fight is all that is needed.—Monitor.

There is no doubt now but what a great mistake was made when the farmers of the country allowed the Alliance to languish and die.

It is useless to cry over spilt milk and now the only thing to do as we see it, is to go to work and re organize it. This can only be done by hard, energetic work on the part of those who now see their mistake. Now while on this subject we want to suggest that some ten or twelve good sound Alliance men write out and sign a call for all those who are strong in the faith, to meet at some central point in the county, and let them take such steps as is necessary to again put the Alliance on its feet. The country was never in a worse fix, and the people never in a better humor to take hold of this matter, so let us put the ball to rolling, the sooner the better.—Southern Alliance.

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The Populist of the house and senate held a joint caucus Monday at which an address was issued defining the position of the People's Party on the tariff bill. The address declares that the pending tariff measure in the house is for the purpose of side tracking real and vital issues, and that lack of revenue is not the defect in the bill (the Wilson bill), as it was passed by congress, but resulted from a decision of the supreme court which declared the income tax to be unconstitutional. They also assert: "We do not regard the Dingley bill as a revenue measure. It seems to us designed by the republican party to create such a tariff agitation as will direct the attention of the people from the misery they suffer from a contraction of money and the rule of monopolies."

Two years ago R. J. Warren, a druggist at Pleasant Brook, N. Y., bought a small supply of Chamberlain's Cough Remedy. He sums up the result as follows: "At that time the goods were unknown in this section; to-day Chamberlain's Cough Remedy is a household word." It is the same in hundreds of communities. Where ever the good qualities of Chamberlain's Cough Remedy become known the people will have nothing else. For sale by J. S. Johnson, Druggist.

Workmen as Contractors.

A system of public work that has much to commend it is that of "Co-operative Contract," in vogue in New Zealand. Under that system a public work is divided into small sections by the engineer in charge, and an estimate is made of its cost. Each section is then let out to workmen with foreman of their own choosing, but who receives no more than his fellows. They obtain the full profit which would otherwise go to professional contractors, and they share the payment equally. Each worker is interested in seeing that his companions do their full amount of work, and the sooner the job is performed the greater the return for a day's work. If any tools are needed which the men do not own, the government supplies them at a moderate rental. The adoption of this system should provide a method whereby direct employment by the government would be consistent with a full return for the money expended, giving to the community an advantage in the economical execution of public enterprises equal to that enjoyed by private employers.—From "Public Work directly Performed," by Sylvester Baxter, in April Review of Reviews.

New Salem.

The farmers of this section are getting along nicely with their work; all are done planting corn; some planted cotton last week.

We are sorry to say that Mr. Monroe Martin is on the sick list.

Miss Nolia Littleton was very busy last Sunday entertaining her many friends, among whom were Misses Docia and Gracie Martin.

Mr. Will Martin visited friends at this place Sunday.

Miss Cora Hill visited Mr. Caine and family Sunday.

Miss Dora Thacker visited her sister Mrs Pierce at Strasburg Saturday.

Mr. Korell Littleton is spending a few days with friends at Jemison

SCHOOL GIRL.

Broken Chain

The family circle is never so happy after the chain is broken and a link taken. Some family chains are strong, others weak. Have you a good family history? Or is there a tendency to coughs, throat or bronchial troubles, weak lungs? Has a brother, sister, parent or near relative had consumption? Then your family chain is weak. Strengthen it. Take SCOTT'S EMULSION of Cod-liver Oil with Hypophosphites. It makes rich blood, gives strength and vigor to weak lungs and run-down constitutions. With its aid the system throws off acute coughs and colds. It prevents the chain from breaking.

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Political Pointers.

People's Press Bureau, St. Louis, Mo., March 31, 1897.

Secretary of Agriculture Wilson and his chief assistant have been having themselves interviewed and by this means have notified the farmers that "over-production" is at the bottom of all of their ills. "Diversity of crops," stated in a manner so ambiguous as to lead the reader to suspect that the worthy gentleman is under the impression that hides, eggs and wool are matured on bushes, is also advised. "If this year's crops had been only one-half of what they are the farmers would have twice as much money," is one of the gems of thought thrown off by the wheels of this McKinley windwill.

Senator Allen has offered a bill making it an offense punishable with fine and imprisonment for any one to be found in or around the capitol endeavoring to influence legislation against the lobbyists.

The new tariff bill is based on protection and will create a tax on the consumer of several hundred millions. Mr. Dingley referred to the bill as "a measure to encourage the stricken industries" and said, "The better class of importers have united with the manufacturers and administrants of the law in asking for this." Bailey, of Texas, led the opposition on the ground that the bill was not for revenue only, but levied an increased tax on the consumer "for the purpose of inducing men to establish unprofitable industries, or industries which can only be made profitable by compelling the consumer to pay exorbitant prices." Mr. Bell, Populist leader on this bill, said: "The difference in principle between this bill and the Wilson bill is the difference between tweedle-dee and tweedle-dum." He further stated that statiticians had proved that 6 per cent ad valorem would cover the difference in the cost of labor, but the ad valorum of this bill will approach 50 per cent.

The Finance committee will investigate the effect of the proposed tariff on the trusts.

House leaders look gloomily forward to a long session, perhaps continuing through July.

A majority of the senate is in favor of the arbitration committee, provided that three amendments calling for the ratification of all members by the senate, striking out the constituting of the supreme judges as members of the proposed arbitration tribunal, and the elimination of the umpire feature, are embodied in the treaty.

Foreign newspapers, notably the English and German are not so vociferous in their praises of President McKinley since he has shown symptoms of returning to his protection mania. They openly confess though that they prefer the tariff horn of the dilemna to silver coinage. Since the administration went in and will be followed up along lines to please the foreign investor we will doubtless have tariff laws that will not militate against foreign capital and will please that portion of the American people who have not yet learned that self-taxation can not produce prosperity.

The republicans see in Pingree's notoriety and popularity elements that make him a man they may need, by and by, so his name is being mentioned in connection with the vice presidency in 1900. Mark Hanna is quoted as approving. We credit the Michigan governor with having too much penetration not to know that all the potato patches in creation can not keep him solid with the masses if he is to be damned with Hanna's approval.

The judiciary have contributed their usual quota to current history during the past week. A certain Judge Linn created discord at the meeting held at Cooper Union, New York City, to express approval of the arbitration treaty, by remarking that he must object to the alleged arbitration treaty because it violated all of the principles of arbitration. He was promptly suppressed.

The Texas Reform Press Association will meet at Lampassas in May.

A. R.

CORRESPONDENCE.

[We are willing to publish our subscribers views at any time, but it must be distinctly understood we do not hold ourselves responsible for these opinions.—EDITOR.]

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Jemison, March 29, '97.

Editor BANNER: Chilton county, amid oppressive hardtimes, aspires to noble efforts. Clantonians are rejoicing in the refulgence already discovered in their choice little town under the influence and the work of the incorporation. The next move on the chess board of refinement, prosperity, education and general get up and push, will be the incorporation of Jemison (the town of churches and schools) into a school district. Now that the Hon. S. M. Adams has been nominated for mayor (and he will surely be elected) we consider that a sure sign of success. We who have known him over a quarter of a century—yes, from his boyhood—can appreciate his zeal and worthy efforts. Without a father to guide and educate him, he had the courage and true manhood to battle with every opposition that confronted him. At the sacrifice of a high education, that noble boy labored for his beloved widowed mother and orphan sisters. Thus our Sam, as we call him, has risen amid one care after another to points of honor and distinction, too well known to claim explanation. Somebody over there says; "Adams was a minister and went off into politics." Good Lord send more preachers into politics and business, not politics in preachers. In every step Brother Adams has made on his life journey he has sorely felt the sting of illiteracy. Thus we see him putting his soul into the grand work of education. He will stand by his convictions and die at his post, while a richly merited reward awaits him.

MRS. IRA CAMPBELL.

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Mrs. A. Inveen, residing at 720 Henry St., Alton, Ill., suffered with sciatic rheumatism for over eight months. She doctored for it nearly the whole of this time, using various remedies recommended by friends, and was treated by the physicians, but received no relief. She then used one and a half bottles of Chamberlain's Pain Balm, which effected a complete cure. This is published at her request as she wants others similarly afflicted to know what cured her. The 25 and 50 cent sizes for sale by J. S. Johnson, Druggist.

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Strasburg.

We are glad to state the farmers of this section section are just about done planting corn. Everything seems to be moving along finely.

Mr. R. C. Collins, of Birmingham, has come down to Strasburg to spend a few days with his father and mother.

Mr. P. H. Rasberry has returned home from Montgomery to spend a few days.

PLOW BOY.

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Two Lives Saved.

Mrs. Phœbe Thomas, of Junction City, Ill., was told by her doctors she had Consumption and that there was no hope for her, but two bottles of Dr. King's New Discovery completely cured her and she says it saved her life. Mr. Thos. Eggers, 139 Florida St., San Francisco, suffered from a dreadful cold, approaching Consumption, tried without result everything else then bought one bottle of Dr. King's New Discovery and in two weeks was cured. He is naturally thankful. It is such results, of which these are samples, that prove the wonderful efficacy of this medicine in Coughs and Colds. Free trial bottles at J. S. Jonson, Jr., Drug Store. Regular size 50c and $1.00.

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Turn-Round Topics.

Nothing pleased me more than reading the communication from Mr. J. C. Pattillo, of Nashville, Tenn. I had not the least idea THE BANNER ever reached him, but glad am I to know that my contributions are read with interest by my good old and highly esteemed friend in Nashville.

We are glad to report that Mr. H. Kendrick is able to knock about his farm. He and wife visited their daughter, Mrs. Daisy Connell, of Hardy's Plain, Sunday.

Mr. Will Taylor has caught the boss cat-fish this season—it weighed 45lbs.

Mr. E. A. Norris and wife and Mr. Paul Jones and Miss Sallie Norris had a very pleasant time at the Turn-Round last Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. E. T. Connell spent Sunday with Mr. J. N. Connell.

Rev. E. L. Manning and daughter, Miss Eilen, paid Friendship a visit Sunday.

OLD STONEWALL.

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Loweville Locals.

Farmers have taken advantage of the last few bright days and have been quite busy planting corn.

Some of Loweville young people visited Lomax last Sunday afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. Plon Bean of Jemison are now boarding at Mr. F. R. Woodyard's. Mr. Bean is here on the purpose of moulding brick, we welcome them to our midst.

Mr. Jesse Motes visited here Sunday evening.

Mr. and Mrs. F. R. Woodyard visited Lomax last Sunday.

Messrs. Sampey, Mullins and Stanfield visited Loweville last week.

Mr. and Mrs. Will Wells visited their daughter, Mrs. Rainwater, at Kincheon, last Sunday.

Mr. E. H. Lowe, of Jemison, visited here Sunday.

We are glad to see Mrs. Reese out again after a few days illness.

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NOTICE.

I shall make application to His Excellency, the Governor of Alabama, to remit the fine assessed against me at the Fall Term 1896 of the Circuit Court of Chilton county, for a violation of the prohibition law.

R. A. MILLER.

March 26, 1897.

Sheriff's Sale.

By virtue of an execution issued out of the Circuit Court of Chilton County, and State of Alabama, and to me directed, whereby I am commanded to make the amount of a certain judgment recently obtained against Jonifer Headley out of the goods, chattels, lands and tenements of the said Jonifer Headley, I have levied on the following property, to-wit: West half of north-west quarter of south-west quarter of section twenty-five township twenty-one range fourteen and north-east quarter of south-east quarter section twenty six township twenty-one range fourteen and north half of north-east quarter of section fourteen township twenty range fourteen.

Therefore, according to said command I shall expose for sale, at Public vuction, all the right, title and interest of the above named Jonifer Headley in and to the above described property, on

MONDAY, APRIL 26th, 1897.

during the legal hours of sale, at the Court House door in Clanton, Chilton County, Alabama.

Dated at Clanton, Ala., this 23rd day of March, 1897.

J. T. COOLEY,
Sheriff Chilton County, Alabama.

Mortgage Sale.

Under and by virtue of a mortgage executed to the undersigned by Ed Sutton and his wife, Amy Sutton on the 27th day of January, 1893, and recorded on page 428 of Book 28 of records of mortgages in the office of the Judge of Probate of Chilton County, Alabama, I will proceed to sell on Monday the 12th day of April, 1897, in front of the court house door in the town of Clanton, Alabama, between the legal hours of sale the following described property to-wit: the se¼ of the ne¼ Section 23, Township 23 of Range 12, in Chilton county, Alabama.

MARY F. OAKLEY, Mortgagee.
W. W. LAVENDER, Atty.

Final Proof Notice.

Notice No. 18883.
Land Office at Montgomery, Ala.
Feb. 17, 1897.

Notice is hereby given that the following-named settler has filed notice of his intention to make final proof in support of his claim and that said proof will be made before Register or Receiver of the United States Land Office, at Montgomery, Ala., on April 6th, 1897, viz: Sidney J. Miller, Homestead entry, No. 22,275 & 23,250, for the n½ of nw¼-4, n½ of ne¼-4 section 18 tp 20 n r 11 e, Thomas H. Wright, Homestead entry, No. 26,500, for the w½ of se¼ 4, n½ of sw¼-4 section 12 tp 20 n r 10 e.

He names the following witnesses to prove his continuous residence upon and cultivation of, said land, viz: T. H. Wright, of Chadwick, Ala., L. B. Creek, of Chadwick, Ala., L. R. Friday, of Morrowville, Ala., S. J. Miller, of Stanton, Ala., G. W. Harrison, Chadwick Ala.

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TOWN ITEMS

Commissioners' Court meets second Monday in February, first Monday in April, second Monday in May, second Monday in July, second Monday in August, and first Monday in November.

Clinton Cotton Market.

Price to-day 6½ cents.
Bales received to-date:

Sampey	1993
Malins	1019
Wilson	462
	3473

Seed sugarcane for sale by Berry Knight, Lomax.

Mr. T. J. Arnold went to Montgomery on business Friday.

Mr. O. A. Duke, of Dothan, Ala., was in Clinton this week.

WANTED 50 bushels Peas by G. H. Green, Clinton.

Hon. L. H. Reynolds was in Clinton Monday.

Mr. L. D. Popwell went to Montgomery last Friday.

Dr. and Mrs. Stewart went to Montgomery yesterday.

Mr. Durword Fochee was among friends in Clinton Sunday.

Rev. Mr. Dennis preached from his pulpit to a large audience Sunday morning and night.

Dr. W. E. Stewart escorted his mother to Birmingham last Saturday.

The "Box Social" came off last Friday night at Mr. Merritt's and was quite a success, and the most pleasant occasion of anything that the Clinton people have had for some time. Those who failed to attend may well express their regret at not doing so. The amount raised was $13.

Rev. T. B. Haynie and family, who for the last two years have been living at Gate City, Ala., have returned to live in Clinton, moving into the John Stanfield house.

Mr. Bob Goodwin, of Anniston, has been visiting relatives here this week.

200 Hens wanted at once. Highest market price given for Eggs at G. H. GREEN'S store, Clinton.

Mr. Fox Maull, of Elmore, was in Clinton yesterday.

This morning the north bound mail was two hours late. Just before it arrived at Clanton a tree was blown across the track about 300 yards below the depot. Fortunately it was observed to fall and the track was cleared before No. 2 got here.

Miss Lela Parker, of Columbiana, is visiting Mrs. W. T. Callen.

A ripple of pleasant excitement was visible in town yesterday afternoon when two buggies from the south came rapidly into town. Two gallant gentlemen assisted their beautiful lady companions to alight and at once proceeded to the court house where the services of Judge Honeycutt were secured to make man and wife Mr. M. A. Pinson, a rising young business man of Verbena, and Miss Ruth Gardner, a belle of the same town. We congratulate the happy pair and wish them a full measure of domestic felicity.

Saw mill men, ginners, and others needing mill machinery can find no better manufacturers than the DeLoach Mill Manufacturing company of Atlanta, Ga. They are proprietors of the largest saw mill manufactory in the world and are noted for the excellence of their machinery. If in need of anything in their line we can furnish you with some very desirable information. Address THE BANNER, Clanton, Ala.

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Marriage licenses have been granted this week by the Probate Judge to the following persons.

Mr. Elijah Moats and Miss Rhoda Mims; Mr. E. C. Freeman and Miss Mattie L. Nix; Mr. M. A. Pinson and Miss Ruth Gardner.

Colored. C. F. Brown and Lula B. Wallace.

Heavy rain is falling this morning accompanied by lightning and thunder.

Mr. J. P. Haynes is visiting Wetumpka this week.

Hard times means low prices. We understand this and are giving you goods at rock bottom prices at G. H. GREEN'S store, Clanton.

Americans are the most inventive people on earth. To them have been issued nearly 600,000 patents, or more than one third of all the patents issued in the world. No discovery of modern years has been of greater benefit to mankind than Chamberlain's Colic, Cholera and Diarrhœa Remedy, or has done more to relieve pain and suffering. J. W. Vaughn, of Oakton, Ky., says: "I have used Chamberlain's Colic, Cholera and Diarrhœa Remedy in my family for several years, and find it to be the best medicine I ever used for cramps in the stomach and bowels. For sale by J. S. Johnson, Druggist.

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Notice No. 18882.
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Notice is hereby given that the following named settler has filed notice of his intention to make final proof in support of his claim and that said proof will be made before Register or Receiver of United States Land Office, at Montgomery, Ala, on April 6th, 1897, viz: Luther R. Friday, Homestead entry, No. 23,090 for the w½ of se¼, section 24 tp. 20 north of r 10 east. Leonard B. Crocker, Homestead entry, No. 23,739, for the s½ of sw¼ section 12 tp 20 north r 10 east.

He names the following witnesses to prove his continuous residence upon and cultivation of, said land, viz: T. H. Wright, of Chadwick, Ala., G. W. Harrison, of Chadwick, Ala., L. B. Crocker, of Chadwick, Ala., L. R. Friday, of Morrowville, Ala., S. J. Miller, of Stanton, Ala.

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An Ohio farmer has a pig that was born with two heads, the second just below the regular one. The pig can clean out a swill-trough in three minutes. The farmer has named the top head of the pig Mark Hanna, and the bottom one Paul Vandervoort.—Silver Knight.

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By virtue of an execution issued out of the Circuit court of Chilton county, and State of Alabama, and to me directed, whereby I am commanded to make the amount of a certain judgment recently obtained against J. H. Owen, out of the goods, chattels, lands and tenements of the said J. H. Owen, I have levied on the following property, to wit:

South-east quarter of the south-west quarter of section thirty-one (31) township twenty-one (21) range fourteen (14) in Chilton county, Alabama.

Therefore, according to said command, I shall expose for sale, at public auction, all the right, title and interest of the above named J. H. Owen in and to the above described property, on

MONDAY, the 19th day of APRIL, 1897, during the legal hours of sale at the Court House door in Clanton, in Chilton county, Alabama.

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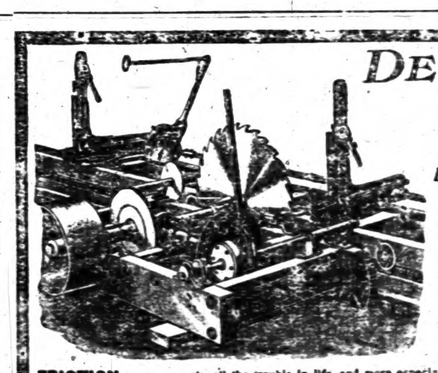

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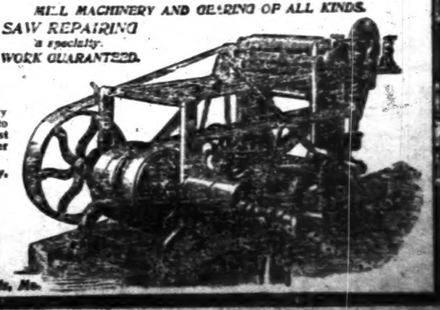

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CAUSE OF CRIME A MYSTERY.

The Horrible and Brutal Murder of Jacob Ade and Family.

A WELL KNOWN FARMER.

Neighbor Saw the House on Fire, and on Going to the Building Discovered Evidences of the Awful Crime That Had Been Committed.

Nashville, Tenn.—Particulars of what appears to have been a horrible and brual murder was received here from Paradise Ridge last Saturday.

Jacob Ade, one of the oldest and best known farmers of the Ridge settlement, his wife, his daughter and son, and a little daughter of Henry Moirer, were probably murdered and heir bodies cremated in Ade's house, which was burned to the ground.

The story of murder is strengthened by the fact that all of the bodies were found in the same room, but scattered around over the space occupied by this room. It was first thought that the old man was killed for his money, as he was known to be well-to-do, and always kept a supply of money on hand, but whether this be true or not cannot be positively stated now, or at least the ashes of what was once a big roll of money, has been discovered in the ruins of the house.

The dead are: Jacob Ade, Mrs. J. Ade, Lizzie Ade, aged 20 years, Henry Ade, aged 13 years; Rosa Moirer, aged 10 years.

Jacob Ade lived fifteen miles from this city, near the Cheatham county line. The house sits back a half a mile form what is known as the Clarksville turnpike. It was a one-story frame dwelling with five rooms—two rooms in front, with a hallway between, and three rooms running back, forming an ell. Old man Ade and his wife usually occupied the first room in the ell, just in the rear of the front room, or parlor. There was only one bed in this room. It was in this room that all the bodies were found. The first indication of the tragedy was discovered at 10 o'clock last night by Justice Simpson, who lives half a mile from the Ade place.

There was a sick man at Mr. Simpson's house, and about 10 o'clock Mr. Simpson went out to get some water for the man, when he saw that Ade's house was on fire. He at once rode over to the scene and found the house in ruins. Finding no one near, Simpson's suspicions were aroused, and upon a close inspection he saw the bodies of several people in the ruins. He went to work to rescue the bodies and succeeded in getting four of them out. These proved to be the bodies of Mr. and Mrs. Ade, Miss Lizzie Ade and Miss Moirer. After this Mr. Simpson rode around and notified a number of the neighbors, and in a short while quite a crowd had collected about the ruins. Henry Ade, the 13-year-old son of Mr. Ade, was also missing, but his body could not be found. It was first thought that he had escaped to the woods, but a further search of the ruins of the house this morning disclosed his body. The bodies of Mr. and Mrs. Ade, Miss Lizzie Ade and Henry Ade were burned to a crisp. The limbs and heads were burned off, in fact, only a small mass of flesh and bones remained. The old man and his wife were more horribly burned than the others.

The body of Rosa Moirer was not burned so badly as the others. The little girl's legs were burned off; one arm was raised over her head and the hand of this was gone. A portion of her skull was missing, but the brain, which was exposed, and the skin on her face was only partially burned. This fact gives further evidence in support of the theory of murder. Some of the people believe that, possibly, while the other members of the family were being murdered this child escaped and was not killed until after the house had burned awhile, when the body was thrown into the fire.

The fact that a part of her skull is gone and the rest of the head perfect, with the skin of her face only badly burned, lends weight to the theory that she was knocked in the head, and it may be that in trying to protect herself she threw up her arm and the hand was cut off by the same blow which tore away a part of her skull. The blow paralyzed her muscles and the arm remained in this protecting position after death had ensued.

The purpose of the murder was at first thought to be robbery, but if this be correct, the murderer was ill-paid for his horrible crime. In searching the ruins of the house, this morning, an oyster can was found under the place where a closet once stood in Mr. Ade's sleeping room. In this can the remains of what was evidently a large roll of money was found, together with four silver dollars, which had been melted so that they were sticking together.

Mr. Ade's neighbors knew that he kept his money in this closet. He was in the city Monday. While here he told Jerry Matthews that he had $2,000, and he did not know what to do with it. Mr. Matthews advised him to deposit it in the Fourth National bank Mr. Ade did not say that he had the money with him.

Sheriff Sharp was notified of the supposed crime early Saturday morning and he, with several deputies, went to the scene and are there now working on the case.

Disposing of the robbery theory, it is very hard to find a motive for the horrible crime, as Mr. Ade was a very popular man and well liked by all his neighbors.

The only enmity which might have existed between him and any of the people living in that section was that which resulted from a charge he made against a man who was arrested in Cheatham county a few days ago charged with stealing hogs from Ade. This man was tried before a Magistrate in Cheatham county and bound over to the Circuit Court. There is, however, no evidence against this man which would in any way connect him with the murder.

Mr. Ade was 60 years old and had lived in that community for twenty-five years.

ALABAMA PARAGRAPHS.

Late and Interesting News of Our Own State ni a Few Lines.

Mobile is going to have a $13,000 natatorium.

There are five applicants for the postoffice at Georgiana.

Waterloo will soon have a tannery in successful operation.

The belled buzzard has made its appearance again in North Alabama.

A new bridge will span Will's Creek, near Gadsden. The cost will be $3,500.

Alex Vaughn, an aged Ex-Confederate soldier, died in Marshall county recently.

The public schools of Alabama City have closed on account of lack of funds.

Peyton Tutwiller was thrown from a buggy near Marion and seriously injured.

Attalla is to have a steel tower for the fire alarm bell. Contracts for some have been given out.

Near Luverne the waters have washed newly plowed lands badly and much damage has been done.

Will Calloway attempted suicide by cutting his throat with a razor at Dunham. He is expected to recover.

Three negro convicts employed by Mr. R. H. Russey, at Walnut Bluff, were drowned in the back water.

Saloonists and cigar men of Birmingham will test the constitutionality of a law passed by the last Legislature prohibiting the use of slot machines.

Mr. Jonathan W. Bass, one of the pioneer citizen of Jefferson county, died at his home in Leeds from the effects of a carbuncle, after an illness of two and a half weeks.

The 13-year-old son of J. W. Crane, of New Decatur, died from the effects of carbolic acid, drank while the other children of the family were at school.

J. T. Teter, a well-known citizen of Gadsden, was found dead in his bed last Wednesday morning by members of his family. His body was warm, and it is thought he had been dead only a short time.

The temperance people of Etowah county have called a temperance convention in Gadsden for April 6th. The call is signed by sixteen ministers and many other prominent men.

The new city administration of Gadsden is passing some very strong ordinances. All minors are now kept out of the saloons, and no one but the proprietor of a saloon has the right to enter his place of business on Sunday.

Uniontown horse thieves stole two horses from G. F. Canterberry at Mackey, Ala., and they were pushed so closely that they abandoned the horses and took to the woods. The horses were recovered, but there is no clue to the robbers. It is thought they were the escaped jailbirds from Gadsden.

Tax Commissioner Wood has appointed the following commissioners: Walker, D. L. Stovall; Choctaw, O. C. Ulmer; Coosa, W. W. Walden. The Governor has appointed George W. Black sheriff of Geneva county, vice Vaughan, deceased.

Ground has been broken for the new free school at Edwardsville, and work is being pushed as fast as can be under the circumstances. It will be a seven-room, two-story structure, and will accommodate 200 pupils when complete. Colonel B. B. Bridges has let the contract for a fine residence near the school. Still the building in Edwardsville continues, and before fall several fine residences will be erected.

William Porter, of Scottsboro, is having a varied experience. Ever since last fall he has been running a "blind tiger" right in the middle of Stevenson, until the municipal authorcases, violations of State laws in reselling whiskey without license. He was fined in this court, and there are several other cases before that municipality for the same offense. Next the grand jury indicted him in nineteen cases, violations of StSate laws in retailing without a license, and now there are two cases against him in the United States court under the same charge. However, he has made bond in each instance.

Information comes from Johns, in the Blue Creek region, that the negroes working about the coke ovens there are out on a strike. There are a couple of batteries of coke ovens located at Johns, some 200 or 300 ovens in all. Negroes load and pull the coke from the ovens. It is stated that the trouble arises over a demand for higher wages. The information was very meagre, and simply said that the negroes had quit work. The coke from the ovens is used mostly in the furnaces at Bessemer. Its quality is equal to any in the district.

EATING GARBAGE

Startling Appeal by Executive Committee.

NATIONAL MINE WORKERS.

Families of Strikers Reduced to Miserable Poverty.

HE FELL FROM GRACE.

Prominent Negro Office Holder of Baltimore Betrays a Truce. The Usual Result, or Nitro Glicerine Gets in its Work. New Political Party.

Columbus, O.—The National Executive Committee of the United Mine Workers has issued an appeal to the public for sympathy and financial aid. The circular says the miners are being reduced to miserable poverty, and quotes a Pittsburg paper to the effect that miners' children are seen driving the dogs away from garbage and eating it themselves in the mining regions there.

The committee blames the New York and Cleveland Company and its President and Directors, their names being given, for bringing about the demoralized condition of the coal mining business.

The miners announce that they are determined to end this state of affairs at once and to that end solicit aid.

The circular is indorsed by President Samuel Gompers.

FELL FROM GRACE.

Prominent Negro Republican Office Holder Removed.

Baltimore, Md.—Mayor Hooper has removed from office Dr. George W. Bryant, colored, Superintendent of the Middle District of the Street Cleaning Department. Bryant confessed that he had systematically robbed both the city and the men in his employ. The amount of his shortage is not yet known, but it is estimated that the city will temporarily lose about $2,000. The seventy-five colored men who constitute the middle district street cleaning brigade have lost between $2,500 and $3,000. The city's loss is covered by a bond.

Bryant's peculations have been going on for several months. He manipulated the pay rolls against the city and used all sorts of schemes to hold out a portion of the money due his employes. He can be indicted for both perjury and false pretense.

Bryant was one of the best known colored men in the city. He is a graduate physician and a man of considerable ability. He has long been prominent in Republican political circles and during the last campaign he stumped the State for the Republican ticket.

He was an applicant for the position of Commissioner of Deeds for the District of Columbia under McKinley.

NEW POLITICAL PARTY.

Formed by Silver Republicans in Nebraska, Small Affair.

Lincoln, Neb.—A new political party has been launched in Nebraska. It is composed of members who have heretofore affiliated with the Republicans, but last November voted for W. J. Bryan for President on the currency question alone.

The convention, which met in Lincoln, was not largely attended. Chairman Wooster, a member of the Lower House of the Legislature, was made chairman. The present name, Free Silver Republicans, of Nebraska, was retained. Judge D. D. Gregory, of Omaha, was made the Nebraska member of the National Committee, and State organization was effected.

Six Congressional District Committeemen were also selected and arrangements perfected for carrying on an active campaign. Contrary to expectations, Mr. Bryan was not present.

Cook to Walk the Water.

Boston, Mass.—Capt. Robert Cook, of Americus, Ga., who is at present in this city, announces that he is making arrangements to walk on the water of the Ohio River from Pittsburg to Cincinati. "Captain" Cook, who is 23 years old, and weighs 140 pounds, will attempt to make the journey in fifteen days on a wager of $1,000. The total distance is between 450 and 500 miles.

THE USUAL RESULT.

Nitro-Glycerine Gets in Its Deadly Work on Three Workmen.

Woodbury, N. J.—Three workmen were blown to atoms and several others were injured shortly after noon Friday by an explosion at the Repauno nitro-glycerine works on the Delaware River below Lincoln Park.

None of the injured are seriously hurt.

The explosion was felt and heard ten miles from the mills.

The Repauno works are operated by the Duponts and are used for making nitro-glycerine and gun cotton. The buildings are one-story frame structures separated some distance from each other.

The explosion occurred in the separating house where the nitro-glycerine goes through one of the most dangerous and delicate processes.

The three men blown were the only occupants of the buildings and the cause of the disaster cannot be learned.

Some of the workmen who were passing through the yards of the works say the separating house rose bodily into the air and then they were thrown to the ground by the awful blast. After a lapse of a few minutes a search was begun for the workmen. Where the separating house had stood there was a great hole in the ground and the trees for 200 yards around were denuded of their limbs and twisted by the force of the explosion.

SOLDIER SOUGHT TO DIE.

Shoots Himself With an Army Rifle and Still Lives.

Atlanta, Ga.—Charles McLean, Sergeant-Major of the Fifth United States Infantry, attempted suicide in the quarter room of Company H at McPherson Barracks. He took his army rifle, 30-calibre, and, putting it to his forehead between the eyebrows, pulled the trigger. The bullet passed up the skull, coming out at the top of the head. It produced concusison, but did not crush the skull. It passed through the ceiling of the floor above, narrowly missing the foot of Private Otto Greenleaf, and buried itself in the ceiling above.

Sergeant McLean was carried to the hospital at once. He is badly hurt, but will not die. There is no known cause for the act. It is thought that his mind was unbalanced from drink.

AN OFFICER'S FATAL WORK.

Two Moonshiners Will Die and Two ar Badly Wounded.

Atlanta, Ga.—A special to the Evening Constitution from Plumpton Gap, Va., says:

The most extensive moonshine raid ever undertaken in the mountains is reported to have taken place in the neighborhood of Round Head Gap. Fifteen officers destroyed thirty-one stills and thousands of gallons of "mountain dew." Five still workers were pursued several miles over rough hills by night and finally turned and fought the officers.

A number of shots were fired. Three officers and four moonshiners were wounded, two of the latter fatally.

IMPORTANT WITNESS KILLED.

John Hollinhead Turned State's Evidence and is Assassinated.

Waynesboro, Miss—John Hollinhead, who lived in Washington county Alabama, and who, it will be remembered, was the informer in the trial of the Chambliss lynchers, was assassinated Saturday night while sitting by his fireside. The assassin fired through an open door and shot Hollinhead under the left shoulder. There is no proof against anyone, but tracks of the murderer are plainly seen, and Detective Hern, of Meridian, has been wired to bring bloodhounds. Hollinhead was one of the Chambliss lynchers and after two or three terms of court he turned State's evidence and on his testimony some of his neighbors are yet to be tried.

A CHAPTER OF ACCIDENTS.

They All Occur in Chattanooga in one Day.

Chattanooga, Tenn.—A series of fatal accidents occurred here Sunday, which strikingly illustrate the truth of the saying that troubles never come singly.

First was the tragic death of J. F. Coffey, a well-known merchant tailor Mr. Coffey went to his room this morning, having taken a dose of some narcotic to make him sleep. His dead body was found at noon by his landlord, lying on his bed in his room, his clothing half removed, as if preparing to lie down. Coffey came here from Cincinnati. He was State Secretary of the Order of Hibernians and was well to do.

Squire J. D. Blackford, aged eighty years, one of the pioneers of this section, while going to attend church this morning, was run over by a train of the Memphis & Charleston Railroad and received injuries from which he died this evening.

This morning Mrs. H. C. Linderman wife of a well known German dairyman, was thrown from her buggy while driving to the city, and sustained injuries, from which it is expected she will die before morning. It appears that her horse was frightened by a mischievous negro boy, who jumped out at the animal from behind a fence along the roadway.

Walter Houston, a colored drayman and a man of some property, while assisting in the preparation for a balloon ascension this afternoon, was struck on the head by a heavy scantling which had been knocked from its place by the swaying balloon, and was knocked senseless. His nose was broken and he was otherwise injured, from the effects of which he is now lying at the point of death.

This evening a fire broke out in the St. Elmo butcher shop and the building and contents were totally destroyed. The proprietor narrowly escaped with his life, and not until he had been severely burned.

Eighty Thousand Applicants.

Washington, D. C.—Since the change of administration over 80,000 applications for postoffices have been filed at the Postoffice Department. The number is said to be somewhat smaller than four years ago. All the papers have been recorded and classified and the cases made up to date. Up to the close of business Saturday the appointment division of the Interior Department has recorded 1,000 applications for Presidential positions under the Interior Department.

Steel Held the Pistol.

Austin, Tex.—A dispatch from Georgetown says that Jack Steele, a prominent business man of that city, shot and killed W. W. Dimmittee, another prominent business man of the same place, in the County Court room during the proceedings of a trial. Dimmittee was irritated by some sharp words from Steele, whereupon he hit him over the head with a bludgeon. Steele drew his revolver and fired four times, each shot taking effect, killing him instantly.

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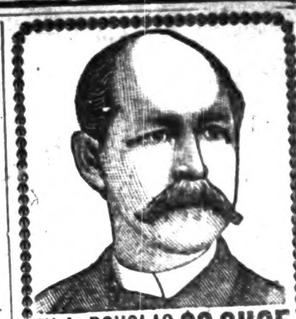

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OVER ALABAMA.

The News of Our Own State as Told by Wire.

THE RECORD OF A WEEK.

Suicide of Mrs. Alexander at Her Home in Cherokee.

JACOB HAUSER'S DEATH.

A Negro and His Team Killed by Lightening Near Last Lake. Warren Reese's Good Luck. Sinking of the Steamer Griggs. Five Lives Lost.

Collman.—A. J. McCombus, a prominent citizen of this county, shot and instantly killed a man by the name of Atwell, ten miles south of here Friday. The trouble grew out of an old feud between the families, they occupying adjoining farms. McCombus is under arrest. He used a Winchester, and shot at a range of 175 yards. The particulars are meagre.

In a Ditch.

Birmingham.—The body of Jacob Hauser, a well-known German, was found stiff in death in a ditch, a block in the rear of Behren's Park, in the southwestern part of the city, at 6 o'clock Thursday morning.

Exactly how Mr. Hauser met death is unknown, but it is believed that last night about 12 o'clock he attempted to cross the ditch at a regular path made by continued passing by citizens of that part of the city, and missing the exact ford, fell and struck his head on a rock in the water, was stunned and died from exposure, if not from drowning.

Killed by Lightning.

East Lake.—Edge Latham, a respectable colored man who lived in the Mount Vernon colony, two miles above East Lake, was killed by lightning Thursday. He was en route to Como City in a single wagon, to which was hitched a mule. It was about 12:30 o'clock. The storm came up about that time and the lightning was very sharp.

All of a sudden a severe flash came down and struck Latham and his mule, killing both. The fatality happened near the poor fellow's home. Assistance was rendered in a few minutes, but it was too late, the man was fatally shocked.

Latham had a family.

It is stated the man was severely burned by the lightning. The bolt appears to have hit him in the middle of the forehead.

Old Lady Suicides.

Tuscumbia.—News of the shocking death of Mrs. Sig Alexander from suicide at her home in Cherokee, this county, a few days ago, was received here Friday. It seems that Mrs. Alexander was in the habit of going to the barn every evening to gather up the eggs, and it was there that she was discovered by a servant leaning against the fence with her head almost severed from her body. She had evidently made several attempts before accomplishing her death, as nine long gashes were made on her throat with a razor. The suicide was premeditated, as she left a note to her brother, Mr. Shelby Smith, requesting him to sell everything and break up housekeeping.

The deceased was about 60 years old, the widow of the late Robert Alexander, and was closely connected with some of the best families in this county.

Interesting If True.

Birmingham.—Private advices come from Washington to the effect that the President has decided to appoint Warren S. Reese, Jr., of Montgomery, District Attorney for the Middle District of Alabama to fill the vacancy now existing in that office. The announcement is a surprise for the reason that Mr. Reese has only recently become a convert to Republicanism, having been a Populist. He was the Populist candidate for Attorney General when Kolb ran for Governor in 1894. Tom Parsons, who was the leading opponent of Reese, was District Attorney under Harrison.

Steamer Griggs Sinks.

Columbia.—The sinking of the steamer Griggs about midnight Thursday night seventeen miles above here was indeed a strange coincidence, following so closely upon the sinking of the City of Columbus Tuesday night. These boats were the only independent boats on the Chattahoochee, and were owned by the Queen Steamship Company, of Columbus, Ga., and were operated by that company a part of the time between that city and New Orleans, and the wreck leaves the field to pool boats that are owned and operated by the Central of Georgia Railroad and the Plant System.

The Griggs had been down to Smiths' Bend to the relief of her sister boat and had on board her crew and passengers and whatever could be taken from her, and was on her way up the river when she struck in midstream a floating log, which had one end on the bottom.

The extent of damage to the boat cannot be estimated, but there can be no doubt that it is great, as she was on the bottom before she could run ashore, and is now lying with her head up stream almost in the channel. The loss on freight was not very heavy, as she had but little besides that which had been taken from the sunken City of Columbus.

But this wreck was far more disastrous than the former one, because of the loss of five lives, the engineer and four negroes, and it is thought that others who were taking deck passage were also lost, as they cannot be accounted for.

Albert G. Henry Dead.

Guntersville.—Friday, at 11:30 a. m., there passed into the great beyond one of Alabama's greatest and grandest men.

Peacefully Hon. Albert G. Henry said good-bye to those of his family around him and then died.

He had been sick only a week, but 80 years of age could not overcome a fatal attack of pneumonia. His entire family, with the exception of two daughters, were at his bedside when the end came. He was born and made his fortune in this State. A nobler man never lived for he had the reputation of being pure, upright, honest and charitable. In fact he was a model man and was greatly admired by a host of staunch friends. By honest means and strict business he managed to accumulate a fortune which is said to amount to over a million dollars. The gloom cast over this little town caused many store fronts to be draped in mourning. He was buried in the family graveyard.

SITUATION AT NEW ORLEANS

Is More Favorable. Governor Asks the People to Guard the Levees.

New Orleans, La.—The flood conditions in this immediate locality are practically unchanged. The sun shown brightly to-day and otherwise weather conditions are favorable. The winds have ceased blowing from the southeast and the river has fallen two-tenths since Sunday. As pointed out in these dispatches, the heighth of the river here has been unnatural, owing to the unfavorable winds.

Governor Foster has issued a ringing proclamation addressed to the people of the alluvial districts of Louisiana and appeals to every man to stand and hold the levees.

Industrial Revival.

Birmingham, Ala.—The work of grading for the steel plant of the Birmingham Rolling Mill will be completed this week and then the construction of the retaining walls and buildings will begin. The work will be finished before June.

Building operations are quite active in Birmingham now. The contract has just been let for the erection of six new two-story brick residences on Avenue G. and Twentieth Street. J. L. Lockwood is arranging to construct a three-story brick and stone business block on Second avenue and Twentieth Street, at a cost of $40,000. Two more furnaces have gone into blast, the Alice plant of the Tennessee Coal, Iron & Railroad Company and the furnace of the same company at Ensley. Both have just undergone extensive repairs. The Birmingham Rolling Mills are working on heavier time now than for several years past.

The Sheffield Coal, Iron & Railroad Company put in another furnace at Sheffield the past week. That company is now making upwards of 600 tons of iron daily.

Released Too Soon.

Kincaid, Kan.—George Miller, who was recently released from an insane asylum, shot three women neighbors Monday afternoon while resisting arrest. The injured women are: Mrs. W. H. Burkey, shot in breast; probably fatally; Miss Effie Kirby, shot in back, will die; Miss Jennie Kirby, shot in side, will recover.

Miller had called to see the Kirby sisters at the Burkey house, and being refused admission to the house, broke through the door and shot down the three women as they attempted to escape. He then chased several children through the streets and hunted up a physician to attend the wounded women. When officers attempted to arrest him, the crazed man opened fire, but was finally brought down with a load from a shot-gun. He may die from the wound.

Loss is $400,000.

Cincinnati, Ohio.—At 1 o'clock Monday morning an automatic fire alarm notified the central fire tower of a blaze starting in the George F. Otte Company's carpet store on the south side of Fourth Street, one door west of Race Street. The entire fire department was called and a battle royal began. Otte's entire stock, valued at $300,000, and insured for $150,000, was destroyed in less than two hours. The entire interior of the Otte building was burned out and the rear wall fell into Baker alley.

The fire communicated to the roof of Henry Rosenbaum's cloak manufacturing establishment, at the corner of Race and Fourth Streets.

The total loss to buildings and stock will be $400,000. The buildings belonged to the Eckstein estate and are fully insured. The fire started in the top story of Otte & Co.'s store, next to Baker alley.

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RAGING WATERS.

Nearly All of Greenville is Now Under Deep Water.

FLOODED VICTIMS STARVE.

Thousand Families of the City are Now Wholly Surrounded.

TWENTY TOWNS FLOODED.

Great Number of Delta Negroes are Homeless and Without Food. Water Spout at Fulton, Kentucky, Runs Higher Than Ever Before.

Jackson, Miss.—Plantations never before under water were submerged Friday. The streets of Greenville are now navigable only by boats, the flood from above having met and joined forces with that from below. Nearly 1,000 families in Greenville are surrounded by water, although some portions of the city are still dry. The levees there still hold, however.

Citizens of Huntington wired the Governor Friday morning to send fifty tents at once. They were forwarded on the first train, but will have to make several miles of the journey by skiffs. The State is doing all in its power to assist its delta people, but from the depleted condition of the treasury, can offer little else than the labor of her eight hundred able-bodied convicts. Thousands of delta negroes are now homeless and will remain so until the floods subside, but planters are feeding and caring for their hands as far as possible.

J. F. Price, of this city, has returned from Lefevere, which is in a border delta county. He reports that water from the Mississippi has not yet reached there, but the small streams are all overflowed on their own account. The bottom lands are under water, but plowing and planting are going right along on all the higher places and even down to the water's edge.

St. Louis, Mo.—A SpSecial from Cairo to the Scripps-McRae Press Association states that information was brought to Cairo by a commercial traveler that a relief boat yesterday found the bodies of a young girl, an aged woman and a child in a flooded house on the Missouri side of the river at a point thirty miles south of New Madrid. The people had either starved to death or died of fright. The water was at the eaves of the house and the victims were in the attic. A negro and a white man are also reported as having been starved to death on the platform of a temporary refuge in the same locality.

St. Paul, Minn.—The Mississippi has passed the danger line—fifteen feet—and was still rising slowly Friday. All the residents of the west side, east of State street, have been driven to higher ground. The water is entering houses on the west side of the street and several hundred will be forced to move if the water rises another six inches. There are many stories of suffering.

Memphis, Tenn.—The damage to the farming country in the delta cannot be exagerated. Five counties will be, for the most part, under water for thirty days and the main line and branch lines of the Yazoo & Mississippi Valley road will have more than 100 miles of track inundated. Opposite Perthshire, the upper crevasse, a mile of track has been completely washed away. Probably twenty railroad stations and small towns will be flooded. Perthshire, Terrene, Philia, Riverton, Dahomey, Storm, Benoit, Beulah, Wayside, Longwood, Refuge, Swiftwater, Deeson and Australia. But the shift is now to the south of Greenville and the levees from Wayside to the mouth of the river must begin to feel the pressure of the movement of water back into the channel from the delta. White River country and the St. Francis basin. From Memphis to Crawley's ridge the river is now forty miles wide. A line east and west on the water across Rosedale would probably be fifty miles long. All of this water must pass out between two walls of levee in many places but a few miles distant one from the other.

New Orleans, La.—A special to the Daily States, from Helena, Ark., says the river rose two-tenths in twenty-four hours, ending at 8 o'clock Friday morning, and is still rising. The three-foot rise at St. Louis yesterday and a rise of two-tenths at Marked Tree carry dism to the people who have been hoping for the river to halt.

The levee at the Hubbard place, eight miles below Helena, will probably break before many hours. Already five incipient breaks have been closed by the desperate workers and now that the back water is attacking it from the rear, cutting off the supply of dry dirt, the situation is still less hopeful. There is no lack of men and sacks at that point. It is simply inability to secure sufficient quantities of dry dirt in time. Help was sent down this morning.

The rescue steamer Maude came up at noon and will return this afternoon with a fresh crew of men for Captain Rosser, at Westover. His men have been so constantly at work that they are worn out.

The break at Westover is widening, now being over three hundred feet in width.

A rumor has just reached here that the Mississippi levee at Kyle's store, three miles above here, is about to give way and that the Austin, Miss., levee is in a very precarious condition. Both points catch the force of a big current and are bound to go if the rise continues, which seems to be inevitable.

Five men near Indian Bay, Monroe County, are known to have been drowned while fleeing from the rising waters in White River bottom.

On the whole, the situation is very distressing.

Fulton, Ky.—A waterspout Thursday night ran streams up higher than ever known before, and did immeasurable damage throughout this locality. Every bridge in this county was swept away and the water is standing two feet deep in roads that have heretofore been high and dry in all raises. Many of the trestles on the Nashville, Chattanooga and St. Louis Railroad were carried away by the water, and traffic is suspended until repairs can be made between here and Union City, Tenn.

Rosedale, Miss.—The relief boats brought in scores of negroes from the back country Thursday and placed them in every available place of safety. The refugees are in a state of misery and hunger and the people are providing for them as best they can, but the increasing numbers hourly arriving make the situation desperate. The water is pouring through the crevasse near here at a terrible rate and the outlook is indeed gloomy.

Nashville, Tenn.—Heavy rains Thursday night and Friday morning locally and as far up the Cumberland river as Carthage have swelled the river and it is rising rapidly, having risen four feet in twenty-four hours. A further rise of about seven or eight feet is expected.

THE INDUSTRIAL SOUTH.

The Chattanooga Tradesman's Regular Weekly Report.

Chattanooga, Tennessee.—Business throughout the South shows a forward movement, though for the past month it has been considerably retarded in many sections by the high waters. The Tradesman's Southern correspondents report increased confidence and a better trade in nearly all lines of industry.

Southern iron is in good demand and three Alabama furnaces that have been put in blast, namely, the Ensley and Alice Furnaces in the Birmingham District and No. 2 Furnace, owned by the Sheffield Coal, Iron & Steel Company, at Sheffield. A recent shipment of 1,000 tons of iron to Genoa is reported from Birmingham and additional inquiries have been received from Australia.

Among the most important new industries for the week The Tradesman reports the following: A $20,000 brick and tile plant at Aransas Pass, Tex.; the People's Electric Light Company, capital $100,000, Columbia, S. C.; the Carter's Creek Fish Guano Company, capital $40,000, Irvington, Va.; wire and fence works at Memphis, Tenn.; an extensive plant for treating gold ores at Dahlonega, Ga.; the Water Gas Heating Company, capital $30,000, Houston, Tex., and the National Boat Ore Company, capital $50,000, at Chattanooga, Tenn. The Fort Worth Salt Company, capital $30,000, has been organized at Fort Worth, Tex.; the Lyttle Water Company, capital $20,000, at Abilene, Tex., and the J. C. Mayfield Lumber Company, capital $25,000, at Dallas, Tex. Other woodworking plants will be erected at Florence, Ala.; Bonifay, Fla.; Quitman, Ga.; Elizabethton, Ky., and High Point, N. C.

PSESIDENTIAL NOMINATIONS.

Warren S. Reese Gets the Attorneyship for Middle Alabama District.

Washington, D. C.—The President sent to the Senate the following nominations:

A. E. Buck, Georgia, Minister to Japan.

James Boyle, of Ohio, Consul at Liverpool.

E. S. Day, of Conneeticut, Consul at Bradford, England.

F. R. McCreary, of Michigan, Secretary of Legation at the City of Mexico.

United States Attorneys—W. S. Reese, Jr., of Alabama, for Middle District of Alabama; E. A. Angier, of Georgia, for the Northern District of Georgia; Marion Erwin, of Georgia, for the Southern District of Georgia.

MAN-KILLER KILLED.

Richard Clark Shot and Killed by Farmer Joe Brown Irby.

Atlanta, Ga.—A special from Perry, Ga., to the Constitution says that Richard Clark was killed near there last night by a farmer named Joe Brown Irby. Clark went to Irby's home to get an explanation of some remarks which Irby had made about him. They quarreled and Clark began shooting at Irby. The latter returned the fire and killed Clark. Irby was not wounded at all. Clark was a son of the late Judge Richard H. Clark, of Atlanta. Young Clark killed a man in Montgomery a year ago and he has a brother who killed a man here a few years ago.

Some persons are like rivers; greatest at the mouth.

HOUSE IS SURPRISED.

MEMBER FROM NEBRASKA ATTACKS THE MAJORITY.

Tariff Cannot Relieve the Distresses of the People, but a Return to Correct Monetary Principles Can—Enthusiastically Applauded.

A new character surprised the house Monday while the tariff bill was under discussion, in the person of Mr. Greene, one of the new populist members from Nebraska, a free and easy speaker, who dealt in scriptural quotations, and attacked the Cleveland administration fiercely. He was accusing the republicans with trying to befool the farmers through high tariffs on corn, wheat, and other products which were not imported, when several republicans thought to overcome his argument by questions, says the Silver Knight-Watchman.

He was asked by Mr. Mitchell of New York, "What relief do the populists propose for the farmers?"

"To go back to the money of the constitution you took away from them," was the answer. Mr. Greene was describing the condition of the farmers with the hands of the spoiler in their pockets, when another inquired, "Whose hands have been in their pockets?"

"The hands of the protected monopolists and trusts of the east," shouted Mr. Greene, whereupon Jerry Simpson yelled, gleefully, "Ask him another one!"

"Another one" was asked by Judge Page Morris, of Minnesota, who desired to know what harm the republican party had done the farmer.

"You seek to make the things the farmer and laborer have to buy higher—that's the object of this bill," said Mr. Greene, and Mr. Simpson declared "Another soul made happy."

The speech was sprinkled with repartee, and was enthusiastically applauded by the democrats and populists.

POINTS FROM THE PRESS.

If barriers were taken down, and every able-bodied man given an opportunity to earn a living, most jails would be "to let."—San Francisco Star.

Yale, the college that insulted Bryan, had a flag in Corbett's corner. No accounting for fame.—Denver News.

Road.

Nothing is plainer in the present condition of affairs in general than that the influence of the few men who control the financial policies of nations dictate the most important legislation of the world.—Topeka Advocate.

Carl Schurz, it appears, is giving his views somewhere on "The Delusions of Bimetallism." What his views on any subject are worth, except in cash by the line, can be summed up by saying that he praises Grover Cleveland, and believes in Cleveland's kind of civil service reform, for gold-bugs and cuckoos only.—Silver Knight-Watchman.

Debs remarks that "plenty of laboring men can be hired for 75 cents a day to shoot their fellows." Henry Ward Beecher thought a workingman was worth $1, but then times were better in Henry Ward's day.—Journal K. of L.

Republican papers never have finished and it is likely that they never will finish talking of the ignorance of people in general and populists in particular. It is true, however, that the first legislator of Kansas to try the proxy idea in legislative work was a Republican. Last week Gates (Rep.) of Jackson county was sick and sent a friend up to the house to vote in his stead on a measure which was to come up. Of course the proxy was not allowed to vote.—Topeka Advocate.

Three important amendments to the state constitution will be voted on at the next state election in South Dakota: The initiative and referendum, equal suffrage and the state dispensary system of handling the liquor traffic. All are measures that should carry and become part of the fundamental laws of the state. The initiative and referendum is purely a populistic proposition and will have the bitter opposition of professional politicians, but the voters of all parties should hail with delight this first opportunity ever offered in the United States for placing a vote in the ballot box giving the voters all their rights and the power to enforce their will. States which have adopted equal suffrage are satisfied with it and the one state, South Carolina, in which the dispensary system has been adopted appears to be thoroughly pleased with its working.—Chicago Express.

If the courts should be called upon to pass upon the question of the qualification of Garret A. Hobart for the Vice-Presidency they would say it was regular and in due form; but the layman, unused to the intricacies and inventions—and, we might say, the fictions—of legal constructions, might harbor a doubt as to whether Mr. Hobart is legally in office. He was sworn in by the retiring Vice-President, Mr. Stevenson, thirty or forty minutes after that gentleman had ceased, by the down clock, to be in office. The record, however, will indicate that the swearing in took place at the end of the legislative day of March 3, which expired at noon on the 4th, and will give no hint that the hands of the clock were either turned back or disregarded.—Cincinnati Enquirer.

A man, on being asked if he held any share in the "Wealth of Nations" (a recently discovered gold claim), replied, "No," but that "he had an interest in a much bigger thing." "You astonish me. What is it?" asked his friend. "The poverty of individuals. There are millions of shareholders."—Brisbane Worker.

In Milwaukee an electric line is trying to cross the track of the Northwestern railway. Both sides ordered out big gangs of men. A free fight took place and many were injured. If strikers had done this it would be riot and anarchy. But as it is it ranks merely as an indication of energetic business methods.—Milwaukee News.

J. Sterling Morton used to talk about silver as "old junk." An exchange tells us that he is out in Nebraska now contemplating a piece of old junk that once resembled a Secretary of Agriculture." But don't be hard on him. He was the funniest gold bug that ever lived, and he couldn't help being the biggest fool.—Silver Knight-Watchman.

The people are not supreme so long as there is a mortgage or interest-bearing debt of any kind in these United States.—San Francisco Star.

The Loud Bill to Date.

The Loud bill stands to-day with few friends and a host of hard-working enemies. It passed the lower house of congress by a small majority of 39. This, too, when it is considered in the light of a party measure with a republican majority of over 150 in congress.

"The New York World" of a recent issue threw some light on the workings of the postal department. From an editorial, the following is clipped:

"There is an annual deficiency of $8,000,000 in the postal service. It is caused solely by scandalous mismanagement and shameful fraud. This is clearly proved by facts and figures given in The World's news columns to-day.

"First of all, the government is paying to the great trunk lines of railway an outrageously excessive rate for the transportation of mail matter. The rate is ten times the average rate charged for transporting all other freight—ten times what individuals must pay for like services.

"The New York Central main line, for example, receives for mail transportation a yearly sum sufficient to pay the interest on the total cost of a complete double track railroad from New York to Buffalo! Surely nobody will contend that such a sum is earned. The other trunk lines are paid by the government with equal extravagance.

"Secondly, the government pays every year the sum of $3,400,000 rent for postal cars, yet for that sum every postal car in use could be bought outright, with money to spare!

"In brief, The World's investigation make it plain that but for gross fraud and phenomenal mismanagement the postoffice business would now be paying a handsome profit instead of showing an annual deficiency of $8,000,000.

"Now that the subject is up before congress, why should there not be a reform placing this matter on a fair business basis?"—Appeal to Reason.

Telegraph Monopoly in Peril.

Under a recent decision of the United States Supreme Court the Union Pacific must operate its own lines, independent of the Western Union. It has taken some sixteen years of litigation to reach this point. The decision is coupled with the provision that the work of transfer must be done without crippling or interfering with the road's operations, which the telegraph company claims cannot be done in less than a year, though if the interest of that company required expedition it would probably be done in a week. This may furnish an excellent basis for such continued inaction as will require further suits that, in the usual course of such litigation, may linger ten years more.

The Union Pacific is now, and has been for some time, operated by a receiver appointed by a federal judge. The interest of the public, therefore, lies in the fact that, were the decision carried out, there would (as we understand it) be a virtual government telegraph in operation for over 2,000 miles. While this would be but a small benefit compared with a full-blooded one, it would, if well conducted, be sufficient to open people's eyes to the unquestionable advantage of extending operations to every postoffice in the United States. There are two suits pending in the United States Circuit Court to similarly break the leases to the Western Union by the S. P. and C. P. These suits were commenced during the Harrison administration, and will be decided by Judge McKenna's successor—when he gets ready. A favorable decision therein, and the carrying into effect of the others, would be a blow between the eyes to the Western Union.

Also Applies to Old and New Parties.

A Polecat, who was traveling for pleasure, came upon an Insect who was traveling for business.

"Ah, there, little one!" the Polecat affably said, "can I be of any assistance to you?"

"No, thank you," said the Insect, at the same time reaching for his handkerchief, "I am doing very well, thanks."

"But I should be able to help you. You must observe that I am much larger than you are."

"Yes, I know, I know," responded the Insect, anxiously looking for a means of escape, "but I smell so much the better."

Moral: Metropolitan newspapers are much larger than those of the interior.—A. J. Waterhouse, in Fresno Republican.

The people themselves are the best judges of what they need.

PATRIOTS ALL.

Why Millionaires Uphold the Various Branches of Our Government.

Said Russell Sage: "It seems to me that if any class of citizens truly love the government, we are that class."

"Do you know," remarked John D. Rockefeller, "that you have opened up an entirely new train of reflection in my mind? It is manifest that love of the form of government under which we live is a great virtue. Now I love the government dearly. I have a particular affection for the treasury department. I have its draft for $5,000,000 of bounties in my safe at this moment."

"My heart," chimed in John Jacob Astor, "goes out to the Supreme Court of the United States. I did not hold it in a very warm corner of my heart until the income tax decision saved me something like $100,000 a year. Now I fairly worship the ground it walks on."

"That's patriotism," commented Gen. Horace Porter, deferentially.

"What I love," asserted Theodore A. Havemeyer, "is the senate. If you were in the sugar business you'd share my feeling."

"If you were in the railroad business," remarked Cornelius Vanderbilt, "You'd love the president. Every time I think of the president of the United States, I feel such a gush of patriotism"—

"You forgot the postoffice department!" exclaimed the princely J. Pierpont Morgan. "A railroad man should love that above all things. Think of the use you can put the mail cars to every time a strike breaks out."

"That's a fact," replied Mr. Vanderbilt.

"My friends," interjected George M. Pullman, "why discriminate among so many lovable institutions? As for me I love every department of the government with equal ardor."

"Happy country!" exclaimed Chauncey M. Depew, "where the rich and powerful set such an example of love of our native land. We are a pattern to our fellow citizens."

"Yet the vile demagogues," said John D. Rockefeller, "denounce the millionaires!" A general shudder agitated the assembled patriots.—Twentieth Century.

NOTES BY THE WAY.

Japan has not yet adopted the single gold standard, though the contrary has been very generally asserted in the daily papers. It is a fact that a bill has been proposed in the Japanese parliament to stop the free coinage of silver, and that the bill has the support of the present ministry. The western system of banking having been introduced in Japan a money power has appeared in politics, and, as usual, it controls the public officials; but the advices are that the common people of Japan intend to make a hard struggle for the popular money.

Gov. Culberson, of Texas, pardoned A. Goodwyn, of Waco, who had been sent to jail for contempt of court, but the Court of Civil Appeals has ruled that the governor has no pardoning power in contempt cases. President Jackson remarked as to a decision of Chief Justice Marshall, "John Marshall has made his decision, now let him enforce it." Gov. Culberson has the power, if he had the courage, to protect the liberty of the citizens of Texas.

The Dingley bill places steam and sailing pleasure yachts upon the free list. The yacht manufacturing trust will no longer be able to oppress the farmer and the laborer who have heretofore been compelled to buy home-made yachts regardless of their price

Hon. S. G. W. Benjamin, ex-minister to Persia, has returned to his native Vermont and has been shocking the New England Brahmins by declaring in a public lecture that there is as much real liberty under Asiatic despotisms as in free America. Mr. Benjamin, in a lecture in Burlington, Vermont, said:

"The only known genuine democracy is that of the people ruled by the absolute monarchies of Asia where all are equal below the throne; and the lowest menial may become prime minister, and the humblest peasant girl may become the mother of princes. The laws are administered on the whole with as much substantial justice in Asia as in Europe and America, notwithstanding misstatements to the contrary. There are abuses here as well as there, and Americans might better be correcting their own national sins than visiting Asiatics with condemnation."

If the laws in Persia are administered with substantial justice it is absolutely certain that Persians have in that respect the advantage of Americans.

Let us watch Canada awhile. The Canadian government has purchased the Baledes Chaleurs railroad, and will make it a part of the intercolonial system which the government has owned for years. These, with a new system which the government has owned for a long time, will give a good start towards government owzership of railroads in Canada.

Trust.

What shall we say of the men who are trying against law to combine every business interest so that they center in their own selfish souls, and the world gets no fragrance from their lives, only the smell of sulphur. It is time that we recognized that which is the source of most of the evil in society.—Rev. Cortlandt Myers.

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Warren S. Reese, Jr., has been appointed by President McKinley, United States district attorney for the middle district of Alabama, and the appointment was confirmed by the Senate. In 1894 Mr. Reese was a candidate on the Populist State ticket for the office of Attorney-General.

The seventeen-year old son of Governor Atkinson of Georgia ran off with a young lady of fourteen and married her last week. The parents ran after them and separated them, but have since come to the conclusion to let them have their own way and they will be married again next week.

Floods in the Mississippi valley are engaging the attention of the whole country. Locally every exertion has been made to relieve the homeless sufferers, and yesterday President McKinley sent a message to Congress on the subject. An immediate response was made by Congress appropriating $200,000 for the relief of the distressed districts.

Contracts have been made this week for the construction of the Montgomery, Tuskaloosa & Memphis railroad. The section from Tuskaloosa to Montgomery is to be finished by October 1. This will give employment to a large number of hands in this section. The road crosses the south-west part of Chilton and will be of great benefit to the whole county.

The Weather Bureau reports farm work generally backward on account of the heavy rains, some cotton has been planted in central and southern counties, a large amount of fertilizer being used. Oats are growing nicely and wheat and rye is promising. Irish potatoes are up in nearly all portions of the State and give promise of being a large crop. Tree fruit is in excellent condition, the present outlook favoring a large crop.

The Ozark Free Press has opened up for an early state convention by the Populists next year, and the Living Truth is on record as seconding the motion. Other reform papers—Populist we mean—are keeping shady. Not another, so far as we have seen has expressed an opinion.—Living Truth.

It has been generally acknowledged by all Populists that it is a mistake to defer our conventions until the opposing forces have acted. We know what we want, we know what we have to fight, then let us hold our state convention at an early date, formulate our platform, nominate our officers, and go right ahead and work with might and main to elect them. We can overcome any schemes proposed by the opposition at any subsequent date.

Clanton City Council.

The regular monthly meeting of the city council was held Friday evening, Mayor Sampey presiding. There was a full board present, with Marshal Dudley in attendance. The resignation of City clerk, J. W. Stanfield, who has removed to Sistrunks, was accepted and Mr. T. S. Phillips was appointed clerk and treasurer. A motion was made and carried that the town be properly surveyed, and a committee was appointed to communicate with a competent surveyor on the subject; the committee to report at a special meeting of the council to be held next Friday. One new ordinance was passed prohibiting the blocking up of sidewalks and driving teams thereon.

CLANTON AS A SUMMER RESORT

As the time has now arrived when dwellers in our larger cities are forming plans for their summer outings, the numerous advantages offered by Clanton as a summer and health resort are well worth taking into consideration.

Situated about half way between the two most important cities, Montgomery and Birmingham, in the State, with splendid railroad facilities, business men who can spare but little time for recreation, have it in their power to locate their families here, and yet be separated from them by little more than one hour's journey. Forty-one miles north of Montgomery and fifty-six south of Birmingham, on the highest ridge on the Louisville & Nashville railroad between Sand Mountain and the Gulf, in the heart of the famed "piney woods" of Alabama, with the coolest and purest water, Clanton is noted as one of the healthiest towns in the State.

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The young folks will find themselves heartily welcomed by a cultured and refined resident population, and can depend upon every assistance in making their holiday enjoyable. To those who should desire to continue their studies while enjoying a vacation the University School, under the able management of principal E. Y. McMorries, one of the foremost educators of Alabama, offers every inducement.

Four handsome church buildings, Methodist, Baptist, Congregational, and Episcopalian, meet the spiritual needs of the town.

Our stores are well stocked with every grade of merchandise, and the hotels and boarding honses are supplied with all seasonable delecacies while the rates are very moderate. In the event of accident or sickness four resident physicians are on hand, with plenty of leisure to attend to patients, their only complaint being the town is too healthy for their services to be much in requisition.

The morning papers from Birmingham arrive here at breakfast time and the Montgomery papers follow a couple of hours later. The L. & N. trains are most convenient. Leaving Clanton about 8 a.m., Montgomery will be reached soon after nine, and going north leaving Clanton at 10 the train arrives in Birmingham before noon, while the evening trains are due at both Montgomery and Birmingham at 7:30 p.m.

All things considered there is not a more desirable spot in which to pass a vacation than Clanton.

Jemison Municipal Election.

The election of a Mayor and five Aldermen for the city of Jemison was held Monday, and passed off quietly despite the fact that there was a spirited contest. There were two tickets in the field, one headed by S. M. Adams, with C. H. Durham, I. N. Langston, B. M. Gentry, Ira Campbell and R. H. Long for Aldermen; and the other headed by J. H. Patton, with B. M. Gentry, C. H. Durham, W. C. Mooney, W. G. Atkinson and Dr. J. P. Givhan. At the close of the polls the ticket with S. M. Adams at the head was declared duly elected. The fight principally was on the question of taxation for the public schools and the result is a victory for the cause of education. At a public meeting after the election at which Prof. C. C. Slaton presided, Mayor Adams in accepting the position, thanked the citizens for the honor of being Jemison's first magistrate and counseled harmony among all, advising both sides to forget the prejudice and strife of the past, and work in unison for the upbuilding of the city. He pledged himself to carry out the law impartially and do everything in his power for the best interests of the entire community. His speech was well received by both sides and the meeting adjourned with a feeling of satisfaction that a great stride had been made in the progress of the town. We understand that Mayor Adams will give his services free of charge to the city, an act of generosity greatly appreciated by the taxpayers.

Political Points.

People's Press Bureau, St. Louis, Mo., April 7, 1897.

One of the leading papers sent a correspondent to look at Senator Heitfeldt, the recently elected representative from Idaho. Mr. Heitfeldt being both a farmer and a Populist was an object of curiosity and it was supposed that a report of his appearance and an interview with him would make racy reading; but it fell very flat. He seems to be a well-balanced, clear-headed fellow and sent the interviewer away filled with wonder and respect.

Scrutiny of the Dingley Bill reveals the fact while all trusts are favored some are such marked and entirely unreasonable favors that were fain to remark that the trusts that put up the highest figure for campaign funds gets the most "protection."

Our Jerry, of reckless fame, got five minutes on the floor of the House the other day and not only brought forth rounds of applause and laughter by his sarcastic reference to and quotations from McKinley's Minneapolis speech in which the assertion was made that "The foreigner pays the tax." When Hell offered an amendment to the Dingley Bill putting on the free list all articles manufactured or controlled by any trust, the line was clearly drawn between the friends and enemies of the people. This caused the Czar to rule that no further amendments would be considered, but it forced the entire gold-bug contingency to put itself on record as favoring the trusts.

Harry Skinner, of North Carolina has prepared a bi-metallic bill that is being commended by all who have examined it. It provides for the issuing of one dollar certificates of one hundred cents value, redeemable half in silver and half in gold.

The committee appointed by the Bankers' Convention at Indianapolis called on Speaker Reed but received cold comfort from the interview, being informed that no legislation on financial lines was to be considered until the tariff was disposed of.

All questions as to whether Allen is to succeed himself in office would seem to be laid at rest by examination of the weekly papers of Nebraska where all are staunch adherents of the doughty Senator.

Secretary of Agriculture Wilson has suppressed a circular entitled, "Local Taxation as affecting Farms." One hundred thousand copies had been printed and ordered circulated. Examination of a copy that escaped the censor shows that it contained statistics that should be in the hands of all farmers who desire to profit by the political mistakes of the past.

It now develops that the Sugar Trust intends going into the raising of beet sugar in Colorado on a scale that will demand an outlay of about $5,000,000. As a preliminary, control of two big irrigating ditches has been secured.

J. B. Sovereign made the most notable speech of the evening at the monster mass meeting recently held in New York City to protest against the arbitration treaty.

Embassador Bayard, the prince of toady Anglomaniacs, being unable to attend in person, sent an English barrister to represent the state of Massachusetts in receiving the logbook of the Mayflower, which, having been preserved there, was now considered a graceful gift to the residents of the Plymouth Rock state. The only hitch in the program was caused by some doubt being thrown on the question as to whether the historic rock was in Massachusetts and as to "whether New England was in the state." A newspaper correspondent—an American, of course—supplied the lacking geographical information and all went well.

An English paper contains the information that President McKinley will in the near future appoint a bimetallic commission privately to prevent annoyance from politicians who might seek to influence him.

Letters of inquiry received at this office show that Populist papers are being started at various points of the west and south as a result of local demand.

A. R.

Throat Coughs

Is there a tickling in the throat? Do you cough a great deal, especially when lying down? Are you hoarse at times? Does nearly every cold you take settle in your throat? These "throat coughs" are very deceptive. Don't neglect them. Troches, or cough syrups won't touch the spot. You must take remedies that will enrich the blood, tone up the nerves; and heal the inflamed membranes.

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Thorsby.

The farmers of this section are very much behind with their work some of them are not done putting out guano.

Quite a nice singing last Saturday night at Mr. W. Maddox.

Mr. Fayette Vines and wife spent last Sunday at Mr. Tom Williams.

Mr. John Parker who has been on the sick list is able to be up.

Misses Cora Hill and Emma Maddox visited friends at Strasburg last week.

Misses Docia and Gracie Martin visited Mrs. Annie Parker last week.

The writer was up at Thorsby last week and am glad to note that Mr. J. Bice is doing a good business there.

Mr. Richard Collins and sister, Miss Ada, left Monday for Birmingham, to visit their brother, Jim.

A Subscriber.

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Mrs. A. Inveen, residing at 720 Henry St., Alton, Ill., suffered with sciatic rheumatism for over eight months. She doctored for it nearly the whole of this time, using various remedies recommended by friends, and was treated by the physicians, but received no relief. She then used one and a half bottles of Chamberlain's Pain Balm, which effected a complete cure. This is published at her request as she wants others similarly afflicted to know what cured her. The 25 and 50 cent sizes for sale by J. S. Johnson, Druggist.

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Loweville Locals.

If one would make the most of life he must be temperate in all things. To establish thoroughly and widely the principles of temperance we must begin with the youth. When the true principles of temperance are established in early life and made the controlling power through life, they insure health, freedom from pain, competency, honor, virtue, usefulness and happiness. Happy would it be if they were general, and all youths would practice them.

Messrs. Marlar and Ramsey, of Stanton, visited here last week.

Mr. Ben Boyd, of Coopers, visited here Monday.

Two of Longstreet's handsome young men, Messrs Lowe and Thacker, were pleasant visitors here last week.

Mr. John Marlar paid Jemison a flying visit Sunday.

Messrs. Ray and Blasingame visited here last week.

Mr. and Mrs. T. B Teel spent Sunday with Mrs. J. B. Marlar.

Aunt Hannah.

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Strasburg.

Our farmers have begun planting cotton.

Miss Katie Crosby of Jemison visited friends here Sunday.

Mr. Tom Commer visited Thorsby Sunday.

Mr. Bulger Price visited relatives here this week.

Mr. John Massey was here on business Saturday.

Misses Docia and Callie Bussie had a nice time Sunday evening entertaining friends among whom were Messrs. Tom Eldings and Richard Collins and Miss Naomi Williams.

V. J. Z.

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Longstreet Locals.

Miss Jessie Applewhite is visiting friends in Bessemer this week.

Mrs. Willis and little daughter, Claudie, visited friends near Mt. Zion Sunday.

Miss Rhoda Thacker paid some of her Longstreet friends a pleasant visit Sunday.

Mr. John Logan visited friends here last Sunday.

Mr. John Thacker paid Loweville a visit Sunday.

A crowd of Longstreet's young folks went sweetshrub hunting Suuday.

Messrs. Charles Marlar and Newt Ramsey, of Stanton, were pleasant visitors to Longstreet Sunday.

Messrs. Wesley Danforth and Jesse Woodyard visited here Sunday.

Mrs. S. E. Bruce and Miss Lulla Coe visited friends here last week.

Success to the Banner.

Sister Janie.

Late Literary News.

"Does Modern College Education Educate, in the Broadest and Most Liberal Sense of the Term?" is one of the most important inquiries that could be set on foot. This discussion, which is to be taken part in by President Gilman of the Johns Hopkins, President Dwight of Yale, President Shurman of Cornell, President Morton of the Stevens Institute, Henry Thurston Peck of Columbia, Bishop Potter and others of the most distinguished men of both the United States and Europe, is begun in the April Cosmopolitan by a radical inquiry into the educational problem along the line of Herbert Spencer. President Gilman will follow in a direction almost equally searching. Altogether there is promised the frankest possible expression of opinion, and it seems probable that it will be the most thorough comparison ever made of educational methods with the needs of every-day life at the close of the nineteenth century.

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Two years ago R. J. Warren, a druggist at Pleasant Brook, N. Y., bought a small supply of Chamberlain's Cough Remedy. He sums up the result as follows: "At that time the goods were unknown in this section; to-day Chamberlain's Cough Remedy is a household word." It is the same in hundreds of communities. Where ever the good qualities of Chamberlain's Cough Remedy become known the people will have nothing else. For sale by J. S. Johnson, Druggist.

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In the "Progress of the World" department of the April Review of Reviews, the editor comments on the change of administration at Washington, on the tariff bill, and other measures before the extra session of Congress, and on President McKinley's diplomatic appointments; the Greco Cretan situation is carefully reviewed, and other recent developments in foreign politic are treated with the thoroughness and impartiality to which the Review's readers have grown accustomed.

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James L. Francis, Alderman Chicago, says: "I regard Dr. King's New Discovery as an Ideal Panacea for Coughs, Colds and Lung Complaints, having used it in my family for the last five years, to the exclusion of physician's prescriptions or other preparations."

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NOTICE

I shall make application to His Excellency, the Governor of Alabama, to remit the fine assessed against me at the Fall Term 1896 of the Circuit Court of Chilton county, for a violation of the prohibition law.

R. A. Miller.

March 6, 1897.

Sheriff's Sale.

By virtue of an execution issued out of the Circuit Court of Chilton County, and State of Alabama, and to me directed, whereby I am commanded to make the amount of a certain judgment recently obtained against Jonifer Headley out of the goods, chattels, lands and tenements of the said Jonifer Headley, I have levied on the following property, to-wit: West half of north-west quarter of south-west quarter of section twenty-five township twenty-one range fourteen and north-east quarter of south-east quarter section twenty six township twenty-one range fourteen and north half of north-east quarter of section fourteen township twenty range fourteen.

Therefore, according to said command I shall expose for sale, at Public Auction, all the right, title and interest of the above named Jonifer Headley in and to the above described property, on

MONDAY, APRIL 26th, 1897,

during the legal hours of sale, at the Court House door in Clanton, Chilton County, Alabama.

Dated at Clanton, Ala., this 23rd day of March, 1897.

J. T. Cooley,
Sheriff Chilton County, Alabama.

Mortgage Sale.

Under and by virtue of a mortgage executed to the undersigned by Ed Sutton and his wife, Amy Sutton on the 27th day of January, 1893, and recorded on page 428 of Book 28 of records of mortgages in the office of the Judge of Probate of Chilton County, Alabama, I will proceed to sell on Monday the 12th day of April, 1897, in front of the court house door in the town of Clanton, Alabama, between the legal hours of sale the following described property to-wit: the se¼ of the ne¼ Section 23, Township 23 of Range 12, in Chilton county, Alabama.

Mary F. Oakley, Mortgagee.
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TOWN ITEMS

Commissioners' Court meets second Monday in February, first Monday in April, second Monday in May, second Monday in July, second Monday in August, and first Monday in November.

CITY COURT—W. L. SAMPKY, Mayor.

The result of a debauch on Tuesday morning caused the arrest of three negroes by our vigilant Marshal J. A. Dudley, who landed them in the lock-up to give them an opportunity to sleep off the effects of their spree. Sandy Mickey, Thad Callens and Jasper Owens were the culprits. The arrest was rather amusing from the fact that Jasper, who had imbibed more freely than the others, was incapable of walking, and the "Black Maria" in the shape of a wheel-barrow was brought into requisition for his sole use and benefit. Yesterday morning they were brought before Mayor Sampey, and his Honor curtailed their future allowance of "stanglefoot" by fining each of them $3 and costs, allowing them 30 days in which to pay. They all made bond and went their way, doubtless concluding it does not pay to get drunk in Clanton. Charley McLarty was also charged with the same offense and mulcted in the same amount, which was paid.

Cotton to day is 6⅝ cents.

WANTED 50 bushels Peas by G. H. Green, Clanton.

The first fishing party of the season went out to the river Tuesday morning. Messrs. W. H. Forshee, W. McDaniel and J. McKee, three renowned devotees of the piscatorial art, Sam Stanfield and Dave Cooley comprised the party.

Services were held in the Congregational church Sunday morning and night, Rev. T. B. Haynie who preached being welcomed back to his old pulpit by large congregations.

Mr. O. A. Duke who has taken charge of the Lomax mill, moved back to Clanton last week.

Mr. and Mrs. Ned Duke, to the pleasure of their many friends, are again making their home here.

Prof J. E. Creel's friends will be glad to know that he is on the honor roll of Howard college for the six weeks ending March 26, 1897.

Mr. T. A. Curry went to Montgomery Monday on business.

Misses Geneva and Lizzie Jones of Lily, were pleasant visitors to Clanton Monday.

200 Hens wanted at once. Highest market price given for Eggs at G. H. GREEN'S store, Clanton.

Mr. E. C. McMorries left for a visit to Lapine, Ala., Monday.

Miss Maggie McMorries visited Wetumpka Saturday.

Mayor Adams, of Jemison, was in town Tuesday.

Tax collector Hubbard was among our viritors Friday.

Mr. Joe Johnson is at home again after undergoing a course of study at the New Orleans medical college.

Don't Tobacco Spit and Smoke Your Life Away.

If you want to quit tobacco using easily and forever, be made well, strong, magnetic, full of new life and vigor, take No-To-Bac, the wonder-worker, that makes weak men strong. Many gain ten pounds in ten days. Over 400,000 cured. Buy No-To-Bac of your druggist, under guarantee to cure, 50c or $1.00. Booklet and sample mailed free. Ad. Sterling Remedy Co., Chicago or New York.

Marriage licenses have been granted this week by the Probate Judge to the following persons.

Mr. A. C. Robinson and Miss Fannie E. Glasscock; Mr. Thos. Allen Curry and Miss Mamie Johnson; Mr. H. W. Bolton and Miss Lucy Brewer; Mr. B. M. Bolton and Miss Margaret A. Bolton.

Hard times means low prices. We understand this and are giving you goods at rock bottom prices at G. H. GREEN'S store, Clanton.

A rumor had been in circulation the latter part of last week that two prominent young people in Clanton society were about to unite their fortunes, and on Monday night the rumor was confirmed when a number of friends of Mr. Thos. A. Curry and Miss Mamie Johnson met in the parlors of the Methodist parsonage to witness their union. Rev. W. B. Dennis performed the ceremony in his most felicitous manner, and the happy couple received the congratulations of their friends, in which the BANNER heartily joins.

Squire Adams is spending a few days in Clanton this week.

The numerous friends of Mrs. Farley will be glad to learn she is staying awhile in town.

Americans are the most inventive people on earth. To them have been issued nearly 600,000 patents, or more than one third of all the patents issued in the world. No discovery of modern years has been of greater benefit to mankind than Chamberlain's Colic, Cholera and Diarrhœa Remedy, or has done more to relieve pain and suffering. J. W. Vaughn, of Oakton, Ky., says: "I have used Chamberlain's Colic, Cholera and Diarrhœa Remedy in my family for several years, and find it to be the best medicine I ever used for cramps in the stomach and bowels. For sale by J. S. Johnson, Druggist.

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Work on Mr. Sampey's new brick store has been considerably delayed—the wet weather we have had lately preventing the making of brick.

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Mr. Widdup, who has been here for the last two or three weeks with a stock of horses and mules, left for Selma Tuesday. Mr. Widdup is thinking of running a livery stable at Clanton in connection with his business. There is a first-class opening for a stable here and we hope to see it soon started.

Col. Knox has rented an office in the old court house building.

Mr. B. McKee will soon have a meat market in the old court house building.

The county commissioners met in regular session Monday and adjourned Wednesday evening. The jury box was refilled and juries drawn in accordance with the provisions of the act passed by the last general assembly.

Circuit clerk J. P. VanDerveer went to Montgomery yesterday.

Dr. Urquhart, P. E., preached at the Methodist church last night to a good congregation.

There will be services in the Episcopal church, Tuesday, April 13, at 7:30 p.m.

Alderman Gentry, of Jemison, was a visitor to Clanton Tuesday.

A double wedding came off in the office of the Probate Judge this morning, the contracting parties being Mr. H. W. Bolton and Miss Lucy Brewer, and Mr. B. M. Bolton and Miss Margaret A. Bolton. Mr. H. J. Honeycutt, who appeared rather scared at the heavy responsibility of tieing the double knot, performed the ceremony and the happy young couples went joyously departing. We offer congratulations.

Mr. L. Moore came up from Verbena Saturday.

Mrs. Evans is having her dwelling repainted.

Fire at Strasburg.

Early this (Thursday) morning the store house owned by Mr. J. Bice was totally destroyed by fire. How the fire originated is not known. The building was occupiep by G. R. Moore & Co., general merchandise, whose loss is estimated at $1200; they were partially insured.

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South east quarter of the south-west quarter of section thirty-one (31) township twenty-one (21) range fourteen (14) in Chilton county, Alabama.

Therefore, according to said command, I shall expose for sale, at public auction, all the right, title and interest of the above named J. H. Owen in and to the above described property, on

MONDAY, the 19th day of APRIL 1897, during the legal hours of sale at the Court House door in Clanton, in Chilton county, Alabama.

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WM. M. KELLEMS,
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Jan. 29, 1896.

We received the following letter from Mr. T. J. Wilson of Omaha, Ill. Mr. Wilson has been for many years an invalid, and reading the above letter which was published, wrote Mr. Kellems, asking if his endorsement was genuine, and received this reply, which he forwarded us.

MR. J. J. WILSON.

DEAR SIR:—Your letter of recent date at hand, the testimonial you speak of is genuine. I gave it to them and every word of it is true, and I could swear to it and prove it by many witnesses. The company did not ask me for this letter, I sent it to them last January for publication in order that poor sufferers, incurable as I once was, and as you are, might be cured. Get "5 Drops" and use it and it will cure you as it has cured me. I have received many letters like yours, and it is a pleasure to me to answer all who write. Tell all your neighbors what I have written about "5 Drops." I know how to sympathize with those who are afflicted, for though I suffered so long, it is now 8 months since I have felt any pain.

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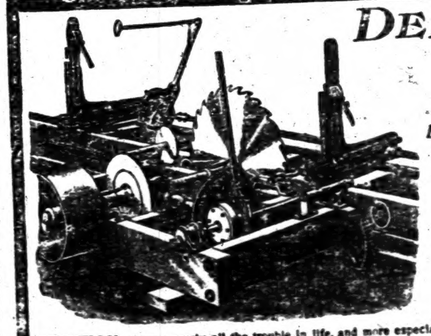

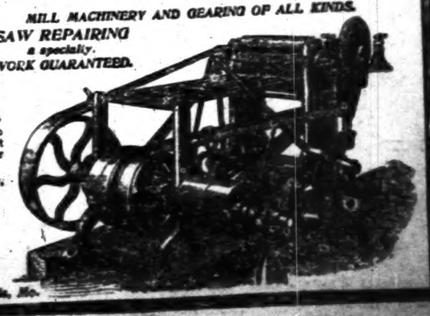

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Order and method are the conjurers by whose aid a man of very average abilities may, if he chooses, secure to himself the blessing of never being hurried. Only arrange properly the quantum of work which is to be got through in a day or week, or any fixed period, and a small margin over and above the bare space absolutely needed for each part of it, and that margin will be available for the chance distractions for which people complain that they have no time.

Armour's Frugal Habits.

Philip D. Armour, the Chicago millionaire, carries into his business the working habits he learned as a boy on his father's New York farm. He rises with the sun every morning, has breakfast at 6 o'clock, and is at his office by 7 o'clock. At noon he has a simple luncheon, usually consisting of nothing but bread and milk, after which, of late years, it is his custom to take a short nap. He is in bed usually by 9 o'clock every night. He belongs to several clubs, but rarely visits them. He thinks a young man stands as good a chance to make a fortune now as at any time in the past. "There was never a better time than the present," he says, "and the future will bring even greater opportunities than the past."—Evening Sun.

A slugball player at practice was thrown down by an opponent, and his arm was broken near the shoulder. The report says the "opponent" regarded the incident as more funny than serious. Of course it was funny. It was even "humerus."

Pistols and Pestles.

The duelling pistol now occupies its proper place, in the museum of the collector of relics of barbarism. The pistol ought to have beside it the pestle that turned out pills like bullets, to be shot like bullets at the target of the liver. But the pestle is still in evidence, and will be, probably, until everybody has tested the virtue of Ayer's sugar coated pills. They treat the liver as a friend, not as an enemy. Instead of driving it, they coax it. They are compounded on the theory that the liver does its work thoroughly and faithfully under obstructing conditions, and if the obstructions are removed, the liver will do its daily duty. When your liver wants help, get "the pill that will,"

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WASHINGTON.

Our Regular Correspondent Writes Entertainingly.

AN INTERESTING BUDGET.

Some Presidential Nominations Sent in to the Senate.

RECEIPTS AND EXPENDITURES

Some Comparative Figures For the Month of March. Rear Admiral Russell Retired. Public Debt Statement. Foreigners and Our Tariff. Other Matters.

The President sent to the Senate Thursday the following nominations:

State—Andrew D. White, of New York, to be Ambassador Extraordinary and Minister Plenipotentiary of the United States to Germany.

William F. Draper, of Massachusetts, to be Ambassador Extraordinary and Minister Plenipotentiary of the United States to Italy.

Chandler Hale, of Maine, to be Secretary of the Embassy of the United States at Rome, Italy.

Samuel L. Gracey, of Massachusetts, to be Consul of the United States at Fu-Chau, China.

Anson Burlingame Johnson, of Colorado, to be Consul of the United States at Amoy, China.

Withdrawn — Anson Burlingame Johnson, to be Consul at Fau-Chau.

Interior—Benjamin Butterworth, of Ohio, to be Commissioner of Patents.

Treasury—Oliver L. Spaulding, of Michigan, to be Assitant Secretary of the Treasury.

William B. Howell, of New Jersey, to be Assistant Secretary of the Treasury.

War.—Capt. Robert Craig, Signal Corps, to be Major.

Col. Fred D. Grant, of New York, and son of Gen. U. S. Grant, has been offered the position of Assistant Secretary of War and has the offer under consideration.

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The monthly comparative statement of the Government receipts and expenditures show the total receipts during March to have been $36,217,662, and the disbursements $27,212,997, leaving a surplus for the month of $9,004,665. This excess is due almost entirely to increased receipts from customs. During March 1896, there was a deficit of about $2,233,000. The total receipts during the last nine months were $242,785,051 and the expenditures $281,690,332, leaving the deficit for that period $38,905,281. The receipts from customs during March amounted to $22,833,856 as compared with $13,344,215 for March, 1896. The receipts from internal revenue increased about $375,000 over March of last year.

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Rear Admiral John H. Russell, retired, died at his residence in Washington after an illness of a month. He was born in Frederick, Md., in 1827, and entered the navy as a midshipman when only 14 years old. He saw much active naval service during the Mexican war, and later achieved distinction in connection with the opening of Chinese ports to commerce, delivering dispatches in person to Chinese officials by which American and English envoys were admitted to audience.

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The monthly statement of the public debt shows that at the close of business Wednesday, March 31st, the debt, less cash in the treasury, amounted to $1,003,962,200, a decrease for the month of $8,639,254. This decrease is accounted for by a corresponding decrease in amount of cash on hand. The debt is recapitulated as follows:

Interest-bearing debt, $847,364,950; debt on which interest has ceased since maturity, $1,355,760; debt bearing no interest $377,287,096. Total, $1,226,007,086. This, however, does not include $607,702,473 in certificates and treasury notes outstanding and offset by an equal amount of cash in the treasury.

The cash in the treasury is classified as follows: Gold, $189,242,803; silver, $517,808,211; paper, $151,057,504. Bonds disbursing officers' balances, etc., $17,891,239. Total, $875,239,759, against which there are demand liabilities amounting to $653,194,153, which leaves a cash balance in the treasury of $222,045,606.

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The first open and formal expressions of dissatisfaction with the pending tariff bill on the part of foreign nations have come to the State Department from Japan and Argentine.

The Japanese Minister has expressed the regret of his Government at the proposed adoption of silk schedules that, without promising to help out the manufacturers of the United States, threaten seriously the import trade Japan has built up at great expense with the United States in raw and partly manufactured silk.

The Argentine Minister has added his protest, in the usual diplomatic form, against the proposed duty on hides and other raw material coming from his country in great quantities to the United States. It is pointed out by him that when the United States, in the Wilson bill, placed wool on the free list and placed no duty on hides, the Government of Argentine voluntarily, in recognition of the friendly spirit shown by the United States, responded by placing lumber, of which great stores were exported to Buenos Ayres, on their free list, and by reducing duties on other important imports from the United States.

Steamer R. T. Cole Sinks.

Cincinnati, O.—A Post special from Clarksville, Tenn., says the steamer R. T. Cole, loaded with merchandise, sank near there Saturday morning. Three roustabouts were drowned and one white man is missing. The boat will be a total loss.

THE SUBURBS OF HELENA

Submerged and the People Forced to Move Out. Railroads Damaged.

New Orleans, La.—A special to the Daily States, dated Helena, Ark., says: The two crevasses below the city, the first at the Williams place and the other at the Hubbard place, the first forming at 7 o'clock Monday morning and the latter at 5 o'clock in the afternoon, has put a vast area of fine farming country under water, destroying thousands of bushels of corn and carrying disaster to many hearts. Owing to the enormous height of the flood, overtopping those of 1892 and 1884 by four and six feet respectively, the fall of water is stupendous and the consequent cutting off of fields will be correspondingly greater. Hundreds of refugees are arriving in this city from every direction and by every sort of water craft. The relief committee now has its hands full caring for them.

The Tatition brought up a full boatload last night and went back for others this forenoon. The towboat Itasco and barges, under charge of Major Charles H. Purvis, took down materials and hands for work on Long Lake levee with the hope of saving it from demolition. Ten thousand sacks, twenty skiffs, several thousand feet of lumber, many kegs of nails and a large number of hands were taken down to that point. The Long Lake levee has a base of 300 feet and is 40 feet high. Its loss would be a heavy blow to the cotton belt levee district and every effort will be made to keep it from being swept away.

The back water is now coming up in the southern suburbs of the city at the rate of about an inch per hour, but will not be permitted to get into the city proper, as the culvert in the Midland road-bed has been stopped up and several powerful pumps put to work to pump the drainage and seepage water out of the city. The Iron Mountain Railroad tracks are now several feet under water and trains are coming in over the Midland tracks, which are located on higher ground. How long this will last is not known, as water is over the Midland tracks in some places and still rising.

In a few hours the doors of the Iron Mountain depot will be under water, and all freight which happens to get in the city is housed in box cars three miles from the city on high ground. Several hundred negroes and a few whites, residents of this city, are now camping in tents on the hillsides overlooking their former homes, which are all under water. Under the influence of the new crevasse, the river has declined six-tenths in the last twenty-four hours.

THE WORST YET TO COME.

People in the Delta Console Themselves. Gov. McLaurin's Letter.

Jackson, Miss.—The citizens of this portion of the delta already overflowed get more comfort from the warnings of the Weather Bureau sent out Saturday than do those below Vicksburg, where no breaks in the levee have yet occurred, inasmuch as Chief Moore informs them that the worst is yet to come.

This city is in constant communication with the delta country because of social and business relations, and because of the great interests involved. A private letter from a merchant at Rolling Fork, Sharkey County, which is forty miles south of Greenville and fifteen from the Mississippi River, but directly on Deer Creek, says:

"It's water, water everywhere, and more coming. I have been forced to move my entire stock upstairs, and am all right, provided the building don't float away.

"The ladies who remain and negro women and other shoppers are traveling in skiffs, dug-outs and all sorts of craft.

"The situation is critical, and the overflow is a serious matter for this country."

Governor McLaurin has only received replies from two counties, but he wired the following in reply to a dispatch received to-day:

Gen. R. A. Alger, Secretary of War, Washington, D. C.:

Communication with the flooded district so interrupted by overflow that it is impossible to give anything like an accurate estimate of the numbers suffering. But I think $10,000 would relieve present desires. Many thanks for your interest in our stricken people. Will keep you promptly informed, as requested.

[Signed.] A. J. M'LAURIN, Governor.

At a special meeting the penitentiary Board of Control ordered all the State mules, more than 100, gotten off the delta farms and brought to the State farms in this county (Hinds.) So far none of the State's stock has been drowned, but the board considers it safest to get everything away from the overflowed district.

A LABOR STRUGGLE.

It Will Be Precipitated at Pitsburg on a Large Scale.

Pittsburg, Pa.—Several mills and factories here have made reductions in wages, which were not accepted by the men, and now it is expected the United Labor League, the Amalgamated Association of Iron and Steel Workers, the pattern-makers' and iron moulders' unions and several other organizations will be drawn into the labor troubles which started Monday at Oliver Bros.' Tenth Street Mill. The puddlers have refused to work at the reduction of 50 cents per ton, which went into effect that morning, and the managers will attempt to run the mill with whatever men apply. It is feared trouble will follow.

A. M. Byers & Co., who made a similar reduction, have closed their mill, as they had signed with the Amalgamated to pay $4.50. They will await the result at Oliver's before deciding on further action.

The men at Mackintosh & Hemphill's Mill, who have been cut 10 per cent., with an increase in hours from nine to ten, have also decided not to accept the increase of hours.

BIG BLAZE.

Richardson Block and Other Chattanooga Property Burned.

VALUABLE PAPERS LOST.

A Prominent Citizen Falls Six Stories and Is Crushed to Death.

AN ARCHITECT, BURIED

Under Tons of Iron and Brick. Heavy Explosion Preluded the Fire, Which Wrought Death and Destruction. Half a Million Loss.

Chattanooga, Tenn.—Fire broke out at 3 o'clock Saturday morning in the Richardson Building, on Market street, and in two hours the handsomest store and office building in the city was a pile of ruins. One threatening wall overlooking Market street emperils the safety of passers-by, and prohibits traffic for an entire square.

Boyd Ewing, receiver of the East Tennessee Land Company, fell six stories and was crushed to death, while S. M. Patton, architect, the designer of the building, is buried under hundreds of tons of debris.

The building was six stories high and the largest office block in the city. A law library of 500 volumes was located on the fourth floor, and, together with many valuable collections, were lost. The loss on law books alone is $100,000. The fire originated in the boiler room of the basement and was preceded by a heavy explosion, plainly heard for many blocks. The ground site was originally purchased for $110,000, while the cost of the super-structure exceeded $150,000. It was in the renaissance style. There is about $175,000 insurance, $91,500 of which was placed with local firms and was carried on the building. The greatest loss resulted from the total destruction of valuable personal insurance, railway and legal documents, that cannot be replaced. Only the contents of safes stored in the block are saved. The offices of the Chattanooga Southern, and the Chattanooga, Rome & Columbus Railroad, the local offices of R. G. Dun & Co., the National Building & Loan Company, and numerous large agencies, insurance, mercantile and manufacturers were located here. The total losses cannot be stated in figures, but will not fall short of $500,000.

Other losses are the Yager building, adjoining, $5,000, occupied by C. A. Morris & Co., seed dealers, loss on stock $3,000. The Third National Bank, across the street, caught fire, but the flames there were extinguished without much damage.

The Richardson building was the property of the American Investment Company, composed of Susie and Chas. Richardson and the estate of John Richardson, all of New Orleans.

Ed E. Richardson, manager of the property, had a narrow escape by the fire escape, but Boyd Ewing, who fainted in Richardson's arms, dropped to the pavement from the sixth floor window when the former became exhausted. Several other occupants suffered slight accidents.

MANY NARROW ESCAPES.

Family at Shaws, Mississippi, Rescued Just in Time.

Shaws, Miss.—Friday morning the plows were running in the fields adjacent to Shaws. Twenty-four hours later boats were running through the main business streets of the town and the fields are from four to six feet under water. On the west side of the railroad the rise was very sudden last night and people were totally unprepared for it, some barely escaping with their lives.

The water is still rising slowly. The water in the bayou has risen thirteen feet since Sunday morning. Three miles south of here to-day 600 feet of railroad track was completely washed away. It is impossible to estimate the number of stock drowned, but it will go into the hundreds. Many families are to-night without household goods and food and are camping on the railroad track, which will soon go under water. Rescuing parties have taken people out of the tops of houses in many places.

FIRE IN A HOTEL.

Two Persons Seriously Injured. Thought to Be of Incindiary Origin.

Dayton, O.—Fire, said to have been of incendiary origin, broke out in the west end of the Phillips house, corner of Maine and Third Streets Monday morning. The west wing of the building was completely gutted and the other sections of the hotel were badly damaged by water and smoke. There were several narrow and thrilling escapes and several persons were seriously injured. John Bryant, of the Katie Rooney Dramatic Company, fell through a sky light and sustained a broken leg and fracture of the skull. He will probably die. His wife also fell through a skylight, breaking her leg. The loss was $50,000, with full insurance.

A Farmer's Mad Deed.

Jamestown, N. Y.—Millard Spencer, a middle-aged farmer living in Chautauqua County, last night fatally assaulted his step-daughter and Miss Helen Van Sickle, of Union, Pa., who was visiting her. After setting fire to his barn and burnig thirteen head of stock he went to the home of his brother and cut his own throat. The wound is not fatal and physicians saved him to stand trial. No reason is given for the crime. Spencer is apparently sane, but of a violent temperament.

of jail, but nowadays folks have to

REV. DR. JONATHAN WHITELY'S WIDOW STRICKEN WITH PARALYSIS.

But She Has Been Cured—Long May She Live and Long Live the Remedy to Which She Owes Her Life.

From the Gazette, Meadville, Pa.

The following interesting interviews concerning the efficacy of Dr. Williams' Pink Pills for Pale People, have lately been received at the office of this newspaper:

The first embodies a conversation with Mrs. M. A. Whitely, the widow of the late Rev. Jonathan Whitely, D. D., an eminent divine of the Methodist denomination. Mrs. Whitely spoke as follows:

"I consider it my duty to tell for publication the immense benefit I have derived from Dr. Williams' Pink Pills. Three years ago I was stricken by paralysis, and lay helpless for months. I was at last advised to try Dr. Williams' Pink Pills, which after many misgivings I concluded to do, as I had lost faith in all medicines. The first box helped me much, and the continual use of the pills has worked and is working wonders. To-day I have driven twelve miles without fatigue. I cannot say too much in praise of Dr. Williams' Pink Pills for they have done me a world of good."

Mr. John W. Beatty, who is a contractor and builder of Meadville, of the highest respectability, says:

"Although I have passed the meridian of life, I am glad to be able to say that I have but little or no use for medicine of any kind. But my wife is not so fortunate. During the last few years she has been a sufferer from dropsy and disease of the heart, and at times suffered greatly. A few months ago she began taking Dr. Williams' Pink Pills for Pale People and has been greatly benefited by their use. She experienced a numbness and coldness in her limbs and at times could scarcely walk by reason of poor circulation of the blood. All these unpleasant symptoms have disappeared and I confidently hope to see her a well woman ere long. I will also take the liberty to speak for a brother-in-law of mine, G. W. Myer, who resides at Shenkleyville, Mercer County, Pa. So great was his affliction by reason of erysipelas in the face and a general breaking down of the system that last winter he was given up to die. Dr. Williams' Pink Pills for Pale People have made him a new man and he is as one rescued from the very jaws of death."

Mr. Prentice Fry, of Meadville, testifies as follows:

"My wife and daughter have been failing in health for some time and the treatments of physicians in their cases have been fruitless. So much has been said of Dr. Williams' Pink Pills for Pale People that I resolved to try them, and myself and family will always be glad that Providence threw such a medicine in our way. The pale faces and wasted cheeks of my wife and daughter have disappeared, and the ruddy glow of health has reappeared. Pen cannot record my feelings in the matter, and all I can say is that I trust all who are bowed down by the heavy hand of physical infirmity will learn that there is a remedy that cures and places suffering humanity where they can enjoy this earthly existence. God bless the maker of Dr. Williams' Pink Pills for Pale People."

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"NEVER!" cried Bourgueil, rising with violence and throwing his napkin on the table. "Never! Do you hear me? Never!" and the old master mason paced up and down the cozy dining room, turning on his heel furiously, like a bear in a cage; while poor mother Bourgueil, her tearful eyes lowered on her plate, was disconsolately nibbling almonds.

For two years the same dispute had been springing up between the old couple—just as now at the end of their evening meal. For it was two years since they had fallen out with their son, Edward, who, in spite of their opposition had married a woman picked up somewhere in the Latin quarter—just when he was about to take his degree as a lawyer, too. How they had loved him and petted him, this Edward—this long wished for child, who had come after ten long years of married life, when they had almost given up hoping for a son. The happy Bourgueil, then only a simple builder, had dabbled his hands, saying to his wife: "You know, Clemence, that smart fellow Haussmann is improving and changing the whole of Paris, from one end to another. Here is a good chance for me. If things go on this way, I can make a fortune in twelve or fifteen years. And I know one thing, the little rascal of ours won't need to climb up into scaffoldings, like his father, nor come home every night with spots of plaster all over his gray vest, and fit to drop with fatigue. We will make a real gentleman of him, won't we, Clemence?"

All Bourgueil's ambitions had been realized. At college Edward was a brilliant pupil, and the old peasant who had come to Paris many years ago, carrying his shoes on his back and a little silver tied up in a corner of his handkerchief, had the satisfaction of seeing his son congratulated and loaded with prizes by the Minister of Instruction himself. What a future the boy had before him! He would pass the most difficult examinations without any trouble—they would be a mere joke for him—and then choose any career he had a fancy for. "We will leave the boy a good 25,000 francs income," father Bourgueil would say, cheerfully, slapping his wife's shoulder with his strong, broad hand. "And, Superlotte! we will make him marry

"YOU NEED NOT EXPECT A SOU FROM EITHER OF US."

right soon. It will be easy to find some pretty girl, with a good education like his, who will make him happy, and of whom we can feel proud!" Ah, those lovely plans! where had they gone? The kind old parents had been foolish enough to furnish a room in their house for their boy, that he might be more independent. Then he met that woman, and immediately his visits were dropped. At twenty-five he had not even taken his licentiate's degree. They were dreadfully disappointed, after having built such fine castles; still they did not give up all hope. They consoled themselves, saying: "He is so young! It will pass. Let him alone awhile."

But one day the imbecile had the impudence to inform them that he had married this girl, and was determined to make her his wife. This was too much. If Bourgueil did not fall with a stroke of apoplexy it was a miracle for the veins in his neck were swollen like cords. He ordered his son out of the house and cut off his income.

"If you dare to give your name to that woman," the old man roared, stamping with wrath, "you need not expect a sou from either of us as long as we live."

But the stubborn, ungrateful boy had outraged them to the end, and now he was married to this doll of his, and living on a wretched clerk's salary, in the suburb of the city—like some vagabond! Poor old couple! How their son's conduct had made them suffer for these two horrible years! Life was a pleasure no longer, and lately the situation was getting worse every day. It was the mother's fault—she was too wretched and she had relented at last. Her sorrow had got the better of her resentment, and now she was actually inclined to forgive. One day she mustered up sufficient courage to mention the subject to her husband. But he fell into a frenzy of passion, crying, "Never!" with a force that shook the doors and windows, forbidding the poor woman to say another word about it. She had not the heart to obey him, and pleaded the cause of the guilty son again and again. And at every new attempt Bourgueil was furious and made a terrible scene. Their home became a purgatory. These two old people, who had nothing to reproach themselves with, who had loved each other faithfully, who had lived and toiled side by side for more than thirty years, became almost hostile. Every night at the dinner table the quarrel broke out anew, and it always ended with some of those stinging thrusts that wound the heart.

"Do you want me to tell you what I think, Bourgueil?" the old woman would say. "You are without pity!"

"And you are a coward to want to give in," the mason replied, leaving the room with a stamp of his heavy foot.

Left alone in the soft light of the lamp in the comfortable parlor, the poor mother, who was still true to her white linen caps, would quietly drop burning tears on her knitting and pray for her boy. Bourgueil had lost all love for his home, now that he had continually a sad face to look upon. He had got into the habit of joining some friends in a cafe close by where they waited for him for a game of manilla. In dealing out the cards the irritated mason made long and violent speeches against the present state of morals, where paternal authority was defied by children. But he swore that he, at least, would set a good example; he would be stern to the end. He could speak of nothing else, and his partners proclaimed him "a tiresome old fellow," as soon as his back was turned. In his presence, however, they deplored his ill luck in having such a scamp of a son, and highly praised his firmness. One man in the group, especially, invariably hailed the mason's imprecations with an approving word or two: "Bravo! Father Bourgueil, you are a Roman!"

Bourgueil was from the province of Marche, and possessed very indistinct notions on antiquity. Still, he had some inkling of the story of old Brutus, and felt highly flattered to be compared to such a personage. Yet when he left the cafe and found himself in the cold dark night, he would say to himself—oh! very softly—that Brutus must have had a cruel, hard heart, and that it was a horrible thing to condemn a son to death.

Easter Sunday has come—a joyous, bright, happy day, merry with the chimes of bells and the promise of warm spring days. The city itself looks gay and coquettish. Women are coming home from church, and all are carrying a bunch of box plant that fills the air with sweet, fresh odor. Even the old cab horses have a bit of it stuck behind their ears!

Bourgueil, who sat up last evening at the cafe till midnight, wakes up very late. He is in a horrible mood; and what man would not be, I should like to know? Last night, at the usual hour, he had again to listen to his wife's absurdities. She again mentioned Edward, and tried to soften him, Bourgueil! She had made inquiries, she said, and learned that their daughter-in-law, for she was that in spite of all his anger, was not the bad woman they had first thought. A poor girl? Yes; she had worked in a store. But what of that? What were they themselves but simple working people, even if they had become well off? Could they expect their son to marry some rich marquis' daughter? And ever since Angelina—an ugly name, but it wasn't the girl's fault after all—ever since Angelina had been his wife, no one could breathe a word against her. She was a model little wife. "Can it be that you will not have pity on these poor children?" the old mother had asked him tearfully. "They are poor, very poor. What do you think Edward earns in that insurance company where he has found a place? It breaks my heart to think of it; only 200 francs a month! As much as you spend on your cafe and your cigars. I don't ask you to see them; but won't you help them, just a little? We are living in plenty, while they—" and receiving no answer from Bourgueil, who was pensively turning the glass he had just emptied between his fingers, the old woman had risen from her seat and come up to him putting a trembling hand on his shoulder, silently pleading. Vain effort! Bourgueil, suddenly remembering that he was a Roman, had again poured forth maledictions and his formidable "never."

And on this lovely Easter morning he is more than usually sad and ill-tempered — this strong minded old mason. He feels very nervous; he has cut his chin twice while shaving. Oh, no; he will not be weak enough to pay an income to his undutiful son. Would old Brutus have relented? Of course not. And last night he was on the point of yielding! That is what comes of listening to women. They haven't energy for two sons, the women haven't. Bourgueil is firmer than ever in his resolutions as he puts on a white shirt and his gray holiday suit. He goes into the parlor, that cozy, pretty parlor he was so proud of when things had still some interest for him, and looks at the clock. It is only 11 o'clock, and Bourgueil, who has a fine appetite this morning, feels cross at the thought of eating only at 12. Soon Mother Bourgueil returns from church with a large bunch of box plant. She places it on a little side table, and suddenly the whole room is filled with the strong, fresh odor. Bourgueil is no poet; he has not a very refined nature. Yet he is impressionable for all that—like you or me—and the sight of the green branches recalls far off memories. While the old woman is busy taking apart the twigs to decorate the rooms with them, the penetrating perfume affects his old heart. He remembers a certain Easter morning—ah, so long, long ago—when he was still a workman, and his young wife a dressmaker's apprentice. It was their honeymoon, for they had married a few days before Lent. Then, too, she had returned from church with a fragrant burden and made their only room bright and festive. How pretty she looked, and how he loved her! And by a rapid effort of imagination he recalls in an instant their long years of married life; she has ever been so industrious, so thrifty, so devoted. And now he tortures her—this good, brave woman—he makes her suffer on account of his wicked son.

But is Edward really so wicked as all that? Of course a fellow ought to honor his father and mother, and obey them; but then, are not youth and love sufficient excuses for many a fault? He watches Mother Bourgueil with moist eyes, as she goes to place a spray of box above Edward's picture on the wall—a picture of their boy in his college suit, when they felt so proud of him and of his studies.

"What is the matter? The old mason hardly knows what he is about. His head swims; it is that strong odor of the plant, doubtles. But his heart fills with something that seems very much like mercy and pardon. He goes up to his wife, takes her hands, and, looking at the picture, mutters, his rough voice grown strangely soft: "Say, Clemence, shall we—forgive him?" Ah; the cry of joy that bursts from the mother's lips! And he has called her "Clemence," just as in their young days. He has not given her that name for more than fifteen years. And she understands that he loves her still—her husband, her old companion.

She throws herself in his arms and kisses him frantically, all over his face, takes his head in both of her hands, and whispers in his ear. The other day—she couldn't help it, really—she went to see their boy. He is so unhappy to have offended them. And if he has not come a hundred times to beg their forgiveness, it is simply because he did not dare. "You know," she adds—and her voice becomes soft and caressing—"you know I have seen his wife, and you really cannot blame him for loving her, she is so sweet, and as fresh as a rose. She just worships our Edward—one can see that at once; and she keeps their little home in such apple-pie order."

Bourgueil feels oppressed—he is choking. Putting a trembling finger on his wife's lips: "That will do!" he says. "Send for a cab. Let us take some of these sprays to them in sign of peace, and bring them home with us!"

And while the old mother, stunned with joy, falls sobbing on her husband's shoulder, Bourgueil—the Roman, the old Brutus—begins to cry softly, like a child.

Easter Thoughts.

It seems clear that a pure spirit will arise from the seed of a pure body, and a loving spirit from the seed of a loving body. If the body we sorrowfully put aside has been one full of charity, helpful, kindly, and eager to speak tender, pitying words—one that has thought no evil, and has believed all things, and hoped all things, and endured all things—can any one doubt what should come of such a seed planting? The natural comes first, and after that the spiritual. But "as is the natural, so is the spiritual." It is far more glorious, but after all—the same!

So we may bring Easter, with its wonderful deep meaning, into the life of every day. How? By teaching ourselves to comprehend the truth that while we live this human life, and develop this natural body, it is not alone the natural body we are creating, but the seed of the spiritual body which is to come after.

This is not a mystical doctrine. All those who in this life have attained some knowledge of their spiritual natures will testify to its truth. The change from a natural to a spiritual living is like the growing of a plant whose seed we have sown. The right plant surely grows in a man who has sown the right seed.

As the spiritual nature of such a man begins to develop, the purer, higher elements in him grow stronger, and one by one the baser sort die. Hate dies, and revenge, and anger. Cruelty dies, and all unkindness. Narrowness of mind dies, and contempt for the frailties of others.

The part that lives and grows stronger is love. Purity and truth and courage are but parts of love, and, as it grows greater, by and by comes the sureness of knowledge, and faith itself is swallowed up in fruition.

This is the daily burial of the old man, who was "earthy," and the daily rising of the new, who is the "Lord from Heaven." To such a heart Easter comes every day. —Harper's Bazar.

Easter Pleasantries.

Like all other holy days, Easter soon became a holiday. In some countries the people dance about a heap of flowers at Easter; in others they distribute colored eggs and have great "egg-fights," in which the owner of the hardest egg wins and the other egg is eaten by the victor, so a man or boy with a very hard egg is able to accumulate the basis of an Easter Monday breakfast.

HIDING EASTER EGGS.

Climbing o'er the great straw stack,
And hunting thro' the hay,
Finding all the new-laid eggs,
Then hiding them away
In the queerest kind of places—
Boxes, baskets, holes and kegs;
Stealthily they come and go,
Hiding Easter eggs.

From the eldest, twelve years old,
Down to the youngest born;
Striving whose the greatest store,
Laid by for Easter morn!
Drinking youthful happiness
To the very dregs,
In the early, chill spring days
Hiding Easter eggs.

He who finds another's store,
He may add it to his own,
So, throughout the lengthening days,
The secret fun goes on.
Old Speckle, and the top-knots, proud,
White Leghorns brought from Cleggs,
Cackle most exultantly
Laying Easter eggs.

They never, do their very best,
Can fill a nest a day;
Some dimpled hand or dirty fist
Purloins them right away.
No matter where they hide themselves,
In haymow, boxes, kegs,
Sharp eyes will find, as soon as laid,
And hide again their eggs.

Hugh, the younger, five years old,
Fills gran'ma's mending bag;
Joe and Sam have an old box,
Together 'neath the drag.
In the old, abandoned stable,
High on the harness pegs,
Hangs "Ole Charlie's nose basket
With Jennie's Easter eggs.

Down on the sloping hillside,
Way out behind the barn,
Where, underneath a patch of sod,
Snug and safe from harm,
He'd hollowed out the sandy soil,
And hid some old paint kegs;
John slyly goes from day to day
Hiding Easter eggs.

Fair and bright dawns Easter morn,
And ends the secret strife.
Each one brings out his hidden store—
Old emblems of new life.
A corn basket full to the brim!
No longer mother begs
For eggs. All have their fill
Eating Easter eggs.

—Nettie Overton.

EASTER-EGG LORE.

Curious Customs the Origin of Which is Lost in Antiquity.

The distribution of eggs at Easter has descended to us from the greatest of the Chinese Spring festivals, inaugurated more than seven hundred years before the Christian era.

The custom was particularly popular during the fifteenth and sixteenth centuries in England. The Pope sent Henry VIII. an Easter egg in a silver case.

In Russia it is common to exchange visits and eggs on Easter day.

In Italy dishes of eggs are sent to the priests to be blessed, after which they are carried home and placed in the center of the table.

In Spain and Germany the eggs are not blessed, but they are highly colored and are distributed among callers to be eaten or taken away according to the taste of the individual.

The custom, in one form or another, exists among the Jews, Greeks, Turks and Persians.

"Paas" was the ancient name for Easter, and the eggs were often called "pace," "pach" or "paas" eggs.

In Scotland eggs are taken to church to be blessed. They are afterwards distributed among the members of the household and are either eaten or saved as keepsakes.

The decoration of ordinary eggs originated in England. Gilding the shells was the first step. This was followed by the addition of ribbons, pictures and various other devices to please the little folk.

These eggs were given and received with the familiar Easter greeting, "Christ is risen!" and the answer, "He is risen, indeed!"

Germans first introduced games into the Easter celebration. Eggs were hidden about the lawn or grounds or in the house. Then the children hunted for them, the finder of the greatest number receiving a prize.

Sometimes the eggs were all put in one nest over which a rabbit was placed on guard. How this animal became identified with Easter is not known, but in time the young children began to believe that the colored eggs were laid by the rabbit.

Egg racing is a favorite amusement of Russian, German and French children. The eggs are rolled down hill, and the prize goes to the boy whose egg rolls the greatest number of races without damage to its shell.

This game is played by Washington children in front of the White House on Easter Monday.

In Germany there are tracks made of twigs down which each egg may roll without interference from any other one. The boy whose egg arrives unbroken at the foot of the hill collects "toll" of his opponent whose egg is cracked.

Another game is played by two boys who stand, each holding an egg, and suddenly strike them together. The owner of a heavy-shelled egg can, if he possesses skill, break the eggs of several players before his own is injured. Then he is a "cock of one, two, three or four eggs," as the case may be.

Eggs are colored by means of aniline dyes. By the addition of horns, ears, tails, legs or fins eggs may be transformed into many grotesque figures.

J. R. Morse, an American, has the contract for the first railway in Korea. It will connect the port of Chemulpo with Seoul, the capital, a distance of twenty-five miles, and will cost $1,650,000.

POPULISTS AND TARIF

MANIFESTO ISSUED BY THE CAUCUS.

They Have No Faith in the Dingly Bill as a Step Toward Prosperity—It Is Designed by the Republicans to Create a Tariff Agitation.

A joint caucus of the Populist members of the Senate and House was held to discuss the course of that party toward the tariff bill. As a result the following address was issued:

"The tariff has been the battledoor and shuttlecock of politics for more than one hundred years, and its final settlement is more distant than when the controversy began.

"During this period the country has experienced at different times both prosperity and hard times, not only under a high tariff, but also under a low tariff; but it has always experienced hard times when there was a contraction of the money volume, no matter whether the tariff was high or low.

"When the Cleveland-Republican combination repealed the purchasing clause of the Sherman act, and stopped the issue of new money, the crash came; notwithstanding, the McKinley tariff remained in force for a year and a half thereafter, and when the Democratic Wilson bill became a law the evils of contraction were not mitigated by it, but times have continued to grow worse. We have no faith in either a Republican or a Democratic tariff as a remedy for the evils of the gold standard and monoply rule.

"We recognize the fact that all former tariff legislation, as well as the proposed measure, has many unjust discriminations, and works hardships to many industries and unreasonably fosters others.

"The chief Republican complaint against the Wilson bill, however, is that it does not produce sufficient revenue for the support of the government. This lack of revenue is not the result of defects in the bill as it was passed by Congress, but resulted from a decision of the Supreme Court, which declared the income tax unconstitutional. There are many ways to supply the deficiency without renewing tariff agitation. The most direct and effective method would be to restore silver and increase the circulating medium so as to restore the level of prices which existed prior to the demonetization of that metal. If that could be done, the present tariff law, with the money derived from the other sources, would create a surplus and not a deficiency. If the money powers are strong enough to postpone relief in that way, ample revenue could be derived from a tax on a few articles which would produce revenue; or what might be still better, a reduction of needless expenditures, such as extravagant appropriations of money for rivers and harbors, not required by the needs of commerce, and the like.

"We do not regard the Dingley bill as a revenue measure. It is extremely doubtful if it will produce as much revenue as the Wilson bill. Nor is it a tariff for protection in any just sense. It is emphatically a tariff for agitation. The discrimination and inequality of the bill will create a great dissatisfaction. It seems to us designed by the Republican party to create such a tariff agitation as will divert the attention of the people from the misery they suffer from a contraction of the money and the rule of monopolies. Tariff agitators, who are usually either ignorantly or knowingly the tools of monopolists and the money trusts, have succeeded for the last twenty years in deluding many voters into the belief that the misery they endure results wholly from the wickedness of the tariff proposed or passed by the opposite party. The sole object of the gold Republicans seems to be to engage the Democratic party in the old chronic tariff war, and thereby sidetrack all other questions or issues which they fear to meet, and which alone can bring general prosperity. These and other like considerations have induced the Populists in the two houses of congress to decline to recognize the tariff issue as a proper subject to divide parties until the main issue of the money question and the rule of monoplies is settled. They refuse to countenance any scheme which will keep up the chronic fight over the tariff to enable the money trust to avoid a decision on the real and vital issues between the people and concentrated wealth.

"While the Populists will do all in their power in both houses of congress to remedy the manifest defects in the Wilson bill and to secure to farmers and laborers such protection as shall correspond with the protection in both the McKinley and the Wilson bill of finished products, to equalize the burden of taxation necessary to raise sufficient revenue, and to also equitably distribute the benefits resulting from such a tariff, yet if they refrain from voting for or against the Dingley bill on its final passage, it will be to avoid even the appearance of promoting the continuance of the tariff agitation to sidetrack the vital and overshadowing questions of financial and monopoly reforms and also to avoid giving countenance to the contention that any tariff legislation, however wise and just, could remove existing evils and bring general prosperity."

The address is signed by all the Populist senators and representatives.

Easy Sliding Curtain Rings.

Certain rings for heavy curtains are now hung on ball bearings, the balls being set in a casing in the upper inside portion of the ring, so that it will slide easily on the pole.

NOTES BY THE WAY.

The Loud postal bill is a measure designed to further the plutocratic monopolization of the newspaper business. It has passed the house, and when it makes its next appearance in the senate, genuine public sentiment should make a stand against it. All possibly pressure should be brought to bear upon each individual senator to induce him to vote "no" when the roll-call comes.

Senator Hanna has established an editorial bureau at Washington, from which high priced writers will send out to the subsidized press during the next four years articles explaining the non-arrival of the prosperity wave.

Under the guise of an anti-trust law, a measure has been introduced in the Massachusetts legislature which would make any labor union a conspiracy, both as to civil and criminal action, in case of its supporting a strike. This is the kind of legislation workingmen, who cast a large majority of the votes polled in Massachusetts, will get as long as they vote tickets nominated by allied monopolists. What else can be expected?

Senator Wolcott, who has been repudiated by all parties in his own state, is the sponsor in the senate of the infamous Loud bill, the design of which is to prevent competition in the newspaper business and the transmission of cheap postage rates of reform literature.

Those who plead that spending vast sums upon fancy dress balls, such as that given recently by Mrs. Bradlty Martin, distributes money among the poor, should read the following from the great John Ruskin:

"Do not cheat yourself into thinking that all the finery you can wear is so much put into the hungry mouths of those beneath you. It is not so. It is what you yourselves, whether you will or no, must some time instinctively feel it to be—it is what those who stand shivering in the streets, forming a line to watch you as you step out of your carriage—know it to be. Those fine dresses do not mean that so much has been put into their mouths, but that so much has been taken out of their mouths."

It is a very simply question. Who produces the wealth expended and destroyed in a fancy dress ball? Evidently not the Bradley Martin class, because they do no productive work whatever. And is it not clear that the producers of that wealth would have been better off if it had been left in their possession.

"When it is said that the percentage of wealth gain in the new states of the west has been greater than that of the old states of the East and that therefore our gain has been greater than theirs, it is equivalent to saying that when John buys a jack-knife for 5 cents and sells for 10 cents, gaining 100 per cent, he has gained more than James, who bought a knife for $1 and sold it for $1.10, thereby gaining only 10 per cent. The Western states have gained from 50 per cent to more than 100 per cent in material wealth during the last 15 years, while the Eastern states have gained about 40 to 45 per cent during the same time; yet the gain of the old states has been vastly more than that of the new. Massachusetts, for example, gained four and a half times as much wealth in the ten years from 1880 to 1890 as Kansas did, though our percentage of gain was more than twice that of the little New England state."—Topeka Advocate.

It must be remembered, too, that the large increase in taxable values in western states has been caused largely by the increase in land values, due simply to the settling of the country. And the lands, improvements and chattels of the West are mortgaged for sums which it will be practically impossible to pay under a gold standard policy.

Retrenchment—or Ruin?

The day of retrenchment, or the day of ruin, for this government is awaiting the people of the United States in the not remote future. We shall soon step from the nineteenth into the twentieth century. We shall carry with us either the germs of dissolution and of decay or of life and conserved energy. To avoid the former and secure the latter the American people should begin at once in the household, in the factory, in the counting room, in the management of great lines of transportation and in all other incorporations of capital to practice something of the economy and frugality which characterized our New England ancestors. The cost of local governments must be lessened. Administration of county and city and village affairs must be made more and more businesslike and economical. In short, the fixed charges of American citizenship must be cut down.—J. Sterling Morton in the Forum.

The Rabbit's Leg.

Those who insist that the silver question is not as much importance as are some other questions and want to let go of it for that reason should think about what happened the rabbit hunter. He reached into a hollow log and caught the rabbit by the foot and could have pulled him out, but he said the leg was of such small consequence if he could not catch it by the middle of the body at one full swoop the blamed thing might stay there even if his family had to starve for the want of it. Consequently he did not get the rabbit. Had he pulled on the leg the balance would have followed and the babies would not have gone hungry. The silver question may be only a hind leg but it is the most available handhold and those who let go of it at this stage of the game are helping to take bread from their children's mouths. See?—Iowa Farmers Tribune.

NEWS OF MOVEMENT.

Considerable interest has been aroused throughout the country among people of all parties by the fact that since the Populist treasurer took charge Jan. 1, Nebraska state warrants have risen in value from 95 to 97 cents on the dollar, notwithstanding the publication of the fact that the outgoing Republican treasurer was short over half a million dollars.

The first city election held in Duluth, Minn., since McKinley's overwhelming victory there last fall resulted in very nearly a Populist clean sweep. Evidently plutocracy, though intrenched in power is in greater danger than ever before.

Jesse R. Grant, the youngest son of the greatest general, is to be the Populist candidate for mayor of the city of San Diego, California, at the coming election.

All of the silver Republicans in the house and all but four of the Populists in the body united in declining to vote on the Dingley tariff bill. This course was in pursuance of the policy outlined in the Populist manifesto recently issued, and was also in accordance with an agreement which was reached by the silver Repulicans.

The Minnesota federation of labor charges Labor Commissioner Powers with non-enforcement of the factory act, publishing a Republican gold campaign document at the state's expense, not publishing labor statistics, garbling mortgage statistics for goldbuggery, employing office force on private work, taking vacations and engaging in private enterprises on the state's time. When the Minnesota federation of labor unites with the farmers of the state in opposing the election of governors who are disposed to appoint such labor commissioners, there will be a change.

The New York World thus confesses that at least one excellent measure has been passed by the Populist legislature of Nebraska:

"Candidate Bryan's home state of Nebraska is largely Populistic in every department of its government, but in passing the bill prohibiting corporations from making contributions to the campaign fund of any political party it has rendered a service to the cause of political morality which might well be followed by states with a better political record. A corporation which is wholly the creature of law has no natural right to do anything that is not specified in the law by which it is created. And we believe that no corporation has ever avowed that the contributing to campaign funds was among the purposes for which it was established. It has no moral right to make such a contribution, because it is not a moral being. As a corporation it can have no interest in politics except a mercenary one. If the Nebraska law should be adopted in every state and enforced in every campaign, a great many of the difficulties would disappear."

Good Tige.

The story of a dog who is wiser than his master comes from a Texas town by way of a dispatch to the Philadelphia Times. The dog is yellow and of mixed breed, but the readers will not be likely to lay such things up against him. The master of the dog is a rancher, so called, who one day recently went into town with a bale of cotton. This he sold, and then, like a good-for-nothing fellow, went to work to drink up the proceeds. Long before night both he and his money were pretty far gone. Toward evening he climbed into his rickety wagon, unhitched his shaggy ponies, who had been standing all day without food or drink, and started homeward. Very soon, overcome with liquor, he fell on the floor of the wagon and went to sleep. The ponies, having no driver, began grazing by the wayside, and by and by climbed a low railroad embankment, still looking for a wisp of green. Before long a north bound train swung round the curve, and bore down upon the team. A man in the distance, seeing the danger, set up a shout, but the occupant of the wagon could not hear him, and the ponies thought nothing. Not so the dog. He was wide awake to his master's peril, and began biting and barking furiously at the ponies' heels. They, foolish creatures, kicked and backed, and just in the nick of time cleared the track. Whiz went the train, just missing the wheels. The man was saved. His name is withheld, but the dog's name is Tige.

Beefsteak Comes High in Alaska.

The first beefsteak that ever reached Circle City, Alaska, sold for $48 per pound a few weeks ago. The steak consisted of a ten-pound piece of beef that was slaughtered at Forty Mile creek and was carried from that place to Circle City, a distance of 250 miles, by Thomas O'Brien. When O'Brien reached camp the miners turned out en masse to see the steak. It was placed on exhibition and attracted much attention. The prices offered were such as would have resulted in a mining camp quarrel or bloodshed if it had not been decided to raffle the steak for the benefit of a hospital which Bishop Rowe is trying to establish for the miners at Circle City. At first only $5 per pound was offered for a slice of the steak, but bidding became brisker as the meat was sliced and as high as $35 a pound was offered. Finally in order to avoid complication, it was decided to sell tickets at from 50 cents to $2.50 for the privilege of drawing a slice. After $490 worth of tickets had been sold the drawing began and was ended peacefully.—Tacoma (Wash.) correspondent of the Galveston News.

The Revised Version.

The $2 de stecle lover puts it thus: "I love the very ground Miss Bloomer bikes over."—Tribune.

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THE Ashville Southern Alliance says the Republican wave of prosperity has struck it, and in consequence it has reduced the size of the paper—temporarily it is to be hoped.

WE have received the first number of the "Chilton County Call," published at Thorsby. Many of our readers will remember a paper of the same title which was started a few years ago and expired after a few issues. We hope the new venture will be more successful.

MANY are the complaints arising from the neighborhood of Strasburg at the removal of that post office, and a strong effort is being made to secure its re-establishment, which we hope will succeed. A large number of people are put to great inconvenience under the present arrangement.

THE committee of the Clanton city council appointed to enquire into the cost, etc., of surveying the town, made a partial report last Friday and asked for further time to extend their investigations. This is a necessary work, and as it is found the cost will not amount to much, will probably be done in a short time.

PRESIDENT McKinley has appointed a monetary commission, under the act approved March 3, "for the promotion of an international agreement for bimetallism." The commissioners are Senator E. O. Wolcott, of Colorado, Hon. Charles J. Paine, of Massachusetts and ex-vice-president Adlai E. Stevenson. Wolcott and Stevenson are bimetallists, and Mr Paine is in favor of the gold standard.

MONTGOMERY merchants, as will be seen by their advertisement elsewhere in this issue, are inviting the people of Chilton county to pay them a Spring visit to-day and to-morrow, when special attractions are offered. As the railroads are making a special rate of one fare for the round trip, we have no doubt a considerable number of our people will take advantage of it and spend a day in the capitol city.

THE river continues to rise steadily at Vicksburg and all points south and the situation along the Louisville system of levees is acute. The waters are being hurled gulfward with tremendous force and several thousand men are working and watching night and day to hold the embankments intact.

Reports from the overflowed Mississippi delta are not encouraging. The expected fall in the waters that extend for miles and miles over the fertile valley has not yet occurred. Much suffering yet occurs in Bogue Philia county, where hundreds of negroes have deserted their cabins and are huddled on high grounds and the railway tracks. Many cabins are submerged to the very roofs, while several have been carried away by the swift current. On a plantation ten miles west of Memphis, Sylvester Cowen, a colored tenant, his five children and wife, were overwhelmed by the current and all drowned. Near Greenville two negroes were drowned in an attempt to reach dry land. Disastrious floods come from the Sunflower district. At Greenville the river stands stationary. In the overflowed district the rain poured in torrents Tuesday and last night. At Helena the rain was of such force that pumps were put to work in the lower portion of the city. The water gained so rapidly that the pumps had to be discontinued. The lower part of the town is under water from one to four feet deep. Owing to the great rainfall the river did not fall, but is stationary.

TENNESSEE CENTENNIAL EXPOSITION.

THE exposition opens at Nashville May 1, and everything is new approaching completion. Railway fares have been cut to a fine point, and arranged on a sliding scale according to distance. For the first fifty miles the round trip rate will be 3 cents a mile. From 51 to 100 miles 2¾ cents per mile; 101 to 150 miles 2½ cents; 151 to 200 miles 2¼ cents. From 201 to 275 miles 2 cents per mile with 50 cents added. This will make the round trip fare from any station in Chilton county from $5 50 to $6.00 Those who have not much time to spare can leave on No. 4 at 1 night, arrive at Nashville next morning at 7 o'clock, have a long day at the Exposition, leave Nashville at 11 o'clock and be back home next morning in time for breakfast.

Governor Johnston, the superintendent of education and the commissioner of agriculture, constituting the locating body of the district agricultural schools, met at Wetumpka last Thursday and located a fifth district school there. Dadeville and Alexander City were also bidders for the school and the contest between the three places was exceedingly spirited.

Singing at Shiloh.

Last Sunday the leading singers of Chilton county assembled at Shiloh for an "all-day" singing. Mr. T. A. King was elected chairman and entertained the audience with music until the committee on program reported. Messrs. Wesley Billingsley, Watts Moore, J. C. Veazey and Frank Foshee were the leaders, with Misses Celestia Jones, Fannie Rasberry and Mrs. Fowler as the organists. The day was spent very pleasantly as well as profitably and they adjourned at 4 p.m. to meet at Mulberry church the first Sunday in May.

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Confederate Pensions.

For the benefit of the Confederate soldiers and widows who are entitled to a pension, and who desire to make application for the same, as the law directs, I will be at Stanton in the forenoon and at Maplesville in the afternoon on Thursday, April 28, 1897, and those desiring to make application can meet me at either of those places.

I also call attention to the amendment of the law in behalf of widows, to-wit: "Provided that any widow who is a bona fide resident of this State at the time of making of her application and whose husband was either killed, died of disease or from wounds during or since said war, and provided said widow has not since remarried, and whose husband did not desert the service of the State or confederate States, shall be entitled to the equal benefits of this act upon making satisfactory proof as other applicants."

Remember that application has to be made each year and that before the first of June.

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Longstreet Locals.

Since the last few fair days our farmers are catching up nicely with their work; some few have planted cotton.

We have had several white frosts here the past week but has not injured the fruit crop so far.

Miss Beulah Armstrong left Sunday morning for Columbiana where she will spend a few weeks with friends and relatives; she will be greatly missed by her many friends.

Mr. Tom Sharbutt, of Memphis visited relatives here last week.

Mr. Aristy Armstrong made a flying visit to Calera Sunday.

Quite a crowd of Longstreet's young folks attended a singing at Walnut Creek church Sunday morning.

Misses Miller and Baker visited the Misses Willis Sunday.

Our energetic friend, Mr. Wesley Danforth, of Loweville, paid some of his Longstreet friends a pleasant visit Sunday.

Mr. John Marlar came around to see us again last week.

We are sorry to learn that Mr. J. D. Thacker happened to a little bad luck Sunday.

Mr. W. E. Lowe visited relatives at Jemison last Sunday.

Mr. Shep Bearden visited Longstreet Sunday.

Success to the BANNER.

UNCLE DICK.

Political Points.

People's Press Bureau, St. Louis, Mo., April 14. 1897.

The line of cleavage in the Democratic party has grown to be a chasm across which gold and silver men were unable to touch hands in the state and municipal elections just past. The almost universal arrangement was Republicans and Gold Democrats against all parties who had favored Bryan, and the result shows that the silver sentiment is no deader than its enemies claimed a year ago while the growth of the anti Hanna vote and cutting down of McKinley majorities offers encouragement for '98, and make the results sure in 1900 if a wise course be pursued by all true reformers.

Governor Pingree's man whom he put up for Mayor of Detroit was defeated. Pingree must learn that he cannot be a reformer and a Republican at the same time.

By the introduction of a retroactive clause in the Dingley Bill, greater uncertainty and more depression in business circles is predicted. Secretary Gage strongly urges the measure.

Secretary Olney had issued orders by which the fees of our consuls were much diminished. This order will now be abrogated and a difference of about $15,000 annually will thus be made in "Cousin Abner's" (McKinley) favor while he is consul at London.

The god Janus, who was represented with two faces looking in opposite directions, is rivaled by President McKinley. Having received a heavy A. P. A. vote, by Hanna's deal with that organization, he is now considering opening diplomatic relations with the Vatican.

An A. P. A. council of Omaha, Neb., sent a letter to Senator Allen, asking that he vote against the confirmation of any Catholic appointed by President McKinley. The Senator answered in a manner that leaves no doubt in the minds of his interlocutors as to his knowledge of law and his having the courage of his convictions. He said: "I could not, if so inclined, vote to reject a competent and worthy man for a public position to which he might be appointed by the President because of his church connection or his particular religious belief, nor would I do so under any circumstances."

The Reform Club of New York has sent out a letter to the press which, in showing up the favoritism of the trusts and the impositions upon the people as embodied in the Dingley Bill, is setting the champions of that special bit of thievery by the ears.

An organization having for its aim the fostering of public sentiment favoring the taxation of inordinate wealth has for its members many of the leading Populists and Democrats of Kansas. A bureau of information and correspondence is established. State legislatures will be solicited to pass resolutions similar to those passed in Kansas in regard to the need of constitutional amendments on this point.

We note with pleasure that a very large number of Populists have been elected to the positions of county superintendents of schools, being supported not only by their own party but by others.

Almost every county paper received at this office contains calls for committee meetings, indicating an encouraging degree of vitality and bodes ill for the enemy in '98.

Speaker Reed has refused to recognize the twenty-one Populists members as an integral part of the House; consequently they can get no members of the majority to pair with. The Populists are justly indignant and propose to force Speaker Reed to recognize them, or fail in this, they will compel the House to meet every day while awaiting reports on the tariff bill.

A new exchange, "The Archer," Henry Vincent, editor, comes from Rassclaer, Indiana.

W. J. Bryan has donated one-half of the money received as royalties on his book, to the parties that supported him in the late campaign.

A. R.

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Lily Lyics.

Farmers are very busy now preparing land and planting cotton seeds.

Quite a number of the young people of this "town" attended a singing at Shiloh last Sunday.

Mrs. Mary Campbell, of Texas, has been here on a visit to her sister, Mrs. Garner.

Miss Ollie Mae Garner is visiting her aunt, Mrs. Goodwin, of Maplesville.

Mr. Moodie Rasberry, of Maplesville, was a visitor here last Sunday.

The average attendance of the Mulberry Sunday-school since January, has been thirty-nine scholars. We think this pretty good for a country Sunday school, taking the bad weather into consideration.

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Mrs. A. Inveen, residing at 720 Henry St., Alton, Ill., suffered with sciatic rheumatism for over eight months. She doctored for it nearly the whole of this time, using various remedies recommended by friends, and was treated by the physicians, but received no relief. She then used one and a half bottles of Chamberlain's Pain Balm, which effected a complete cure. This is published at her request as she wants others similarly afflicted to know what cured her. The 25 and 50 cent sizes for sale by J. S. Johnson, Druggist.

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Stanton Stories.

Bro. Ellison filled his regular appointment here Sunday.

Several of our youngsters visited Maplesville Sunday.

Messrs. Martin and Young, of Valley Creek, paid Mr. Latham a pleasant visit Sunday.

Messrs. Fitts, of Centerville, visited relatives and friends in Stanton Saturday.

Miss Martha Ruddick has returned home from Selma where she has been spending a few days with her friend, Miss Emma Wilson.

Misses Dyers delighted their many friends with a musicale entertainment Saturday eve.

Mr. E. W. Blalack made a business trip to Selma last week and reports a nice time.

Success to the BANNER.

B. W. E.

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Marvelous Results.

From a letter written by Rev. J Ganderman, of Dimondale, Mich., we are permitted to make this extract: "I have no hesitation in recommending Dr. King's New Discovery, as the results were almost marvelous in the case of my wife. While I was pastor at Rives Junction she was brought down with pneumonia succeeding La Grippe. Terrible paroxysms of coughing would last hours with little interruption and it seemed as if she could not survive them. A friend recommended Dr. King's New Discovery; it was quick in its work and highly satisfactory in results." Trial bottles free at J. S. Johnson, Jr. Drug Store Regular size 50c. and $1.00.

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Maplesville Music

Farmers have taken advantage of all sunshine and many are planting cotton.

Garden "sass" is under full headway and many are enjoying it, some strawberries are here.

Mrs. A. S. Foshee has been quite busy the past week entertaining her grandson, Master Worth Parnell.

Mrs. Mary Paisley has just returned from Selma on a visit to her grandson, Hugh.

Mrs. Campbell, of Texas, has been on a visit to her sister, Mrs. N. A. Goodwin.

Mrs. Gorden is visiting her parents here.

Miss Ollie Garner is delighting her friends here with a visit.

Mr. Ed Blalack is at home again for a few days.

Mr. Burrell Foshee is taking a vacation to the great discomfort of the squirrels.

We are glad to see Mr. Calhoun Merchant up again from a severe attack of measles.

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Messrs. F. A. Gulledge, H. B. Oliver, T. J. Traywick and Uncle Joel Gulledge, of Verbena, and Dr. Gulledge, of New Orleans were welcome guests of Mr. H. Kendrick's family Sunday

The "musicale" Saturday night at the residence of Mr. E. T. Connell's was grand. Our noble violinists, Jno. W. Pattillo, and Lee Fulimer, were accompanied by a guitar played by Mr. Peyton Pattillo.

A bevy of our young people went to Union to the all day singing Sunday.

Mr. Joe Cash, of Bozeman, was a visitor here Sunday.

Mrs. Haley Kicker and son, Frank DuBose, of Hardy's Plain, spent Saturday night with Mr. James Petty of this place.

Mr. Gus Connell, of Hardy's Plain, came down Saturday and returned Sunday.

Mr. Pinkney Jones spent Saturday night with friends at Bozeman

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Sheriff's Sale.

By virtue of an execution issued out of the Circuit Court of Chilton County, and State of Alabama, and to me directed, whereby I am commanded to make the amount of a certain judgment recently obtained against Jonifer Headley out of the goods, chattels, lands and tenements of the said Jonifer Headley, I have levied on the following property, to-wit: West half of north-west quarter of south west quarter of section twenty-five township twenty-one range fourteen and north-east quarter of south-east quarter section twenty six township twenty-one range fourteen and north half of north-east quarter of section fourteen township twenty range fourteen.

Therefore, according to said command I shall expose for sale, at Public Auction, all the right, title and interest of the above named Jonifer Headley in and to the above described property, on

MONDAY, APRIL 26th, 1897.

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Dated at Clanton, Ala., this 23rd day of March, 1897.

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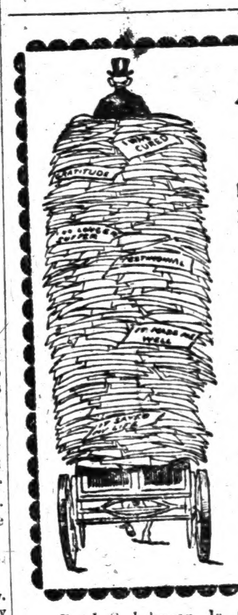

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TOWN ITEMS

Commissioners' Court meets second Monday in February, first Monday, in April, second Monday in May, second Monday in July, second Monday in August and first Monday in November.

Cotton to-day is 6½ cents.

Mrs. John Garner and childrer went to Montgomery Monday.

Mrs. B. T. Rasberry and daughter, Miss Fannie, of Mulberry, were in Clanton Monday.

Dr. E. A. Mathews went to Montgomery Tuesday.

Miss Roberta Johnson was in Jemison Monday.

We are glad to state that Miss Mattie Sue Chandler is again at home.

A large number of the Clanton people attended an "all day" singing at Shiloh Sunday.

WANTED 50 bushels Peas by G. D. Green, Clanton.

Mr. W. M. Sartor is paying a visit to his daughter, Mrs. Lee Stewart, in Birmingham.

Mrs. Rainey, after visiting a few days in our town, left for her home in Birmingham Monday.

Miss Beulah Armstrong is visiting friends at Columbiana.

Mrs. Toni Smith visited her parents at Mountain Creek last Friday.

Judge H. J. Callen is in Clanton again.

200 Hens wanted at once. Highest market price given for Eggs at G. H. GREEN'S store, Clanton.

Mr. Ran Headley's baby child (girl) died of menigitis last Tuesday.

Rev. J. F. Smith preached at the Episcopal church last Tuesday night.

Mayor Sampey, accompanied by Mrs. Sampey, Misses Pinckard and McRee, went to the capitol city yesterday.

Mr. Fuke, of Annison, came down Tuesday, and will at once commence building the new brick store house for Mr. Sampey.

The side walk in front of Mr. Wright's residence is being raised.

Mr. Thos. Plowman, of Talladega, was in town a short time on Monday.

Mr. W. H. Merritt is spending this week at his plantation in Montgomery county.

Dr. J. S. Johnson, Jr., had the misfortune to lose a mule by death this week.

Mrs. Gerald Herron, of Birmingham, is visiting Mr. S. Parker's family.

Miss Annie Dennis visited the capitol city yesterday.

Mrs. W. H. Merritt went to Montgomery yesterday.

Mr. T. A. Curry went to Jemison yesterday on business.

Mrs. Wm. Sharbutt, who has been very sick, is improving.

Marriage licenses have been granted this week by the Probate Judge to the following persons.

Colored. Jim Adams and Sallie Macmillan; Willis Smitherman and Lizzie Mims.

Hard times means low prices. We understand this and are giving you goods at rock bottom prices at G. H. GREEN'S store, Clanton.

Died. Mr. Joe Jones son of Rev. Harcy Jones, age 41, died at his home five miles southwest of Clanton last Friday night. He had been sick for the last two weeks with pneumonia and succumbed on Friday. He was buried at Poplar Springs Sunday.

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Sheriff's Sale.

By virtue of an execution issued out of the Circuit court of Chilton county, and State of Alabama, and to me directed, whereby I am commanded to make the amount of a certain judgment recently obtained against J. H. Owen, out of the goods, chattels, lands and tenements of the said J. H. Owen, I have levied on the following property, to wit:

South-east quarter of the south-west quarter of section thirty-one (31) township twenty-one (21) range fourteen (14) in Chilton county, Alabama.

Therefore, according to said command, I shall expose for sale, at public auction, all the right, title and interest of the above named J. H. Owen in and to the above described property, on

MONDAY, the 19th day of APRIL, 1897, during the legal hours of sale at the Court House door in Clanton, in Chilton county, Alabama.

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NOVEMBER 9, 1896.

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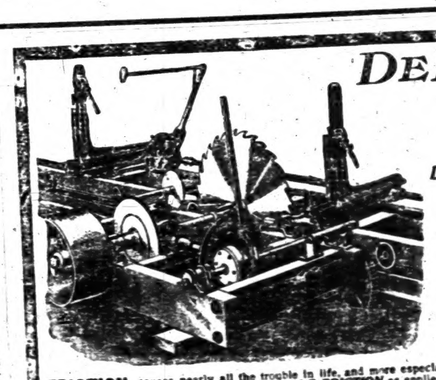

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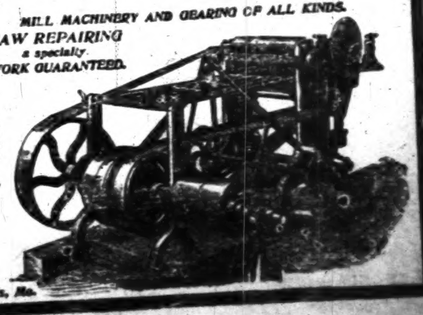

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John L. Sullivan having drunk himself to the verge of another of his nine deaths, one more of those popular appeals for assistance for the eminent ex-wife-beating sort may be shortly expected.

The French custom-house officials are sometimes guilty of curiously petty exactions. One traveler on reaching Paris was fined the sum of 100 francs for having twenty-five cigars in his bag. Another who carried in his bag a box of 1,000 wax matches made in England was mulcted for 1,000 francs—a franc a match.

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Massachusetts is making up its mind to spend $200,000 a year for five years in the effort to exterminate the gypsy moth, and then to continue to pay $100,000 a year for five years more, and $15,000 a year for five years after that. Then the committee will report progress to the Legislature.

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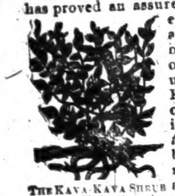

THE KAVA-KAVA SHRUB (*Piper Methysticum.*)

In the New York *Weekly World* of Sept. 10th, the testimony of Rev. W. B. Moore, D. D., of Washington, D. C. was given, describing his years of suffering from Kidney disease and Rheumatism, and his rapid cure by Alkavis. Rev. Thomas Smith, the Methodist minister at Cobden, Illinois, passed nearly one hundred gravel stones after two weeks' use of Alkavis. Rev. John H. Watson, of Sunset, Texas, a minister of the gospel of thirty years' service, was struck down at his post of duty by Kidney disease. After hovering between life and death for two months, and all his doctors having failed, he took Alkavis, and was completely restored to health and strength, and is fulfilling his duties as minister of the gospel. Mr. R. C. Wood, a prominent attorney of Lowell, Indiana, was cured of Rheumatism, Kidney and Bladder disease of ten years standing, by Alkavis. Mr. Wood describes himself as being in constant misery, often compelled to rise ten times during the night on account of weakness of the bladder. He was treated by all his home physicians without the least benefit and finally completely cured in a few weeks by Alkavis. The testimony is undoubted and really wonderful. Mrs. James Young, of Kent, Ohio, writes that she had tried six doctors in vain, that she was about to give up in despair, when she found Alkavis and was promptly cured of kidney disease and restored to health. Many other ladies also testify to the wonderful curative powers of Alkavis in the various disorders peculiar to womanhood.

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SOME INTERESTING ITEMS.

A Meeting Looking to the Promotion of the Shipping Interest.

IMPETUS TO LEVEE BUILDING

Given By the Recent Disatrous Floods. Democratic Senators Hold a Caucus. Money for Federal Courts. Reivera will Live.

Washington, D. C.—A meeting of the Senate Committee on Commerce, representatives of the shipping interests was held Friday in the room of The meeting was for the purpose of promoting legislation looking to the encouragement of American shipping. There was a general exchange of views. Mr. Griscom presided, and the meeting was private. Several addresses were made, one of the most important being that of C. H. Cramp, the shipbuilder, who declared that until means were taken to keep in the United States a part of the $300,000,000 annually absorbed by foreign shipowners no good times could come. He suggested the following new classification for bounties to American shipping: Not less than 10,000 tons and 22 knots, $6 per mile; not less than 8,000 tons and 20 knots, $5 per mile; not less than 6,000 tons and 13 knots, $4; not less than 5,000 tons and 16 knots, $3 per mile. All other iron or steel steamers, not less than 14 knots, $1.50 per mile. After a general discussion a committee was appointed to consider the question and to unite, if possible, upon a policy to recommend to the Government as a remedy for the existing situation, as follows: E. C. Bliss, of the Red D line; H. D. Boothe, Ward line; William P. Clyde, Clyde Steamship Company; Charles H. Cramp; F. J. Firth, Vice-President Lake Carriers' Association; C. A. Griscom; C. P. Huntington; Gen. Thomas W. Hyde, shipbuilder; Charles H. Keep, Secretary Lake Carriers' Association; D. D. C. Mink, President American Steamship Association; S. S. Sewell, shipbuilder; Senators Hanna and Perkins.

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Instead of making it probable that the levee construction along the Mississippi will be retarded, it seems certain that the work of devastation by the floods will give an impetus to the building of levees and the next appropriation made by Congress will be more liberal than any in the past. Representative Catchings, in a brief speech in the House, outlined the plan which he will urge at the next session. It contemplates making an adequate appropriation to insure the earliest possible completion of a perfect system of levees from Cairo south to the Gulf, that will protect the country against any flood that may come. He wants Congress to decide upon the immediate construction of the entire system and to take the matter in hand vigorously and hasten the control of the river once and for all. It will require an appropriation of $10,000,000.

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The Democratic Senators held a caucus after the adjournment of the Senate Thursday to consider the question of the committee vacancies, but decided to postpone action until next Monday. This was decided on the suggestion of Senator Gorman, chairman of the Caucus Committee, who reported that the Republicans had been so far unable to make any progress toward taking control of the committees, but had promised to reach a conclusion within the next two days. Senators Gray and Caffery, who are known as Gold Democrats, were present at the meeting and participated in the proceedings.

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Attorney General McKenna has written a letter to the Senate Committee on Resolutions representing the necessity for an immediate appropriation to meet expenses of Spring terms of Federal Courts throughout the country. He says that unless an appropriation is made the transaction of business will be seriously embarrassed, and the Judges compelled to adjourn court, unless the practice, with all its accompanying abuses, of issuing certificates is resorted to. He suggests the passage of a joint resolution as an emergency measure appropriating $455,000.

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The Senate on Friday heard Mr. Morgan, of Alabama, for the third successive day on his resolution declaring that a state of war existed in Cuba. He was severely critical of Spain's method against American prisoners, and went over in detail the circumstances in the Competitor case. Mr. Morgan said he would close his speech at the next meeting of the Senate, when he would present a letter from one of the Cuban officials of the Eastern province of the island showing the complete civil system of government now maintained by the Cubans.

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The navy department received but one bid in answer to the advertisement calling for proposals for supplying about 8,000 tons of armor for the three battleships, Illinois, Wisconsin and Alabama, and this one was so irregular in form as to be far wide of the advertisement. The single bid was from he Illinois Steel Company, of Chicago, and it proposed to supply the 8,000 tons of armor desired at $290 per ton on condition that it be given a twenty-year contract to supply all of the naval armor. In such case the remainder of the armor beyond the 8,000 tons would be supplied at $240 per ton. The armor was to be paid for in gold coin. No awards have been made, and the whole matter probably will be referred to Congress.

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Secretary Sherman states that he has assurances that General Rivera, the insurgent leader, would not be executed, but would be treated as a prisoner of war. General Rivera was captured after being wounded in a recent battle and it was feared for a time that he would be executed by the Spanish authorities for his participation in the rebellion.

ALABAMA CLEANINGS,

Some Interesting News Items Culled From Our Exchanges.

Bullock county has let the contract for a new jail.

The recent heavy rains will cost Geneva county $60,000.

The Agricultural School for the Fifth District has been located at Wetumpka.

There are ninety criminal cases on the United States Court docket at Huntsville.

The Jackson County Commissioners now in session will let contracts for three free ferries in the county authorized by the last Legislature.

A Boston educational society has invited Booker T. Washington, the noted negro teacher of Tuskegee, Ala., to address them. This is a high compliment to the negro reformer, who has done more than any other colored man to uplift his race in the United States.

Circuit Court has adjourned for the Spring term at Geneva. More than the usual number of civil cases were tried or settled, leaving the docket comparatively clear. But thirteen true bills were found—only two of these felony. This is but about one-third the usual number.

Work at the jail at Scottsboro will probably be commenced next week by the contractors. The work is to be completed by May 10, the improvements, consisting of putting in another cell, a complete steam heating system, and making the jail fire-proof, to cost $2,675, according to the contract. The material is on the way and as soon as it arrives the workmen will commence.

Buster Doogan, who killed his father-in-law, J. W. Dearman, in Etowah County, last February, and for whose capture a reward of $200 was offered, surrendered to a friend in DeKalb County. Doogan's friends and relatives have insisted all along that the young man would give himself up when excitement subsibed, there being many threats of mob violence at the time of the killing.

The City Council of Florence, in accordance with an act of the recent Legislature providing for a Board of Public Works for that city, elected H. B. Lee, R. L. Bliss and A. P. Smith to constitute such board. In accordance with an act of the last Legislature, which provided that the question of issuing $125,000 of bonds for the purchase of water works by the city should be submitted to a vote of the people, the Council appointed May 15th as the day upon which such election shall be seld. There is considerable opposition to the issuance of these bonds.

The horribly mangled body of a young white man named Edward Powell was found between the rails by Conductor Foster, of the Southern accommodation train, near Birmingham. The body bore marks that indicated that it had been run over by the preceding train as well as the accommodation. It is said the man, who resided in Brookside, was in Coalburg Wednesday, and started home that night. Whether the man fell from the freight train, on which he is supposed to have been riding, or whether he was walking along the track and was struck by the train is not known. His mangled body was found about one mile from Coalburg. A broken liquor bottle is said to have been found near the body, and it is supposed that the man was drinking.

A Columbia, Ala., special to the Montgomery Advertiser, says: A serious difficulty occurred here last night between a crowd of white boys and some negroes, in which one negro, Sam Kirkland, was shot in the leg, and Jesse Thompson, white, was wounded in the back of the head. Considerable excitement prevails in the town and other disturbances may occur at any time, though it is hoped that the cooler heads will prevail and nothing further come of the affair. The trouble grew out of some promiscous rock throwing last Sunday night in which a negro woman was struck, followed by desperate threats made by her son.

Contracts were let at Birmingham for the construction of the Mobile & Ohio Railroad extension from Columbus, Miss., via Tuskaloosa, to Montgomery, Ala., and its branches into the Birmingham mineral district from Tuskaloosa to Brookwood, and from Carterville to Blocton, as follows: P. Cassady & Co., Memphis, twenty miles; G. W. Callahan & Co., Knoxville, thirty miles; M. Quigley & Co., St. Louis, forty miles; Ryan & Co., Kansas City, ten miles; Mason, Gooch & Co., Kentucky, thirty miles. This work includes the main line from Columbus, Miss., to Tuskaloosa and the Blocton branch. The remainder of the main line from Tuskaloosa to Montgomery and the Brookwood branch was let Saturday. There will be 200 miles of new railroad altogether, and the work is to be finished by November 1. The completion of this extension will give the Mobile & Ohio a direct route, through connections, to Florida and the Atlantic seaboard, and will at the same time shorten the route for Alabama coal and iron to St. Louis and the West by more than fifty miles.

BIG SENSATION

Over the Fight for United State Senatorship in Kemtucky.

BRIBERY AND CONSPIRACY

Is Charged Against Candidate Hunter and His Lieutenants.

PROMINENT REPUBLICANS

Indicted By the Grand Jury and Very Sensational Developments Expected. Sweeping Denials by the Parties Implicated. Fifteen Thousand Dollars for Three Votes.

Louisville, Ky.—A special to the Evening Post from Frankfort, says: Indictments charging bribery and conspiracy to bribe have been prepared by the Franklin county grand jury against the most prominent Republicans in the State, viz.: Ex-Congressman W. Godfrey Hunter, of the Third District, the Republican nominee for the United States Senate; Ex-Congressman John H. Wilson, of the Eleventh District, one of Dr. Hunter's closest advisers, and Hon. E. T. Franks one of the leading Republican politicians of the Second District. The indictments were prepared last night upon the testimony of Capt. Noel Gaines and Capt. Tanner, his brother-in-law, and Fred Gordon, all of this city. The charges are indignantly denied by Dr. Hunter, Mr. Wilson and Mr. Franks, all of whom say they will prosecute for criminal libel all who have testified to the above facts before the grand jury. They claim that it is the last desperate effort of the Blackburn Democrats to prevent Dr Hunter's election, which seemed a certainty, in view of the fact that he lacked only one vote at the ballot on Saturday. The following authorized interview was given out Saturday morning by Capt. Thomas Tanner, one of the accused witnesses:

"I was called to the Capitol Hotel Monday night and had a conference with Wilson in room 29. Wilson had a big roll of bills; he said there was $5,000 in the package, and from all appearances there was. There were four such packages, or $20,000, and he said this would be paid for four votes for Dr. Hunter. I had several conferences with Franks in the same room; was last called there Thursday morning, when they seemed to think that some members of the Legislature had offered to succumb for $10,000, but they thought this too high."

Capt. Noel Gaines testified before the grand jury in part as follows:

"When Dr. Hunter came to my house he, Dr. Hunter, opened the conversation by saying that he had been told I could aid him in getting three votes. I told him that I did not know whether it was possible to get them or not, but I would study over it and see.

"Hunter said: 'I want three votes and am willing to pay $15,000, or $5,000 a vote. I will furnish the money all right, but will have to have one of my representatives complete the trade and give you the money as it would not do for me to hand it to you.'

"He said he would have Ex-Congressman John H. Wilson, one of his friends, call on me. Hunter told me that Representative W. G. Gassom, and Negro Clark, of Warren County, and John H. Johns, of Floyd County, could be gotten and they should be the first ones for me to see as he was pretty certain I could get them.

"On the next evening about the same hour, Mr. John H. Wilson came over in company with Mr. Tanner and we all three went into the library of my house. Mr. Wilson began by saying that Dr. Hunter had sent him to see me and that he (Wilson) wanted to know if I had talked with Gassom, Clark and Johns, and if I had made a trade with them. I told him I had not. Wilson said: 'We have got the $15,000 here and are ready to give it to them if they would agree to vote for Hunter and continue to vote for him until he was elected.'

"Wilson said to me: 'I want you to go right to work with them now and make the trade with them quick.'

"Mr. Wilson came back to my house to see me after the two occasions. On one occasion he said: 'The agreement is now that this money will be turned over to you when the men vote. If you can't get these men to vote for Hunter get them to go away, and if you can't get them to go away have them slipped out and keep them out until the ballot is over.'"

The greatest excitement prevailed during the first ballot for Senator at noon Friday. The galleries and lobbies were crowded. The Republicans denounced the charges in unmeasured terms, saying it was a dirty scheme to defeat Hunter.

A statement signed by Mr. Wilson was laid on the desk of the members The statement denied all the charges and said that Gaines made the proposition and they believed it a scheme to entrap Dr. Hunter. Before the roll was called there was a fist fight in the gallery. The call of the roll showed no quorum present, but a vote was taken anyway, which gave Hunter 57 and Boyle 1. Sixty answered to their names. A motion to adjourn brought out the absentees, and the vote stood 58 to 58, but President Worthington voted to continue and the second ballot was ordered.

The fight in the gallery was between Tom Morrow, of Somerset, a relative of Judge T. Z. Morrow, and a nephew of Gov. Bradley, and Peter A. Sanders, a local Hunter Republican. Sanders struck Morrow over the eye with a pair of brass knuckles, making an ugly cut and drawing the blood in copious quantities. Sanders was arrested. There was no change on the second ballot.

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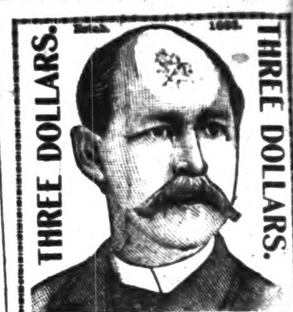

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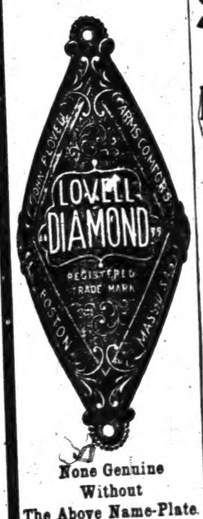

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VOLUME OF MONEY.

NOTHING BUT ITS INCREASE WILL BRING PROSPERITY.

McKinley's Delusory Scheme to Relieve the People's Burdens by Increasing Taxation—Prosperity as Yet No Nearer Than It Was November 3.

"To the Congress of the United States: Regretting the necessity which has required me to call you together, I feel that your assembling in extraordinary session is indispensable, because of the condition in which we find the finances of the government. It is confronted by a condition in which it is found that its current expenditures are greater than its receipts, and that such a condition has existed for more than three years. With unlimited means at our command we are presenting the remarkable spectacle of increasing our public debt by borrowing money to meet the ordinary outlays incident upon even an economical and prudent administration of the government. An examination of the subject discloses this fact in every detail and leads inevitably to the conclusion that the expansion of the revenue which allows it is unjustifiable and should be corrected."

So readeth the first verses of the first chapter of the New Dispensation of Messages. Let all Republicans lift up their hands and eyes and—crow.

Well, it is the same old bankruptcy lines that we heard in the early part of 1893, by McKinley's fat (if not illustrious) predecessor; with the difference that in 1893, bankruptcy was upon the business of the country while now it has worked its way up to the United States treasury which has been bankrupt "for more than three years." With the conspiracy of the bankers with the administration in April, 1893, for the purpose of contracting the currency, in order to bring on a panic, and make it an excuse to repeal the only remaining law for the purchase of silver as money, and thus create a greater contraction of the currency—with all of this before McKinley's eyes, is he honest in ignoring all of these things as if they never had happened? Could a sensible, honest and patriotic man close his eyes to the want, misery and crime, that has grown out of that conspiracy?

Cleveland's plan was to prevent the people from having any more money to get, and it is now McKinley's plan to pick from the pockets of the wealth-producer, with a high tariff, what little money we have got. Fellow toiler, is there any difference in the character of the two men, when one prevents you from getting anything, and the other robs you of what you have got? Fellow-toiler, in either case you are left a bankrupt slave, just as the money power has planned to make you.

It is well remembered that in 1893, such papers as the New York Tribune said that the cause of the 15,000 failures in that year, was because of a fear of Cleveland's free trade legislation. Since the third of last November there have been failures at the rate of over 20,000 per year! " because of a fear of high tariff legislation? Stand up, you lying Republican, and explain this thing.

"With unlimited means at our command," * * * Ah! There lies the whole trouble! The idea has crept into the oppressors' heads that the amount that can be robbed from the wealth-producer is simply incalculable and "unlimited." Those that have so long fattened upon that which they never earned will learn ere long that flesh and blood will not submit to every injustice. "Unlimited means!" God of the universe, what a lie! The whole land is pocked all over with business failures, and a large per cent of the wealth-producing masses are idle, and all that toil deeply engulfed in squalid poverty, and a bankrupt condition of the United States treasury has "existed for more than three years!"

With this universal lack of money among the wealth-producing people, where is the "unlimited means" to come from?

The "unlimited means" will not come from the wealth-absorbing class, for that gang of devilish hogs never did pay anything toward supporting the government, and never will, so long as money can make a scoundrel of a judge.

Did robbing Peter to pay Paul, or robbing a beggar to patch the hide of a landlord, or the plundering of a toiler to enrich a knave, ever produce general prosperity?

Does increasing the taxes on the people increase the volume of currency, and thus produce prosperity? Some political idiots imagine that prosperity is produced in that way. God pity the people when such knaves or fools run the government! This idiocy and knavery, under Cleveland, killed the Cleveland party dead as a door nail; and the same foreign and financial policy will kill the Republican party too dead to skin in less than two years. So mote it be." The Americans have not much to brag about, for they only made onion for garlic at the last election. The Lord pity us!

"We are presenting the remarkable spectacle of increasing our public debt by borrowing money to meet the ordinary outlays incident upon even an economical (?) and prudent (?) administration of the government."

Good Lord, help us! Did any honest person ever expect a being on earth, or in hades, would have the unblushing cheek and devilish effrontery to declare that the late administratoin was "even an economical and prudent" one?

Every sensible and honorable man, woman and child in the land all know the late and blackest of all administrations sent up an immoral and improvident stench, so dense and stifling that it would strangle a skunk from Tophet.

If six months' association with Cannibal Hanna will make McKinley apologize for Cleveland, what will four years of association with the Cannibal do? Can any one comprehend the iniquitous character of the vile brood that dominates the words and actions of the people's servants? After "an examination of the subject discloses this fact in every detail" to Mr. McKinley that more taxes must be piled upon the shoulders of poverty-stricken wealth-producers, in order to raise more than $1,045,000,000 which it took to run the government "upon even an economical and prudent" basis, during the last two years! If McKinley and congress honestly want prosperity, they can produce it, in less than two months, by issuing to the people, through postal savings banks at a low rate of interest, all the money required to make all exchanges on a cash basis; crush the life out of every damnable monopoly, and give no more privileges to the money-absorbing hog than the toiler has got. Then we will have a prosperity that will cause the honest to rejoice, instead of the kind that makes devils giggle, such as we now have.

With honesty, and an ordinary amount of common sense, no president will be "regretting the necessity which has required me to call you together," for there would be no need of congress convening oftener than once in four years in time of peace.

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GOLDBUG GOOD TIMES.

The First National bank of Comanche, Tex., has suspended.

W. O. Drake, grocer, at Brockton, Mass., has applied for relief in insolvency.

Whittinglll Bros., dealers in dry goods, at Louisville, Ky., have made an assignment.

Martin U. Crosson, agent, grocer, at Waterbury, Conn., has made an assignment.

G. Schomberg, jeweler at Columbus, O., has given a chattel mortgage for $25,000.

M. B. Israel, dealer of clothing at Atlantic, Iowa, has given chattel mortgages for $6,000.

Augustus C. Traeger, hotel and restaurant proprietor at New Haven, Ct., has assigned.

F. A. Hoyt Company, a corporation, has made an assignment for the benefit of creditors.

The Keene (N. H.) savings bank, which suspended some time ago, has resumed business.

The Allegheny woolen company, limited, has also made an assignment for the benefit of creditors.

W. E. Glasscock, dealer in clothing, dry goods, and shoes, at Belt, Mont., has made an assignment.

Richard M. Hoar, mayor of Houghton, Mich., and a leading merchant, has made an assignment.

Butler, Crawford & Co., wholesale dealer in coffees and spices at Columbus, Ohio, have made an assignment.

The Jacob Keffeler company, dealer in dry goods, etc., at Sturrgis, S. D., has given a chattel mortgage for $9,800.

The Withrow carpet company, dealer in carpets and draperies, at Rockford, Ill., has confessed judgment for $3,000.

Calkins & White, manufacturers of children's shoes, at Rochester, N. Y., have given a chattel mortgage for $8,000.

At a meeting of the directors of the United Press of New York a general assignment for the benefit of creditors was made.

Albert Kuttelberger, proprietor of the Maryland steam bleach and dye works, of Baltimore, Md., has made an assignment.

The banking house, whose suspension was announced, is the Weymouth Old Bank, one of the oldest in Dorsetshire. The liabilities amount to $2,500,000.

Over 1,000 weavers employed in the silk mills, owned by Giveraud Bros., in West Hoboken, Homestead, and Hackensack, went on strike Saturday for higher wages.

Public Ownership of Monopolies.

The big bridge connecting New York and Brooklyn is owned by the two cities, and according to the New York World the receipts amount to two million dollars a year and is a steady source of profit to the people. Fares have been reduced until it is free to persons on foot. Better wages are paid and the men who collect fares and do other work about the bridge have better treatment than those serving any of the corporations. It is an illustrating the benefits of municipal ownership and as an object lesson can not fail to create an impression highly favorable.

Lame Distribution the Trouble.

People are hungry and starving by the millions in the United States and world generally and yet our national agricultural department solons are saying there is over-production by farmers and they must diversify products if they would sell what they grow at paying prices. If all had enough to eat there would be no surplus of anything edible.—Ft. Madison Democrat.

THE MONEY QUESTION.

(By. Thos. C. Hodgson.)

I will suppose a case. I will put the whole business of the United States into the hands of three men—A, B and C. A produces all the raw material, B works it up into the finished products, C finds and furnishes the money with which to make the exchanges. They are operating upon a basis which is fair and satisfactory to each. At the end of the first year A reports as follows: "I have this year by the aid of improved machinery and better methods been enabled to produce ten per cent more than last year at the same expense." B makes a similar report, and C reports that he too had found cheaper methods of extracting gold and silver from the ore and had thereby produced about ten per cent more than in former years at no greater expense. This makes an ideal showing, for money has kept pace with production and prices remain the same and thereby each of the three gets the full benefit of his own ingenuity and industry. For a few years this state of things continues, until by and by it dawns upon C that there is no need of his laboring and racking his brain to increase his dollars, because whatever number of them he has must purchase and exchange all that the other men produce, be they more or less. So he slackens his industry while the others keep on. At the next meeting C reports that he took a lay-off last year for the benefit of his health. The other two innocently enough shake their heads ominously and remark privately that C will go to the dogs sure if he neglects his business that way. But will he? Let us see:

It is not long before A and B discover that the price of their goods has declined. They mention this strange thing to C. He tells them that they should not be surprised at that because it is the result of improved machinery and increased production. This looks reasonable to the two simple men and they go at it again, resolved to make up in increased production what they lost in price. C remains inactive. Result, prices continue to fall. C now being fully assured by experience that he can by contraction of his money transfer all the wealth of the other two men to himself proceeds to withdraw his outstanding paper money. Result, lower prices. He now concludes to lock up his silver money since his gold can just as well do all the work. Result, prices have gone below the cost of production. Next result, A and B are compelled to borrow of C in order that they may continue business. Next result, lower prices and more debt. Next result, A and B cannot pay their debts, C loses confidence, hence will not lend any more. Next result, A and B are "busted," and C has all the property and all the money and there is nothing left for A and B except to work for C on his own terms. Last result, C owns A and B and all the property, money, everything; in short, he owns the earth! Oh, ye debt ridden farmers, ye mortgaged denizens of the cities, ye toilers for the trusts and corporations, read in this little parable your coming doom! These three characters represent the mighty industries of this country. It shows in a way that the simplest mind can grasp it the processes which are and have been at work transferring the wealth of the masses to the pockets of those who manipulate the money of the country, and it shows what will be the end of the present system if not changed. It shows you why it is that already one-twentieth of one per cent of America's population own one-half of the wealth of the nation. You have only to follow the instructions of those who represent C in the parable to come out where A and B did in the end. C is a great financier, he is the only man worth consulting when an investigation is ordered. He is the only man capable of directing the national finances. He has been a great success, A and B were failures, why shouldn't C own them? Brethren, the question of successful self-government is yet to be demonstrated. It is a problem not yet solved.

A NEW ANTI-TRUST BILL.

Senator Pettigrew Wants an Amendment to the Tariff Law.

Senator Pettigrew, of South Dakota, has introduced an amendment to the tariff bill. It provides that all articles on the dutiable list shall be admitted free of duty if said article or articles of a like character of domestic production are manufactured, their sale controlled, or the price affected by a trust or combination to prevent competition. Every contract, combination in the form of a trust or to restrict the quantity of production or affect the price of any article or conspiracy in restraint of trade shall be considered a trust.

Provision is made for application by any citizen to the United States courts for a determination on the existence of any trust, and if the courts decide that a trust exists an order is issued to the customs officers directing them to admit free of duty articles similar to those made by the trust. A proviso is made that when a duty is levied on raw material or on any article improved after importation, the duty on the raw material or unrefined or unimproved article shall be collected, but the differential duty shall not be collected if the improved or refined product is subject of a trust.—Silver Knight Watchman.

Quick and Sure Sales.

The advance agent of prosperity is now in Washington prepared to open his sample cases and display his goods.—Philadelphia Press.

The next question is, will he sell any of his goods? We think not. The sheriffs are doing it for him. Witness their advertisements in all the county papers.—West Coast Populist.

WAR DECLARED.

Latest Dispatches From the Seat of Conflict.

BLOOD CONTINUES TO FLOW.

Greece and Turkey Are Both Defiant and Stubborn.

TURKEY DECLARES WAR

And the Greek Premier Accepts.—The Brave Greeks Hold Out Against the Mad Threats of the Powers.—Some Hot Fighting Done.

Constantinople, Turkey.—A detailed circular sent Saturday to the Turkish representatives abroad recalls the week's invasions, and states that the newest incursion was participated in by the Greek troops, which, therefore, establishes war. The circular expresses the hope that the Powers in a spirit of justice will agree that the entire responsibility for the war falls on Greece. Turkey has no idea of conquest, and as a fresh proof of pacific sentiments offers to retire the Turkish troops on the frontier if Greece will retire hers from the frontier and from Crete. While a declaration of war was not actually made, Edhem Pasha, the Turkish Military Commander-in-Chief, was ordered to take the offensive. The Council of Ministers at the palace Saturday declared that war had broken out.

Athens, Greece.—Firing was reported along the whole line of the frontier in Thessaly Sunday and Monday.

The Cabinet has decided to protest to the Powers against the aggressive action of Turkey. An invasion by Edhem Pasha, the Turkish Commander, is expected, and the Greek army has taken up positions for the purpose of being in readiness to repel the advance.

In the legislative chamber Saturday, M. Delyannis, the Premier, replying to interpellations, said that official advices from the frontier left no question about the Turks being the aggressors in Friday evening's fighting. At Nezero, the Turks attempted to occupy a strategic position situated in the neutral zone. This the Greeks could not permit. Thereupon the Turks opened fire, the Greeks replying. The fight lasted from early in the evening until midnight and ended in a repulse of the Turks. Saturday morning the Turks again attempted to occupy this same strategic position, and again they were repulsed. After the firing ceased orders were issued to the Greeks to maintain their position, but to avoid provoking encounters with the Turks.

A telegram from Larissa, dated at 4:30 o'clock Saturday afternoon, says that firing is still proceeding and that the cannon can be distinctly heard.

Orders were sent Sunday to the Greek troops to keep strictly on the defensive, but to maintain their positions at all costs.

Constantinople.—An official communication to the newspapers states that the imperial government has spared no pains to preserve the peace, but that Greece, having sent troops to Crete in defiance of the wish of the Powers, and having begun hostilities on the frontier, has compelled Turkey to defend her integrity and to retaliate by an act of war.

The minister of war has given explicit orders to Edhem Pasha in accordance with an imperial irade approving the decision of the council and adopting the plan of operations formulated by the military commission. The irade throws the entire responsibility for the war upon Greece. Edhem Pasha is authorized to take immediate action, defensive or offensive, in accordance with this plan and in the exercise of his best judgment.

Athens, Greece.—A late special sitting of the Legislative Assembly was held Sunday. The public galleries were crowded. Amid intense excitement, M. Delaynnis, the Premier, announced that the Turkish Government had notified Greece of the rupture of the diplomatic relations owing to the aggressive attitude of the Greek Government. In an elaborate manner he reviewed the recent events to show, on the contrary, that Turkey had been the aggressor; that her troops had attacked the Greeks and attempted to occupy neutral positions, and that her batteries at Prevasa had sunk the Greek ship Macedonia.

"Turkey," said M. Delaynnis, "declares war against us. We accept it."

This statement was received with prolonged cheers from the galleries and the floor of the chamber.

The Premier then read dispatches relating the events which had happened on the frontier, and with references to the reported capture of Meneve, he said that the battles at that important position had been brought into action, but he knew nothing as to its alleged capture. He added that the Turks, after repeated attempts to force a passage at Revenia, which commands the road to Larissa, had been driven back.

The leader of the opposition, amid renewed cheers from all parts of the chamber and galleries, eloquently indorsed the patriotic declarations of M. Delaynnis.

London, Eng.—An Athens dispatch dated Sunday, says: A telegram just received from Actium states that the Greek flotilla, in the Gulf of Ambracia, is now successfully bombarding the Skafiki battery. Four gunboats are attacking Salagora. The fire opened at long range about 2:30 p. m. The first shot was sent by the Greek warship Bastleus Georgios, the cruiser Naurchos Mialis taking up the fire. The Hamidieh and Pantokatoros batteries returned the fire, but their practice is not good. At 3:23 p. m. a shell from the Naurchos Miaulis fell fairly in the Hamidieh battery.

Athens, Greece.—In the fighting on the frontier the Turks have occupied Ana, and Milauna, but have not succeeded in taking Kata. The engagement at Milouna Pass was of the fiercest character, and the losses were very heavy on both sides. The Turks destroyed two pieces of Greek artillery. The Greeks captured an entire battery from the Turks. Three Greek officers of high rank were killed. A large body of Greek troops are now marching against Menexe and brisk fighting is going on along the whole line as far west as Arta.

It is also reported that several bands have entered Macedonia. There is no official news yet asto the reported capture of Menexe.

London, Eng.—An Athens dispatch says: The Turkish batteries at Prevasa, on the north shore of the entrance of the Gulf of Arta, where, according to the treaty of Berlin, the Turks had no right to erect fortifications, fired on and sank a Greek steamer, the Macedonia, Sunday morning, while she was attempting to leave the Gulf of Amracia. The crew of the steamer were saved by boats from the shore, but the Captain of the Macedonia was severely wounded.

Athens, Greece.—A dispatch from Milouna Pass, says: A fierce battle raged in the Pass Sunday night. The Greeks who entered and descended toward the valley encountered four battalions of Turks, who drove them back and at the point of the bayonet rescued by force the garrison in the Turkish blockhouse, which the Greeks had encircled before entering the Pass.

A general engagement ensued. Over 20,000 men were engaged. The combat turned on the position of the Greek blockhouse, which was most obstinately defended. Several vigorous attacks were made by the Turks without success, but finally about 9 o'clock by a magnificent dash they took the blockhouse at the point of the bayonet.

NEWS FROM CUBA.

More Reports of Conflicts With Insurgents, Wherein They Were Badly Beaten.

Havana, Cuba.—A detachment of the Arragon batallion, it is announced, has captured the five remaining members of the insurgent force commanded by Zaraga. It is not known whether he has surrendered or not. The Marquis of Balbca died Monday.

Col Aldea, with the Quavirro battalion and detachment and local guerillas, has been engaged in the woods near Jacas, province of Mantanzas, with the remainder of the united insurgent forces commanded by Reginald Alfonso Cervantes and Benito Sorrot. The troops captured the insurgent camp, killed eleven of the enemy and captured the insurgent, Maj. Alvarez. Later the troops pursued the insurgents to the Cierega re Zapata, where, in another engagement, the insurgent Captains, Ferdinado Sabriana and Julio Sabria, Sergeant Charves and Lieutenant Colonel Sorroto, were killed and several others were wounded and are believed to have since died. In a skirmish between the Mariana Christian battalion and an insurgent force commanded by Aiguleirra the latter was killed, wtih six of his men.

The Viscaya battalion at Vegetas, near Trinidad, province of Santa Clara, has had a skirmish with the scouts of Quintin Bandeta's forces. The Zerona battalion, the battalion of Veraga and and the Ybera squadron, reconnoitering at Oleaga, province of Pinar del Rio, in several skirmishes have killed twenty-three insurgents, captured a quantity of arms and destroyed seventy-two huts. The column had one man killed and five wounded.

In numerous small skirmishes recently the insurgents lost thirty-one killed and ten prisoners and the troops lost two men killed and twelve wounded.

Messrs. Cornelius Mali Herson, Evan Avoras, American citizens, who have been imprisoned on the charge of disorderly conduct, have been placed at the disposal of Consul-General Lee.

There have been sixty-one deaths from smallpox at Guiness from April 1 to April 15.

A demonstration has been held at Santa Clara, capital of the province of that name, to celebrate the pacification of that part of the country and to do honor to Captain General Weyler. There was a large gathering of inhabitants in front of General Weyler's residence. The latter, through his Adjutant, returned thanks for the ovation which he received, though depreciating such demonstrations in his honor.

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WHO DID IT?

Two Women Killed and Their Male Companion Shot.

HE WILL PROBABLY DIE TOO.

Husband of One of the Women Arrested For the Crime.

A MYSTERIOUS TRAGEDY.

Were Out Riding in a Buggy When the Murderous Assault Was Made.—The The Shooting Apparently Done at Short Range.—The Companion's Story.

Watertown, N. Y.—Special to the Standard from Sacketts Harbor, ten miles from this city, says: One of the most horrible crimes ever committed in this village was perpetrated in the early hours of Saturday morning, by whom is not yet known. Mrs. Wilber Crouch and Miss May Daly lost their lives and George Allen is close to death's door. Last evening Allen engaged a rig of a liveryman here, then went to the barracks of the Ninth Infantry and got Mrs. Wilber Crouch and Miss Daly, two domestics employed by Lee Anderson. They drove about the village nearly all night. Between 3 and 4 o'clock they were coming from Brownsville, when, according to Allen's story, Crouch leaped from the roadside and began firing at the three occupants of the carriage. All three were hit by the bullets. The horses became frightened and ran back to the stable in rear of the Everleigh house. One of the women were between the dashboard and the wheels, with her head hanging nearly on the ground. The clothing of both was badly torn. The eyes of one of the women was burned, as was also her flesh, which makes it apear that the shooting was done at short range, causing the clothing to become ignited. In the rig was found a six-chambered revolver, with four loaded cartridges and two empty chambers. The revolver is the property of Allen.

According to Allen's story, he was thrown out of the buggy near the bridge which spans Mill creek, and fell into the water, but soon extricated himself, and, shot and stabbed as he was, managed to crawl to the kitchen door of the quarters, but on his arrival there was unable to speak. Crouch was arrested and placed under close surveillance. A knife was found in his pocket, but no blood stains were on it, nor was there anything about his appearance to point to his guilt. Crouch and his wife had not lived together for a long time.

The Coroner's jury brought in a verdict to the effect that Crouch killed the woman, and Crouch was brought to the Jefferson county jail in this city for safe keeping. When he arrived here this afternoon he appeared cool and collected, and said:

"Well, sheriff, they have brought me to you, but I won't be with you long."

He appeared to be confident that his innocence will soon be established.

Allen, the man who was with the women, reached the mess hall at 4:30 in the morning, when he fainted, but not before saying:

"Get the women out of the creek."

He was taken to the hospital, wet from head to foot and showing signs of having been in the water. For some time it was impossible to get any statement from him. Stimulants were given and as soon as he was aroused the following statement was given, but only in answer to questions, he saying that it hurt his throat:

"Crouch did it. It was done by the creek. Crouch grasped the reins of the right horse and leaned out of the rig. It was a one-seated top buggy. I was struck by a lash and then shot. I tried to get out my revolver, but before I could do so was shot again. In getting out my revolver I accidentally shot myself in the throat. The women were shot and fell on top of me."

Got a Life Sentence.

Macon, Ga.—The trial of Shaw, wrecker of a passenger train on the Southern Railroad at Stone Creek, last year, ended at Jeffersonville in a verdict of guilty with recommendation to life imprisonment. Shaw and Criswell wrecked the train causing the loss of two lives. Criswell is now serving a life sentence and Shaw will doubtless be sentenced to the same fate.

Ohio Village Destroyed.

Fremont, O.—Fire destroyed the business portion of Lindsey village, eight miles west of Fremont, on the Lake Shore Railroad. The postoffice, the drug store, grocery, meat market, the new Produce Exchange building, town hall and Grand Army of the Republic hall were destroyed. The destruction was complete before aid could arrive from Fremont.

Murder Pays the Penalty.

Macon, Ga.—Lovett Brookins, colored, was hanged at Louisville, Ga., Friday afternoon at 2 o'clock for the murder of Lelia McCrary and Sanders Oliphant, both colored, a year ago on account of jealousy. Brookins made a long talk to his friends, warning them against women. He prayed and sang on the gallows.

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WASHINGTON NEWS.

What Is Being Done in the United States Senate.

Washington.—The Senate passed the Indian appropriation bill Monday. It is substantially the same as it passed the House, and can cause little division except the amendment opening the Uncompahgre Indian reservation.

The Rev. Hugh Johnson, in his opening prayer, invoked Divine blessing on those nations struggling for civil and religious liberty, and prayed for the speedy termination of all wars. He referred also to the suffering along the Mississippi river.

A resolution for a committee of five Senators to inquire into the issuance of land patents to the Pacific railroads and to the California and Oregon railways, and to the amount of subsidies paid to the Pacific Steamship Company was favorably reported, but on suggestion of Mr. Stewart, of Navada, it went over.

Mr. Vest returned to the question which precipitated the recent tariff skirmish and reintroduced his resolution declaring illegal the recent order of the Secretary of the Treasury relative to goods arriving after April 1, last. Mr. Vest said he would call up the resolution Tuesday.

Mr. Morgan, of Alabama, endeavored to take up the Cuban resolution, Mr. Pettigrew interposed the Indian appropriation bill, remarking that it was not "unending" while the Cuban question was.

Mr. Davis, Republican, of Minnesota, also appealed to Mr. Morgan not to press the Cuban question as he (Davis) desired to have an executive session for the purpose, he said, of securing an agreement for a final vote on the Anglo-American treaty.

The Indian bill was finally taken up. After its passage a resolution by Mr. Mills, of Texas, was agreed to asking the Secretary of State for information as to the reciprocity treaties made under the McKinley act and what import rates on foreign goods would be reduced in consequence.

At 1:50 p. m., on motion of Mr. Davis, the Senate went into executive session on the arbitration treaty.

At 2:15 p. m., on motion of Mr. Hale, of Maine, the Senate adjourned as a mark of respect to the late Representative Milliken.

DIED AT HIS POST.

Bank Cashier Killed and Bank Looted By the Murderers.

Somerworth, N. H.—While resisting the entry of two desperate and determined robbers and during a futile struggle to protect $150,000 or more in money and securities in the compartment of the open vault of the Great Falls National Bank, of Somersworth, this afternoon, Cashier Joseph I Stickney was murdered near the desk which he had occupied for years. After killing Stickney the murderers ransacked the vault and fled with all the cash it contained, with the exception of a few five-dollar gold pieces. As near as can be estimated, about $6,000 was taken, but it is possible that the loss will considerably exceed this sum, as no one but the dead cashier knew the exact amount that was in the institution at the time. The robbers, after knocking Stickney down with a black jack, cut his throat. The most remarkable feature of the robbery is that $100,000 in bonds of the United States, which were kept in one of the drawers of the vault, and which the robbers evidently examined hastily, were not taken. Neither was any of the negotiable paper and securities of the bank; in fact, nothing was missing except the cash.

No one was aware that there was anything wrong at the bank until nearly 2 o'clock, or an hour after the murderous work was done. The perpetrators had ample time to escape.

Two Italians Murdered.

Kingstree, S. C.—News reached this place Saturday that two white men had been murdered about four miles below Kingstree, on the line of the Northeastern Railroad. Their bodies were found lying upon the ground Saturday morning. Upon examination it was ascertained that they had been shot and their throats cut. The murders were committed very near Salter's depot, the next station below Kingstree, and the shooting was heard about 8 o'clock last night. It can scarcely be said that any clue exists or that suspicion rests on any one, in particular, except three negroes, who were loitering around Salter's depot Saturday, and who, towards night, disappeared. Some believe that they perpetrated the awful deed.

Locomotive Boiler Explodes.

Richmond, Va.—At Ashland Friday afternoon the boiler of the locomotive of a material train on the Richmond, Fredericksburg and Potomac Railway exploded. No one was hurt, but the track was torn up and the glass in a number of windows in the town was broken. The engine is a complete wreck. The fireman was in the cab at the time and was blown into atoms.

Big Saw Mill Burned.

Little Rock, Ark.—A special to the Gazette from Texarkana says that the big sawmill plant of the Caulfield Lumber Company, at Caulfield, Ark., was completely destroyed by fire. Estimated loss, $50,000; insurance, $20,000.

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OWING to pressure on our space this week some late correspondence is unavoidably held over.

COL. WM. Youngblood of Montgomery has been appointed by the President third Auditor of the Treasury.

THE superintendent of education W. W. Kidd, of Marshall county has skipped with about $2,000 of school money, and Governor Johnston has offered a reward of $250 for his arrest. It is to be hoped he will be captured.

IF argument was necessary to demonstrate the advisability of electing U. S. Senators by direct vote of the people, the present situation in Kentucky affords splendid ground for debate. When would-be senators have to either buy their seat or gain admission by trickery it is high time a change was made.

OBSERVER'S letter in this issue, advocating the improvement of the roads in our county, is one that we heartily endorse and commend to the consideration of our citizens. If every time the roads are worked care is taken to utilize the labor to the best advantage it will be but a short time before our thoroughfares are in splendid condition. Good roads means quicker time to our farmers in coming and going and much less wear and tear on animals and vehicles. Good roads are an advantage to the entire community and the immediate benefit can be felt in the decreased cost of transportation to market and the lessening of expense in purchasing and repairing wagons and buggies. Let us have good roads!

EVERY Populist should read and carefully consider the wise and conservative address issued by a joint caucus of Populist Senators and Congressmen which will be found in another place in this paper. Under present condition our party is steadily gaining ground all along the line and nothing is to be gained by premature action. A small number of dissatisfied politicians have for some time been seeking the disruption of the party by attempting to discreditit our national leaders and in other ways, and have now taken it upon themselves to issue a call for a national convention to be held July 4th of this year at Nashville. We do not believe there is any possibility of a representative body of Populists being gathered together at this early date, and even if it were possible we fail to see what good could be accomplished. An overwhelming majority of Populists have the fullest confidence in our National Executive Committee and are quite satisfied with their conduct of affairs. When, in their judgment, a national convention is necessary, it will be time for true Populists to attend one and it will not be obligatory upon a self-constituted committee to call a meeting, which in the nature of things is bound to prove a failure.

Jemison City Council.

THE recently elected Mayor and Board of Aldermen of the city of Jemison met last week and organized. Mayor Adams presided and there was a full Board present. Mr George Shaw was appointed marshal and Mr. B. M. Gentry, clerk and treasurer. The regular meeting of the board was fixed for the first Monday in each month. Three ordinances were passed. By the courtesy of Mr. I. N. Langston the Mayor's office and court room will be upstairs, over Mr. Langston's store, who tenders its use free of charge. Yesterday the first case was tried. Henry Purifoy (colored) was charged with disorderly conduct. The case was continued. Some difficulty has arisen on account of there being no city jail at present. It is probable that Purifoy will be arrested on a State warrant, he having committed a State offense.

THE JURORS.

The following named persons have been drawn for the Spring Term of circuit court, commencing Monday, May 10, 1897.

GRAND JURY.

Beat 1. A. U. Glasscock, James Vines.
Beat 2. I. N. Langston, John Lowery, Sr., C. L. Hayes.
Beat 3. Jasper Giles, T. J. Lenoir
Beat 4. W. H. Merritt, E. H. Parrish, W. I. Mullins.
Beat 5. N. J. Calloway, P. C. Dennis.
Beat 6. W. C. Davis, J. R. Broadhead.
Beat 7. W. E. Bearden, J. W. Adams, J. N. Gentry.
Beat 8. G. W. Fox.
Beat 9. S. E. Checkler, D. C. Honeycutt, Samuel Pate,

PETIT JURY—First Week.

Beat 1. W R Lowery, B F Robinson.
Beat 2. J Alex Moore, S D Posey, W G Atkinson.
Beat 3. W J Sorrell, W P White, Y O Freeman, J S Jones, W M Merchant, Calvin Jones, B F Franklin
Beat 4. W M Wilson, I N Maddox, A A Ayers.
Beat 5. John Vinson, Curtis Moore, S
Beat 6. A T Hathcock.
Beat 7. D C Savage, W D Lawrence, J L Elam.
Beat 8. J G Gay, Isaish Friday, C C Ray, T D Parnell, R F Carrol.
Beat 9. J R Swinford, W R Darden, T W Chisness, W P Murrah.

Second Week.

Beat 1. Lewis Littleton.
Beat 2. J P Cust, Allison Sims.
Beat 3. R J Williams P G Hudman, W R Baker, J J Culp, Lee Foshee, Martin Franklin, P H Headley, E J Hayes
Beat 4. J W Littlejohn, W H Wright H E Culver.
Beat 5. A J Duncan, T M Pyron, W J Gray D S Robinson.
Beat 6. A C Pool, Elijah Headley, T J Billingsley, A J Gray, G T Brigance.
Beat 7. Milton Lawrence, W Y Atchison, J S Bearden.
Beat 8. D M Martin, D H Mitchel, Jeff Parnell.
Beat 9. Lee Pate, J. W. Hayes.

Longstreet Locals.

We are having fine weather now and farmers are making good use of it, planting cotton in a hurry.

We are sorry to learn that Mr. John Grant is very sick, he has been in bad health for some time.

Messrs. Massey, Wiley and John Logan were pleasant visitors here Sunday.

Miss Rhoda Thacker spent Easter Sunday with Miss Minnie Applewhite, who was kept quite busy entertaining her friends Sunday.

Quite a number of the Longstreet young folks went to Mountain Springs Sunday.

Messrs. Williams and Retherford, of Jumbo, visited Mr. Frank Goodgame's family Sunday.

Misses Lowe and Thacker in company with some of their Loweville friends attended services at Salem Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Marlar and daughter, Miss Annie, and Miss Lilla Danforth passed through Longstreet one day last week on their way to the cemetery.

Mr. and Mrs. A. T. Thacker visited Mr. Armstrong's family Sunday.

Messrs. Will Thacker and Clyde Armstrong attended a singing at Lomax Sunday. UNCLE DICK.

The Discovery Saved His Life.

Mr. G. Caillouette, Druggist, Beaversville, Ill., says: "To Dr. King's New Discovery I owe my life. Was taken with La Grippe and tried all the physicians for miles about, but of no avail and was given up and told that I could not live. Having Dr. King's New Discovery in my store I sent for a bottle and began its use and from the first dose began to get better, and after using three bottles was up and about again It is worth its weight in gold. We won't keep store or house without it." Get a free trial at Dr. J. S. Johnson, Jr. Drug Store.

Confederate Pensions.

For the benefit of the Confederate soldiers and widows who are entitled to a pension, and who desire to make application for the same, as the law directs, I will be at Stanton in the forenoon and at Maplesville in the afternoon on Thursday, April 29, 1897, and those desiring to make application can meet me at either of those places.

Remember that application has to be made each year and that before the first of June.

R. M. HONEYCUTT,
Jugde of Probate.

Minooka News.

The health of our town is very good.

Borne to Mr. and Mrs. Geo. R. Buston recently a fine boy. We are glad to note that the mother and babe are doing well.

The new railroad owned by Messrs. Burton & Brown has been completed as far as mosqueto lake Mr. Henry Padgett while riding over the road on the break beam of the car got his foot caught between a stump and the axle of the car and had his foot severely hurt. He was riding against orders of the company, hence they are not responsible for his injuries. The road has three regular stations: Snipe Creek, Wine City and Lowery's Park. We have recently learned that the company has secured the services of I. J. Lowery as section foreman and Alex Rachels as supervisor these men both come well recommended and we believe will give perfect satisfaction.

BANNER FRIEND.

Political Points.

People's Press Bureau, St. Louis, Mo., April 21, 1897.

If the friends of free silver and the reforms that would follow it are not soon aroused to the need of immediate, concerted and systematically maintained action, the gold standard party will have gained headway that we will be unable to cover in 1900. The Sound Money League, having headquarters in Chicago, has begun circulating subscription papers in New York. About a million dollars was subscribed in a few days. Men like Rockfeller, George Gould, Carnegie, Pullman, Morgan and Wannamaker have agreed to an annual contribution up to 1900. The greatest care is to be taken in regard to the character of literature sent out. All matters will have to pass through the hands of a committee. The constitution of the Legislature states that its purpose is to perpetuate the gold standard in America. The educational work will be carried on through leagues and clubs, state, county and precinct. The subsidizing and corrupting of the press will be in Mark Hanna's department at Washington, D. C.

An excellent offset to this is proposed by Governor Altgeld and it will probably be known as the Altgeld library scheme. It is proposed to establish a small free library at every possible point, to contain works on the money question. It is interesting to note that on all lists so far prepared, the majority of the books are by our People's Party writers.

The memory of Thomas Jefferson was again insulted by celebrations on his birthday held by men unworthy to speak the name of the great patriot. To see, on such an occasion, a goldbug democrat responding to a toast in a speech which sets forth the beauty and jeffersonianism (?) of the Indianapolis platform, or some other equally outrageous proposition, is enough to disgust any man who is not grossly ignorant of Jefferson's life and writings.

A gigantic consolidation of the oil interests of the world has been brought about by the Standard Oil Company.

Mrs. M. A. Lackey, of Lawrence county, Indiana, has been elected Chairman of the County Committee by the Populists.

The Executive Committee of the Indianapolis Monetary Reform Convention (bankers) has issued a circular asking further aid of the commercial organizations and business men generally. This organization has for its object the stoppage of silver coinage, retirement of greenbacks, issueing of national bank notes at face value and establishment of a single gold standard.

The New York legislature has passed a bill to authorize the establishment of a farm school for the boy waifs of New York City.

Laboring men of New York City have formed a political union for the purpose of securing recognition from the political parties. It is believed that this new political movement can control 50,000 votes in the city proper alone. The political fight this summer promises to be a hot one.

Populists in Pennsylvania are organizing effectively in every county of the state.

The Populist of Kansas believe in organization; they are now getting ready to make a fight on church men throughout the state who are advocating the gold standard.

The Regents of the Kansas State University are making many changes, wisely dispensing with those professors whose views and teachings are antagonistic to the good of the great common people.

Mrs. Anna L. Diggs has been appointed by Governor Leedy, Superintendent of the school for girls at Beloit, Kansas.

The Chicago mayoralty fight has brought about the usual split in the People's Party. One wing supporting a man who had no possible show of election and hence could institute no reforms, and the other wing supporting Carter Harrison whom they preferred to a Republican. A.R.

Scott's Emulsion

is made up of the most essential elements that go to nourish the body. Where the appetite is varying or lacking, it increases it, and where digestion is weak, it aids it to perform its function in a more vigorous way. It enriches the blood, makes healthy flesh and cures chronic coughs and colds by making it possible for the body to resist disease. Our friends tell us "IT WORKS WONDERS" but we never like to over-state the merits of our remedy even when it has been tested and tried for over twenty-five years. If you will ask for it, we will send you a book telling you more about the subject than we can put in a few words.

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CORRESPONDENCE.

[We are willing to publish our subscribers views at any time, but it must be distinctly understood we do not hold ourselves responsible for these opinions.—EDITOR.]

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GOOD ROADS.

No doubt every farmer, as he comes into Clanton, views with pride and admiration the improvements made upon the streets and thoroughfares. The boys of Clanton, like men, took hold, under the supervision and direction of the Marshal, Jas. A. Dudley, and are putting a new dress on their town. Don't forget to give Mayor W. L. Sampey credit for the great improvements he has made and is still making on the main street.

It is to be hoped that the apportioners of public roads in the county will see to it that the overseers put the roads in better condition. Chilton has the sorriest roads in the State, which very much reflects discredit upon her citizens, especially upon the apportioners and overseers. I notice a great many men subject to road duty go on the road when warned and take with them some little trifling tool other than what they were warned to take and stand about bracing themselves up on the handle as though a road was not needed and that the laws of the State had inflicted heavy punishment upon them without any cause whatever, and the overseer forgets his duty and responsibilities and lest he hurt their feelings he fails to require them to put in full time and they while away the time together and finally all are dismissed after they have about half filled up a few of the worst places and laid down a few brush or a pole diagonally across the road and then dig a small ditch on the upper side, piling up the dirt on the brush or pole so high that when a person crosses it in a vehicle he has to hold on with both hands to keep from being thrown out. I hope our overseers will forever quit making what is called breaks, across the roads. If the hands would work on the roads like they work on the farm and put in only half the time required by law they could in a few years have every road in the county raised in the center and the stumps all out, then they would be no trouble to keep up and when you want to go you could travel with more ease and less danger of breaking down your vehicle and being thrown out and hurt. And more than that to make good roads is an evidence of a progressive and patriotic people.

Let us hear from others on this subject. OBSERVER.

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Mrs. A. Inveen, residing at 720 Henry St., Alton, Ill., suffered with sciatic rheumatism for over eight months. She doctored for it nearly the whole of this time, using various remedies recommended by friends, and was treated by the physicians, but received no relief. She then used one and a half bottles of Chamberlain's Pain Balm, which effected a complete cure. This is published at her request as she wants others similarly afflicted to know what cured her. The 25 and 50 cent sizes for sale by J. S. Johnson, Druggist.

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Turn-Round Topics.

The cold snap last week was very trying to tender vegetables and fruit, although it is not believed that any serious damage was done.

Mr. Ino. W. Pattillo spent Good Friday in Montgomery.

Mr. W. H. Kendrick and family of Elmore, were visitors to relatives here last week.

Mr. Thomas Davis and son, Marshall, of the capitol city, visited here recently.

There are people who would do great acts, but because they wait for the great opportunities, life passes, and the acts of love are not done at all.

Your correspondent had the pleasure of visiting Providence recently a distance of about 10 miles from here up the river. The energetic farmers of that section seem to be in a splendid condition, though cotton chopping has not yet begun.

The bridge at Pyron's mill is now completed. Mr. Manning did a good job on it.

Mr. Frances M. Connell, Jr., and wife, of Hardy's Plain, were pleasant visitors here Saturday and Sunday.

Mr. W. D. Goss spent Sunday with Mr. H. Kendrick.

Mr. Esco, of Deatsville, visited here Sunday.

Mr. Hicks, of Friendship, came over last week.

All who can conveniently do so should take in the magic city next Sunday, round trip from here, excursion rates, is only one dollar.

Now, dear reader, I shall say, "au revoir" and when the beautiful May time comes, I'll come to you again. May there always be the promise and the sunshine of spring in your lives.

OLD STONEWALL.

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Musical Convention.

The Chilton county musical convention will hold its first session with the Mars Hill class at the Mars Hill church, three miles west of Jemison, the fourth Sunday and Saturday before in May. All interested are expected to attend on Saturday at 9:30 a.m.

Committees. On Musical Education—R. D. Durham, J. C. Veazey, J. E. White, Tilman Robinson, G. W. Gothard, James Franklin, A. H. Glass. On Church Music—C. L. Glass, Lewis Robinson, W. H. Conway, J. P. Gentry, Andrew Henly, R. T. Grant, J. C. Creal. On Sunday-school Music—C. M. Northcutt, L. B. Pounds, J. B. Littleton, Green Cofer, Enoch Hayes, Beery Wells Henry Robinson.

A. E. GLASSCOCK, Pres.
J. B. NORTHCUTT, Sec.

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Two years ago R. J. Warren, a druggist at Pleasant Brook, N. Y., bought a small supply of Chamberlain's Cough Remedy. He sums up the result as follows: "At that time the goods were unknown in this section; to-day Chamberlain's Cough Remedy is a household word." It is the same in hundreds of communities. Where ever the good qualities of Chamberlain's Cough Remedy become known the people will have nothing else. For sale by J. S. Johnson, Druggist.

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Are You Going West?

The Wabash Line is the Short Line to Kansas City, Council Bluffs, Omaha, St. Paul and Minneapolis and run the finest trains equipped with free Reclining Chair Cars, Pullman Buffet Sleepers and Buffet Parlar Cars. The road bed is the finest in the West and the fast time made by this line is a matter of record. See that your tickets read in the Wabash.

C. S. CRANE,
G. P. & T. A., St. Louis, Mo.

Easter Celebration

A large number of the children of Clanton gathered at the residence of Mrs Wilson last Saturday afternoon and after enjoying themselves for a while were "turned in the rye patch" for an Easter egg hunt, which was not only enjoyable for the children, but the spectator as well.

Mr. W. M. Sartor returned home Tuesday after a visit to Birmingham.

Don't Tobacco Spit and Smoke Your Life Away.

If you want to quit tobacco using easily and forever, be made well, strong, magnetic, full of new life and vigor, take No-To-Bac, the wonder-worker, that makes weak men strong. Many gain ten pounds in ten days. Over 400,000 cured. Buy No-To-Bac of your druggist, under guarantee to cure, 50c or $1.00. Booklet and sample mailed free. Ad. Sterling Remedy Co., Chicago or New York.

A SIMPLE TIRE REPAIR.

Punctures in the well known Morgan & Wright tire are mended about as easily as a man would close a hole in his finger with a bit of court plaster. Inside of the inner tube of the tire lies a long strip of patching rubber, like this:

By injecting M. & W. quick-repair cement through the puncture into this inner tube, and then pressing down on the tire with the thumb, like this,

the repair strip inside is picked up by the cement, thus closing the puncture, like this:

Very simple, but—now every rider should remember these two "buts," or he will fail:

Before injecting cement, pump up the tire. If you don't, the INNER tube will be flabby, like this,

and the cement will not get inside of it, where the repair strip lies.

When you have a puncture, get right off. Riding a tire flat, when it has a tack or nail in it, may damage it considerably.

Sheriff's Sale.

By virtue of an execution issued out of the Circuit Court of Chilton County, and State of Alabama, and to me directed, whereby I am commanded to make the amount of a certain judgment recently obtained against Jonifer Headley out of the goods, chattels, lands and tenements of the said Jonifer Headley, I have levied on the following property, to-wit: West half of north-west quarter of south-west quarter of section twenty-five township twenty-one range fourteen and north-east quarter of south-east quarter section twenty-six township twenty-one range fourteen and north half of north-east quarter of section fourteen township twenty range fourteen.

Therefore, according to said command I shall expose for sale, at Public Auction, all the right, title and interest of the above named Jonifer Headley in and to the above described property, on

MONDAY, APRIL 26th, 1897.

during the legal hours of sale, at the Court House door in Clanton, Chilton County, Alabama.

Dated at Clanton, Ala., this 23rd day of March, 1897.

J. T. COOLEY,
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TOWN ITEMS

Commissioners' Court meets second Monday in February, first Monday in April, second Monday in May, second Monday in July, second Monday in August, and first Monday in November.

Cotton to-day is 6⅝ cents.

Mr. and Mrs. Curry went to Montgomery Monday.

Mr. L. E. Gullahorn, of Birmingham, was in town Sunday.

Mr. Charles Duke, of Anniston, is again with us, assisting his father at Mr. Sampey's new building.

Mr. W. M. Adams returned to Montgomery Sunday.

Mr. John Stanfield, of Sistrunks passed Sunday at home here.

Prices talk. Go to G. H. Green Clanton.

Mr. Walter Kemp came up from Waugh Sunday and spent the day here.

Mr. Glaucus Moore and family have moved back from Speigners to Clanton.

Mr. Shep Bearden made a trip to his home at Maplesville Sunday.

Dr. W. E. Stewart accompanied Mr. Kin Wells to the capitol city Tuesday. Mr. Wells is a patient of Dr. Thigpen's, the occulist.

Messrs. John Vines and John Oates made a trip to Montgomery Saturday.

Mr. H. A. Wilson, of Birmingham and Ennax, was in town yesterday.

A few of the friends of Mr. and Mrs. F. J. Davis', of Ehrman's mill, gathered at their residence last Saturday evening and enjoyed music with games and refreshments.

Miss Mary Anderson after spending several months in Florida, is now visiting the family of Capt. Middleton on her return to her home in Tennessee.

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A transaction in which you cannot lose is a sure thing. Biliousness, sick headache, furred tongue, fever, piles and a thousand other ills are caused by constipation and sluggish liver. Cascarets Candy Cathartic, the wonderful new liver stimulant and intestinal tonic are by all druggists guaranteed to cure or money refunded. C. C. C. are a sure thing. Try a box to-day; 10c., 25c., 50c. Sample and booklet free. See our big ad.

Brick laying at Mr. Sampey's new store was commenced this week. Mr. Duke, the contractor, is a hustler, and will soon be making a show now he has got started.

We wish to call your attention to the advertisement of Dr. G. W. Shackelford in another column. The Doctor made hosts of friends during his previous stays here who will be glad to welcome him back during court. If your teeth need attention it will be a good opportunity for you to consult him.

Mr. G. H. Green spent a few days' vacation in North Alabama last week.

Sheriff and Mrs. Cooley returned home the end of last week after a few days pleasant visit to relatives in Talladega.

Save your money and trade with G. H. Green, Clanton. Special inducements for court week.

Marriage licenses have been granted this week by the Probate Judge to the following persons.

Mr. I. J. Wright and Miss Josephine Willis; Mr. Daniel Mandling and Miss Adda Carlee.

The Clanton and Jemison base ball teams will crosss bats Saturday, the 24th inst.

Americans are the most inventive people on earth. To them have been issued nearly 600,000 patents, or more than one third of all the patents issued in the world. No discovery of modern years has been of greater benefit to mankind than Chamberlain's Colic, Cholera and Diarrhœa Remedy, or has done more to relieve pain and suffering. J. W. Vaughn, of Oakton, Ky., says: "I have used Chamberlain's Colic, Cholera and Diarrhœa Remedy in my family for several years, and find it to be the best medicine I ever used for cramps in the stomach and bowels. For sale by J. S. Johnson, Druggist.

Messrs. Thorsen and Taylor, of Thorsby, were visitors to Clanton yesterday.

Judge Callen we are sorry to say continues very unwell at the home of his son Mr. W. T. Callen.

The BANNER office is the only Job Printing establishment in Chilton and Coosa counties. We give you best work at lower prices than you can get elsewhere. Give us a trial.

Dr. and Mrs. Matthews and Miss Roberta Johnson went to the capital city this morning.

Mayor Adams of Jemison was in town this morning.

Cure for Headache.

As a remedy for all forms of Headache Electric Bitters has proved to be the very best. It effects a permanent cure and the most dreaded habitual sick headaches yield to its influence. We urge all who are afflicted to procure a bottle, and give this remedy a fair trial. In cases of habitual constipation Electric Bitters cure by giving the needed tone to the bowels, and few cases long resist the use of this medicine. Try it once. Fifty cents and $1.00

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Sheriff's Sale.

By virtue of an execution issued out of the Circuit court of Chilton county, and State of Alabama, and to me directed, whereby I am commanded to make the amount of a certain judgment recently obtained against J. H. Owen, out of the goods, chattels, lands and tenements of the said J. H. Owen, I have levied on the following property, to wit:

South-east quarter of the south-west quarter of section thirty-one (31) township twenty-one (21) range fourteen (14) in Chilton county, Alabama.

Therefore, according to said command, I shall expose for sale, at public auction, all the right, title and interest of the above named J. H. Owen in and to the above described property, on

MONDAY, the 19th day of APRIL, 1897, during the legal hours of sale at the Court House door in Clanton, in Chilton county, Alabama.

Dated at Clanton, Ala., this 16th day of March, 1897.

J. T. COOLEY, Sheriff.

The above sale is continued until Monday, April 26, 1897.

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AN ADDRESS

Issued by Joint Caucus of Populist Senators and Congressman.

The Situation and the Course That Duty Points.

To the People's Party of the Nation:

Never in the history of our party has there been such cause for hope on the part of those who are seeking reforms along financial and industrial lines as at the present time. Our progress, considering the opposition that the party has met, has been marked; and, notwithstanding we have not yet realized our full expectations, we now begin to see potent evidence of the good work we have done with very encouraging signs for the future.

The People's party has won the confidence and respect of all intelligent and liberty-loving citizens of our country. Its record of unselfish devotion to the interests of the plain people is in striking contrast to that of the old parties that for thirty years have overlooked the interests of the masses in their competition for favors at the hands of the money power, corporations and trusts.

The unselfish devotion to principle exemplified by the People's party in the campaign of 1896 is without a parallel in the history of political parties. The robust integrity of the party enabled it to rise to meet the occasion, when subjected to the reverest test to which loyalty to truth can ever be put. The People's party recognized the voice and the hand of the plain people in the Chicago convention. The platform enunciated and the chief candidate nominated evidenced beyond question that the masses of the Democratic party, in spite of the hitherto dominent element of that party, had at last put forward one partially successful effort in their own behalf. Therefore, without abating our distrust of the leadership of that party in the past, we extened the right hand of fellowship to those voters who must, in the end, fing their abiding place in our house-hold.

This action of the People's party was in no sense an endorsement of the past record of the Democratic party. But it was an act of fidelity to our own platform and teaching, a part of which found utterance in the Chicago platform, and nearly, if not quite all, in the person of William J. Bryan, the candidate there nominated.

To the People's party is due the credit for the bolt in the Republican convention at St. Louis, and for the revolt in the Democratic party that rescued the Chicago convention from the clutches of the bond-holding and banking combine.

Politicians bow before the powers that can make or unmake them. The teachings of the People's party press and speakers on the money question had taken such deep root among the masses of the voters of the country that the old party politicians who had misled the people, could no longer retain their offices and give their support to parties that upheld the gold standard. Those politicians that were unwillingly forced to accept our principles in the campaign of 1896 are probably no more sincere now than they were when they supported Harrison and Cleveland in 1892 and should the People's party relax its efforts, and cease to apply the whip and spur to these politicians by attracting the voters to our party, there is nothing in their past conduct to warrant the belief that they would not support their old party again, though the gold combine should regain its control.

The patriotic stand taken by the Populist party in the last campaign has added to its power to command the situation in the present and future. Had our party in the late campaign displayed no higher patriotism than the old parties, and sought merely party ends, and not proved itself equal to any party sacrifice in order to advance the welfare of the people, we would not now hold the confidence of the masses, and stand as a bulwark of the people against the intrigues of the old political leaders, that for thirty years have betrayed the people and controlled their parties in the interest of the banks, monopolies, and trusts.

Had Mr. Bryan been elected President with a Congress in sympathy with him, the money question would have been speedily settled, and with forty or more trusted leaders of the party in Congress, and the state governments of several states in our hands, the transportation question and other vital issues presented by our platform would have at once become the storm center of political discussion, and the People's Party would soon acquire second if not first place in the politics of our country. Viewing the duty of the present in the light of past experience, the demand for upholding our organization and pushing the work of education is more imperative now than at any time in the past.

We have Governors in five states, eight Senators, and twenty-three Congressmen, and the election in 1898 will undoubtedly give us the balance of power in the House as we now have it in the Senate. The opportunity is before us to accomplish these results, and more.

We, your representatives at Washington are striving to push forward the cause of the party, and to strengthen and build it up, and appeal to our reform papers to join us in this effort. There must be concentrated action and an avoidance of all entangling alliances to insure success.

We regret and deprecate the disposition of some to have the party at this time declare what it will or will not do in the future as to the best methods for stregthening the party and advancing its principles. No one can at this time forecast with certainty what would be the proper course for our party to pursue in convention assembled three years hence. Therefore, there is but one safe course, it seems to us, for every true Populist to pursue at this time: namely, to do all in his power to impress our principles upon the country and to bring recruits into the party, and stand ready when the people's representatives meet in convention to do what seems wisest and best to accomplish the ends for which we are all striving. The Populist Press can be a most powerful factor to bring this about. When the Press of any party is united and aggressive, the party itself is united and aggressive. Therefore, we appeal to every true Populist editor to cease the suicidal course of firing at each other. Turn your guns on the common enemy, and let each issue of your paper be full of articles discussing the tenets of the party as laid down in the last National platform. Let there be no relaxing of efforts, but a united and steady advance all along the line, and victory will crown our efforts.

(The above address was issued by joint caucus of People's party Senators and Congressmen.)

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Mr. J. P. Limeburner, widely known for many years as the special representative of the Populists and Free Silver Press of the United States, has kindly forwarded the following letter for publication:

Jan. 25, 1897.

DEAR SIRS—I am anxious for the sake of the suffering and out of gratitude to you to give my personal endorsement of your wonderful remedy. On the 8th of January, 1897, I was in Washington and was suddenly seized with an aggravated case of inflammatory rheumatism; so severe and painful was the attack that within 24 hours my left arm was paralyzed and I was only able to dress with assistance. I secured a bottle of 5 DROPS and took a dose that night, rubbing some on externally as directed. The following morning I was surprised to find myself immensely relieved, and continuing treatment woke the second morning cured. My arm was absolutely free from pain, and all swelling and stiffness had disappeared. The quickness and completeness of my cure was remarkable. I have known for over a year of the great curative properties of your medicine and have several friends who have been cured by it of Neuralgia, Catarrh and Asthma. Wishing you every success and trusting that those similarly afflicted will at least give this remedy a trial. Sincerely yours J. P. LIMEBURNER.

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CURES THE INCURABLE.

DEAR SIRS;—I would like to thank you for your great remedy, "5 DROPS," and tell you what it has done for me. I had Rheumatism in every joint and in the heart, and I had Catarrh of the head for 30 years. I was so poorly that I lost the use of my legs and arms, and could not move without pain. I was so crippled, that I had done but little work for seven years, and our family physician, a good doctor, told me that my Rheumatism and Catarrh were incurable, and I believed him. But now, after using "5 DROPS" only two months, I can truly say I have not felt so well for seven years. This medicine does more than is claimed for it. At this time my Catarrh is much better, and I have scarcely any Rheumatism at all and the heart weakness and pain are gone. My hearing is now good and my eyesight is much better. I have gained more than 10 pounds of flesh and can do a full day's work. It is the best medicine I ever saw to give a mother who has a young child, for it has the same effect on the child as on the mother. It wards off Croup and cures the hives of the child and causes sweet and refreshing sleep to both young and old.

Yours respectfully, WM. M. KELLEMS, Liberia, Perry Co., Ind.

Jan. 29, 1896.

We received the following letter from Mr. J. J. Wilson of Omaha, Ill. Mr. Wilson has been for many years an invalid, and reading the above letter which was published, wrote Mr. Kellems, asking if his endorsement was genuine, and received this reply, which he forwarded us.

MR. J. J WILSON.

DEAR SIR:—Your letter of recent date at hand, the testimonial you speak of is genuine. The company who manufactures and sells "5 Drops" published my testimonial just as I gave it to them and every word of it is true, and I could swear to it and prove it by many witnesses. The company did not ask me for this letter. I sent it to them last January for publication in order that poor sufferers, incurable as I once was, and as you are, might be cured. Get "5 Drops" and use it and it will cure you as it has cured me. I have received many letters like yours, and it is a pleasure to me to answer all who write. Tell all your neighbors what I have written about "5 Drops." I know how to sympathize with those who are afflicted, for though I suffered so long, it is now 8 months since I have felt any pain.

Dr. S. W. Kellems, my brother, uses "5 Drops" in his practice, and joins me in endorsing this great remedy. He says for a case like yours it is a positive cure.

Sept. 21, 1896. MR. W. M. AND DR. S. W. KELLEMS.

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New York ladies have been discussing the inroads made on the home by club life and bewailing modern innovations generally. One woman declared that "homes are broken up that the homemaker may obtain leisure for lectures and clubs, and even babies of 6 are smitten with the fever. Cupid has no privacy in which to shoot his darts and can only make his advances under the cover of a hundred eyes." But, worse than all this, was the statement that the fin de siecle woman had no time to make mince pies.

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Quaint English Customs.

There is scarcely a manor in England where some queer old custom dating back to the feudal times does not survive, recalling the former prestige and glory of the "lords of the manor." Thus at Broughton, on each Palm Sunday since time immemorial, the so-called "gad whip" manorial service takes place. The lord of the manor, leaving his pew in the chancel, advances to the steps thereof and cracks a heavy carriage whip three times, while the rector is reading the first lesson. At the beginning of the second lesson he approaches the parson with the whip in his hand and a purse with gold pieces tied to the end of the lash. This he waves thrice in the air and then holds the whip so that the purse hangs directly over the priest's head, until the conclusion of the chapter, when the priest takes possession of the purse and reverently places it on the altar. Volumes might be written about these queer manorial customs, the origin of most of them being lost in antiquity.

The figures of the losses by fire, month by month, during the years 1894, 1895 and 1896 are published, those of December last alone being estimated. The aggregate losses during 1895 were $123,246,400; during 1894, $129,839,700, and $115,295,500 during 1896. The losses the past year from June to December show a large falling off compared with the same months during the previous years, but the estimates for December are in excess of the losses of that month during the two preceding years. The loss by fire during these years is about equal to the receipts of the treasury for customs, and more than one-third of the receipts of all the railroads in the country after paying operating expenses. This is a large amount of money to charge off mainly to carelessness and recklessness.

A Massachusetts minister has declined to receive $1,000 increase in his salary and the congregation is about evenly divided as to whether this indicates remorse of conscience or lunacy.

Maggie Mitchell has lately put up an apartment house costing $250,000. The actress has had a great many good houses, but this seems to be the best of all.

Not the least lamentable feature of Mme. Melba's mishap is that the loss of her emphasizes the presence of a vast number of singers who cannot sing, but who are persistent in trying.

A New York girl committed suicide as the result of tight lacing. If she was a sensible girl it is a pity that she should be waisted like that.

The Best. The Rest. The Test.

There are two kinds of sarsaparilla: The best—and the rest. The trouble is they look alike. And when the rest dress like the best who's to tell them apart? Well, "the tree is known by its fruit." That's an old test and a safe one. And the taller the tree the deeper the root. That's another test. What's the root,—the record of these sarsaparillas? The one with the deepest root is Ayer's. The one with the richest fruit; that, too, is Ayer's. Ayer's Sarsaparilla has a record of half a century of cures; a record of many medals and awards—culminating in the medal of the Chicago World's Fair, which, admitting Ayer's Sarsaparilla as the best—shut its doors against the rest. That was greater honor than the medal, to be the only Sarsaparilla admitted as an exhibit at the World's Fair. If you want to get the best sarsaparilla of your druggist, here's an infallible rule: Ask for the best and you'll get Ayer's. Ask for Ayer's and you'll get the best.

OUR OWN STATE.

The News of Alabama as Told By Wire.

PRESBYTERY ADJOURNED.

Swine Breeder's Association In Birmingham.

PICKENS COUNTY EAGER

For the Construction of the Memphis, Tuscaloosa & Montgomery Railway. Birmingham Gets a Powder Mill. Colored Teachers Convention.

Carrollton, Ala.—A construction train will be running to South Carolina Church in Pickens County, within ninety days, says a prominent official well versed in such matters. It is in a good neighborhood, and near it stood in the early settlement of the county the town of Yorkville, which had six stores and was a noted place for general musters and reviews of the troops of this section. A Masonic lodge and the South Carolina Church are the only buildings left to mark the site of Yorkville, but its glory will probably be revived under the name of some Chickasaw chief who disputed the passage of Hernando De Soto through this county, when the railroad reaches that point. The railroad will be built near the residence of Mr. Jones Pierson, in Pickens County. It crosses the road seventy feet above the site of the Georgia Pacific depot, in Columbus Miss., and the same distance above the proposed bridge across the Warrior River, two miles below Tuscaloosa. It appears, according to the line of survey, that Pickens County is a ridge, which will be traversed by the railroad. The long expected railroad will be built at last, and the people of this county will be in close connection with the outside world within thirteen months, according to the statements of the contractors, who have set to work to build the railroad from Columbus to Tuscaloosa.

Swine Breeders Association.

Birmingham, Ala.—The swine breeders of the State met in this city on Tuesday and Wednesday, and a large attendance was present. The railroads granted one and one-third fare for the round trip. The meetings were held in the Commercial Club roomse in the mornings and at night, while the afternoons were devoted to practical demonstrations of scoring, which were given at the horse infirmary of Dr. French. Over thirty head of fine, thoroughbred hogs of the various breeds were secured for the use in the scoring class. These hogs alone make an excellent exhibit, and were viewed by many interested breeders. The public were invited to attend all the meetings, and there were no charges of any kind except to those who entered the scoring class and received instructions.

Colored Teachers' Convention.

Birmingham, Ala.—The State Teachers' Association (colored) before adjourning its sixteenth annual convention, elected officers to serve for the ensuing year, as follows:

President—N. B. Young, Tuskegee.

Recording Secretary—R. B. Hudson, Selma.

Corresponding Secretary—Miss I. M. Thompson, Birmingham.

Vice-Presidents—First District, J. H. Martin, Faunsdale; Second District, Miss C. Bowen, Waugh; Third District, J. R. Savage, Opelika; Fourth District, L. Green, Anniston; Fifth District, C. J. Calloway, Rowaliga; Sixth District, J. Barnes, Tuscaloosa; Seventh District, Miss A. Keeling, Eighth District, A. H. Archer, Normal; Ninth District, A. H. Parker, Birmingham. The final session of the Association was held Saturday night. The local committee had prepared an excellent literary and musical program for the evening, which was rendered.

Powder Mill for Birmingham

Birmingham, Ala. — Arrangements have been made for the establishment of a powder mill at Boyles, five miles north of her on the Louisville & Nashville railroad. The Birmingham Powder Company, with a capital stock of $50,000, has been organized for that purpose, with W. B. Archibald, of Eldred, Pa., as President, and A. Greene, of Tallapoosa, Ga., as Superintendent. Ground was staked off Saturday for the plant, on which work will begin at once. The mill will have a capacity of 400 kegs of gunpowder daily. Local and Pennsylvania capitalists are behind the project.

North Alabama Presbytery.

Birmingham, Ala.—The Presbytery of North Alabama, which as been in session here for four days, adjourned at 5 o'clock yesterday after one of the best meetings in its history. The statistics for the past year were read and much improvement was noted in all departments of the foreign mission work. Attention was called to the fact that the Southern Presbyterian church with only 200,000 communicants had contributed last year $154,000 to foreign missions, the [illegible] portion to members any other denomination. The vote whereby Hartselle was chosen as next place of meeting was was reconsidered and Col. Malcolm J. Gilchrist extended an invitation to Courtland, which was accepted.

The Presbytery is generaly a very staid and conservative body, but before adjourning it inaugurated a new feature. The importance and helpfulness of the press was recognized, and by special resolution, Rev. James G. Snedecor was appointed as press agent to assist reporters and co-operate with the newspapers in every way.

The pressing question of work among the colored people made a strong report, urging preachers and church workers to devote more attention to the African at our doors.

After singing "Blest be the tie that Binds," and prayer by Moderator J. H. Lacy, the Presbytery adjourned.

THE CONFEDERATE REUNION

At Nashville Promises to Be Largely Attended.—Much Important Work.

New Orleans, La.—Gen. John B. Gordon, Commander-in-Chief of the United Confederate Veterans, has requested the press of the South and the whole country generally to aid in the patriotic work now on hand by the Confederate Veterans. The reunion takes place in Nashville Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday, May 22d, 23d and 24th—by publishing the following letter. We gladly give space to same. It reads thus:

It will be the largest and most important United Confederate Veterans' reunion ever held. The personnel of the Nashville reunion committee under the leadership of its chairman, Col. J. B. O'Bryan, is a guarantee that everything will be done for the comfort and convenience of the old veterans and all visitors which is in the power of man; it is a splendid body of very able and distinguished comrades, who are fully alive to the magnitude of the work entrusted to them in entertaining and caring for their old comrades, and it will be their pride to make it the most memorable reunion upon record; and the citizens of Nashville are aglow with enthusiasm, and patriotism, at the prospect of dispensing their far famed hospitality to the surviving heroes of the Lost Cause.

Also to urge Ex-Confederate soldiers and sailors everywhere to form local associations, and send applications to these headquarters for papers to organize camps immediately, so as to be in time to participate in the great reunion at Nashville, and thus unite with their comrades in carrying out the laudable and philanthropic objects of the organization, as only veterans belong to organized United Confederate Veteran camps can participate in the business meeting at Nashville.

Business of the greatest importance to the survivors of the Southern army will demand careful consideration during the session of the seventh annual convention at Nashville, Tenn.—such as the best methods of securing impartial history, and to enlist each State in the compilation and preservation of the history of her citizen soldiery; the benevolent care through State aid or otherwise of disabled, destitute or aged veterans and the widows and orphans of our fallen brothers in arms; to consult as to the feasibility of the formation of a United Confederate Veterans' Benevolent Aid Association; the care of the graves of our known and unknown dead buried at Gettysburg, Fort Warren, Camps Morton, Chase, Douglas, Oakwood Cemetery at Chicago, Johnson's Island, Cairo and at all other points, to see that they are annually decorated, the headstones preserved and protected, and complete lists of the names of our dead heroes with the location of their last resting places furnished to their friends and relatives through the medium of our camps, thus rescuing the names from oblivion and handing them down in history; the consideration of the different movements, plans and means to Jefferson Davis, President of the Confederate States of America, also to aid in building monuments to other great leaders, soldiers and sailors of the South; also to assist in the promotion and completion of the proposed "Battle Abbey," to vote upon the proposed change of the name of the Association from United Confederate Veterans to Confederate Soldiers' Association; and to change the present badge or button which is not patentable for the new one proposed which is; and to make such changes in the constitution and by-laws as experience may suggest, and other matters of general interest.

Total number of camps now admitted 900, with applications in for about 150 more. Following is number of camps by States:

Northeast Texas Division 81; West Texas Division 55; Southwest Texas Division 33; Southeast Texas Division 31; Northwest Texas Division 17; total Texas 217; Alabama 89; South Carolina 81; Missouri 71; Mississippi 63; Arkansas 59; Georgia 58; Louisiana 51; Kentucky 39; Tennessee 34; Virginia 34; Florida 30; North Carolina 29; Indian Territory 12; West Virginia 11; Oklahoma 6; Maryland 6; New Mexico 3; Illinois 2; Montana 2; Indiana 1; District of Columbia 1; California 1.

Very Respectfully,

GEO. MOORMAN,

Adjutant General and Chief of Staff.

ANOTHER LEVEE BREAK.

The Crevasse One Hundred Feet Wide in Twenty Minutes.

Vicksburg, Miss.—The Queen & Crescent train dispatchers report that the biggest levee in Mason parish broke at 10 o'clock Friday night, and the break was 100 feet wide in twenty minutes. The break is four and a half miles north of Delta, La., and one and a half miles above the upper end of Reid's levee. The news was sent to Delta at once, the operator being roused out of bed and the message of warning sent along the line of the railway westward. The levee is a very large one and has been engaging the special attention of the levee authorities for weeks or ever since the Mississippi crevasse. Several hundred convicts have been employed on it, in addition to other laborers, and so greatly has it been strengthened that only to-day the belief was confidently expressed by men living behind it that it would hold. The disaster will be a great one.

In sixty years the number of Episcopal churches in Scotland has grown from seventy-five to 321.

One of the oddest couples on earth is an empty head joined to an empty purse.

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SITUATION VERY SERIOUS.

The Roaring Waters Are Heard Many Miles Crevasse a Mile Wide. Vicksburg, Shreveport & Pacific Railway Under Water. People Perched on Trees.

Arkansas City, Ark.—The Mississippi River has its capricious moods, and every now and then, by way of asserting its claims on the low territory to the east and west, goes on a lark, and then gets back into the traces again, after tearing things up generally to its satisfaction. This season, however, it has become apparently more swelled than ever with its importance. River men who have spent fifty years of their lives plying boats between Cairo and New Orleans, say that never before, as far back as they can remember, has the great river overspread its banks and created such destruction as during the present rise.

Over 300,000 people, it has been estimated, have been rendered destitute, thousands of square miles of land have been inundated, millions of dollars' worth of property have been destroyed and many lives have been lost. The Yazoo-Mississippi Delta and St. Francis Basin are almost completely under water, with small chances of a cotton crop from these fertile sections, while the great Tensas and Atchafalaya basins are threatened, and within the past two days crevasses on the Louisiana side have let in the yellow flood upon other large and fertile sections.

Memphis Contributes Supplies.

Memphis, Tenn.—The break in the levee at Biggs, four miles below Delta, La., which occupied at 10 o'clock Friday night, was widened rapidly and a solid stream of water is passing through an opening more than 1,500 feet wide. The roar of the water as it rushes through the crevasse can be heard for miles. The town of Delta is now inundated, and the waters are spreading over the lowland and will soon cover many fine plantations in Madison Parish. All of the convicts who were at work on the levee, when the crevasse came, have been safely put on board a steamer, and so far no less of life is reported in the vicinity of this latest break.

A large amount of supplies was forwarded from Memphis Saturday. The steamer Harbin carried provisions and feed up the St. Francis River to supply the relief stations established there. Lieut. Carnahan went on this trip to superintend the distribution of supplies. The steamer Rowena Lee left supplies for the relief stations between Memphis and Ashport. There will be several new stations visited by the Rowena Lee on this trip.

Crevasse a Mile Wide.

Vicksburg, Miss—An official report says the crevasse at Biggs, four miles below Delta, La., is nearly a mile wide and the roaring torrent is spreading over the lowlands of Madison Parish with startling rapidity. This is unquestionably the most destructive break that has yet occurred, and the loss to property and live stock will be enormous. Madison, Tensas and Concordia Parishes will be inundated, while the fine farms of Catahoula and Franklin Parishes are in imminent danger. The fertile lands of these parishes have been prepared for this year's crop and in many instances cultivation is well under way.

The water flooded the Vicksburg, Shreveport & Pacific Railroad in a few hours' time, and trains west of this place are abandoned in consequence. The town of Delta is overflowed deeply and planters say that the water will back up to Milliken's Bend, sixteen miles to the north. Three white persons, two men and a woman, passed twelve hours in the midst of the furious waters of the crevasse perched in a tree. The water roused them from their beds, and they had only time to seek safety in its boughs when the mighty flood was upon them. They made known their presence by shouts and pistol shots during the night, and several attempts to rescue them were made, but it was not until 10 a. m., when an adventurous crew from the Government steamer Etta Ethridge, put out a yawl and rescued them. The river is falling here. The levee engineers will now endeavor to save the remaining levees, a task which is very hopeful at this time.

Many Destitute Negroes.

Natchez, Miss.—The guage here shows another rise of four-tenths during the last twenty-four hours. No breaks are reported in the immediate vicinity. Hundreds of refugees are filling the city, some being in a pitiable condition, almost starved, and with nothing on earth left them but the clothes on their backs. The levees at Helena, l'Argent and various other places are still in a dangerous condition. Labor is becoming scarce on account of the negroes leaving in great numbers. The situation is as critical as can be and not exaggerated.

Two Thousand Destitute.

Little Rock, Ark.—Governor Jones received a telegram Saturday from his private secretary, who is distributing funds in the flooded district, stating that a most deplorable state of affairs exists in Monroe county. He estimates that there are 2,000 persons and 1,000 head of stock in that county in need of immediate assistance to prevent starvation.

REMARKABLE RECOVERY

Of a Young Lady of Gasport, New York, from Anaemia.

From the Courier, Buffalo, N. Y.

Miss Lulu Stevens, daughter of George Stevens, the well-known blacksmith, of Gasport, Niagara County, New York, has surprised her neighbors considerably, by not dying five months ago, when the physicians said she could not live.

This was quite a remarkable case. The young woman, who is very well known, on account of her musical ability, had been a very healthy girl, until about one year ago, when she began to fail, and grew so pale and apparently bloodless and so weak that after a few months she was given up to die.

Last winter a physician who was a visitor at Gasport met Miss Stevens, and seeing her emaciated condition, and hearing from the local doctors that the disease was anaemia, prevailed on the girl's mother to make her try Dr. Williams' Pink Pills. Directly she commenced the treatment she began to mend, and now since February, when she decided to take them, she has become well and strong and the picture of good health. The mother of the girl, Mrs. Stevens, says: "Every one in Gasport knows that Pink Pills cured Lulu, and I feel very thankful that we heard of them in time to save my child's life."

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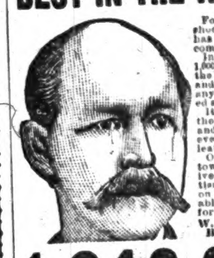

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CAPITOL NEWS.

Regular Weekly Letter From Our Washington Correspondent.

SOME INTERESTING MATTERS.

William R. Day of Canton, Ohio to Be First Assistant Secretary.

TO GATHER INFORMATION.

American Society of Religious Education Meets.—Dr. Hunter of Kentucky in the City.—General Miles Wants to Go to Greece.—More Nominations.

Washington, D. C.,—(Special Correspondence.)—President McKinley has decided to nominate William R. Day, of Canton, O., to be first assistant secretary of state, and ex-Representative Bellamy Storer, of Cincinnati, O., to be minister to Belgium. These nominations were to have been sent to the Senate today, but owing to that body's adjournment over until Monday, they will not go in until next week. The filling of the office of first assistant to Secretary Sherman ends a problem that has bothered the president considerably. Mr. Storer was slated originally for this appointment, but the nomination was opposed strenuously by Senator Foraker and other well known Ohio republicans, who protested against it on persopal grounds. The selection of Judge Day to be first assistant secretary of state overturns the plan to send him to Cuba as special counsel to watch the Ruiz investigation. It would be without precedent for such an officer as first assistant secretary to go to another country to prosecute a case when later on he might have to engage in diplomatic negotiations with that same country on other subjects. At any rate, the conviction that the pursuit of the original mission by Judge Day would impair his usefulness in the future as an official of the state department, has led to the cancellation of the order to go to Cuba. Whether anyone will be appointed to take up the work of the special counsel laid down by the judge cannot be heard, but it is intimated that Gen. Lee is anxious to be relieved of his office, and any change there would probably make more pronounced the need of legal assistance in watching the Ruiz case.

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The war department cabled to Capt. Scriven, United States military attache at Rome, permission to proceed to Athens and report to the United States minister there, with a view to gathering technical information in the war between Greece and Turkey. Capt. Dorst, the United States military attache at Vienna, has also been granted permission to go to Constantinople and accompany the Turkish troops in the campaign in a similar capacity if he cares to do so.

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The eight anniversary of the American Society of Religious Education met in the First Congregational church this city on Sunday night, Hon. J. M. Harlan, justice of the United States supreme court, presiding. Rev. J. E. Gilbert, D. D., the secretary, will render the annual report. During the session Rev. T. S. Hamlin, D. D., pastor of the Church of the Covenant, Presbyterian, will speak on "Religious Education and the Welfare of the Church." President A. P. Montague, of the College of Liberal Arts of the Columbian University, will speak on "The Bible as a Factor to a Liberal Education." Hon. Case Broderick, member of congress from Kansas, and Hon. J. W. Bailey, member of congress from Texas, will speak on "Religious Education and the National Welfare." President McKinley has promised to attend.

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Dr. W. Godfrew Hunter, who withdrew as a candidate for senator from the republican caucus at Frankfort, Ky., arrived here Friday afternoon. "The reason for my not remaining at Frankfort until another nomination was made by the republican caucus," Dr. Hunter said, "is due to the fact that I did not want my motives misconstrued. I did not want it charged that I was trying to bring influence to bear in the selection of another candidate for senatorial honors as may continued presence at the capital might be construed. Anyone who is nominated will be entirely satisfactory to me. As to the indictment for bribery, that was simply a conspiracy to defeat me, and is a matter which gives me no concern."

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The republican senators in caucus decided to accept the proposition of the opposition for the filling of senate committees, leaving the arrangement of details to Senator McMillan's committee on committees. The senator considered the project of filling the elective offices of the senate and the committee was authorized to negotiate with the opposition in the senate with the object of filling these offices. The clerk and sergeant-at-arms of the senate are democrats, and the republicans think that they should be allowed to name a man to fill one of these places. The details of this negotiation will be left to a sub-committee, consisting of Messrs. McMillan, Lodge and Spooner.

Gen. Miles has applied for permission to go to Greece to observe the war between that country and Turkey from a military point of view. Secretary Alger has brought the matter to the attention of the president and the latter has taken the application under consideration. The impression is that, owing to the rapid progress of the war and the likelihood that it will be brought to an end before Gen. Miles could reach the scene, the project will be abandoned. Should the order be made by the president, however, it will be the first time in our history that the general commander of the army has gone abroad during actual war as a military attache. It is true Gen. Sherman made a tour of the world in time of peace, in company with Fred. Grant, and that Sheridan accompanied the German army as an attache in the war with France, but in the first place there was no war in progress, and in the second, the officer was not at the time of such high rank as Gen. Miles.

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The president has sent to the senate the following among other nominations: State—Harold M. Sewall, of Maine, to be envoy extraordinary and minister plenipotentiary of the United States to Hawaii. Postmasters—Alabama: John B. Hinds, Decatur. Arkansas: James K. Barnes, Fort Smith. Georgia: George DePope, Fitzgerald.

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The senate committee on military affairs reported favorably the nomination of Col. Shafter to be brigadier general. Objections had been made to this promotion, but the committee found they were not substantiated.

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Representative Holman, of Indiana, who has been ill at his home here with spinal meningitis, died last afternoon at 2:05. He lost consciousness during the night.

THE DOG WAS WORTHLESS

Y the Suit Went Through All the Courts and Plaintiff Finally Lost.

Washington, D. C.—The United States Supreme Court to-day decided a case involving a claim for damages for killing a dog, which had made its way from the lower courts of New Orleans through the various phases of litigation to be finally decided here in opposition to the claim. The suit was instituted by George W. Sentell, Jr. vs. the New Orleans & Carrollton Railway Company. The dog, a Newfoundland, valued at $200, was killed by a car owned by the railway company. The case turned upon the validity of an act of the Louisiana legislature recognizing dogs as personal property only when placed upon the assessment rolls. In this case the dog was not assesssed. Justice Brown delivered the opinion of the court, sustaining the constitutionality of the law and refusing damages.

Young Man Killed By Train.

Holly Springs, Miss.—An unknown man, evidently from Birmingham, Ala., was killed at Sallus Creek, five miles east of here, by passenger train No. 3, which leaves Memphis at 9 o'clock. He had on new clothes, a Stetson hat, with trade-mark of Simon Klots, haberdasher, Birmingham, on the band; several cards of the Delmonico restaurant, and two little locks. He also had five two-dollar bills. His watch was marked "The Plant Watch," and numbered 361,509. He was dark skinned and had curly hair. His body was terribly mangled, one arm being severed and the top of the skull knocked off and face split.

A Policeman Burglar.

Washington, D. C.—A queer complication in burglarism developed here when Policeman James E. Pierce, of the metropolitan force, was arrested for robbing houses on his beat. The sufferers were Mrs. Fannie McMillan and Mrs. M. Cooke. Both have houses in the fashionable residence section. The families were away at the time, and Pierce improved the opportunity to carry away a large amount of glass, clothing, porcelian and other portable valuables. Detectives searched his house and to-day recovered about $1,500 worth of plunder. Pierce, who comes from Vermont, has been on the force four years. He confessed his guilt, but refused to say where all his booty was secreted.

Window Glass to Advance.

Chicago, Ill.—At a special meeting of the National Executive Committee of the Western Window Glass Company and Pittsburg Window Glass Company an additional advance of 5 per cent was declared on all window glass in all parts of the counutry, to take effect May 3.

Bad News From Natchez.

Vicksburg, Miss.—The alarming condition of Hardcastle levee as reported from Natchez tonight, occasioned much anxiety for the front of Tensas Parish, which is not exempt from overflow by Biggs crevasse. If this levee gives way this will complete the ruin and cause other levees to give way.

An Ohioan Robbed.

Niles, O.—Five masked men broke into the residence of John Quinlin early Friday morning, and, after gagging and binding him, ransacked the house and secured $1,200 in cash, besides lots of valuable jewelry.

Sugar Trust Havemyer Dead.

New York, N. Y.—Theodore Havemeyer, Vice-President of the Sugar Trust, died at 3 o'clock Monday morning.

SOMEWHAT ENCOURAGING.

Army Officers Return From the Flood District and Make Report.

Washington.—The army officer sent from Fort Snelling, Minn., to the Red river section of Dakota, arrived on the scene of the flood and today reported to the war department as follows:

"Had conference with Mayor G. A. McCrea, J. K. Fairchild and J. K. Wylie, of the relief committee, who had just returned from making their rounds. Twenty families, comprising 105 persons, are destitute and in need of immediate aid. Twenty-two hundred rations will be sufficient for the next few days and can be purchased here at 10 cents per ration. I recommend that a sufficient sum be placed at the disposal of the mayor to provide necessary relief. River is falling steadily."

The Mississippi situation is shown by the following telegram from the army inspector at Memphis.

"Conditions improving. No more supplies needed at Trotter's landing. Helena does not want more supplies. Committee says they want money to spend there. No real destitution there. No truth in the report that negroes could not obtain supplies in Helena. Worthy destitutes are supplied."

AN ATLANTA SENSATION.

The Gate City Comes to the Front With Its Usual Sensation.

Atlanta, Ga.—A profound sensation was created in this city by the announcement that Harry W. Cassin, cashier of the Georgia Loan, Savings and Banking Company, had misappropriated some $45,000 of the funds of that institution. Cassin has always been known as a young man of exemplary habits and fine business qualifications.

Cashier Cassin applied the funds of the bank to private enterprises in which he wished to invest, and lost all, until finally his defalcations reached the sum already stated and discovery followed.

Friends and relatives of the young man have made up the shortage and the bank will not lost a dollar of the sum stolen.

Young Cassin will not be prosecuted. His connection with the bank ceased yesterday, and he will begin life anew in Atlanta.

A WEALTHY WIDOW

Shoots and Kills a Woman of Ill Repute in Fort Smith.

Fort Smith, Ark.—Mrs. Fannie Bourland, a wealthy widow of this city, today secretted herself in the closet in a house of ill fame while the occupants were absent and when the women returned she shot and killed Maud Allen. Two shots were fired, the woman being instantly killed. It is said that this is the third attempt Mrs. Bourland has made to kill the Allen woman. The cause of the shooting is said to be an intimacy between Fagan Bourland and Maud Allen. Mrs. Bourland was arrested and released on bail.

MYSTERY SURROUNDS TRAGEDY.

Several Shots Were Heard and Two Men Were Found Killed.

Uniontown, Pa—Frank Brown, a civil engineer of Fair Chance, and Joshua McFadden, a butcher of this place, engaged a room at the Lafayette hotel this afternoon in which to transact some important business. A few hours later several shots were heard and the dead bodies of the men were found lying on the floor. Only one revolver was found in the room and it is believed that one man killed the other and then committed suicide.

The men were formerly business partners, and it is thought they quarrelled over the settlement of their affairs.

Suffering in the Interior.

Vicksburg, Miss.—There is every reason to believe there is much suffering in the interior, where many negroes and whites of small means, or none at all, are surrounded by many miles of water. Camp Arden, where the sufferers in this city have assembled from both this state and Louisiana, had its first tents pitched today and will receive a thousand or more guests tomorrow.

A Case of "Yellow Jack."

New York, N. Y.—Otis E. Bullock, of Haverhill, Mass., aged 21 years, died toady of malignant yellow fever at Swineburne Island Hospital. He was a passenger on the Columbia line steamship Finance, from Panama.

A Mysterious Death.

Syracuse, N. Y.—Richard Long, of Charleston, S. C., was found dead in bed here Monday night. He is survived by a wife and two children, who are in Charleston. The Coroner is investigating the case.

Murder and Suicide.

Chicago, Ill.—John H. Rapp was shot and killed in his wholesale liquor house, No. 5270 Milwaukee avenue, by his confidential clerk, G. W. Braunschweig. The murderer afterward killed himself.

Virginia Postoffice Robbed.

Richmond, Va.—Burglars, evidently experts, broke into the postoffice at Lewisburg, W. Va., at an early hour Monday morning and secured about $700 in stamps and money.

Judicious advertising pays.

RULE OF MONOPOLY.

NO DESPOTISM WORSE THAN THAT OF PLUTOCRACY.

It Must Be Broken and Power Restored to the People—Henry L. Gant Issues Some Good Advice to Our Yeomanry—Municipal Ownership.

It is idle to talk of taxing the people prosperous. It is the quintessence of folly to talk of making the foreigner pay the revenue through a tariff with which to pay the running expenses of the government. No one, but political demagogues and arrant fools will waste any time discussing these questions. Then what is the trouble, and what the remedy? The trouble is that the people do not rule. The syndicates and trusts run the government to suit their interests. Ninety-five per cent of the people are robbed of the greater portion of what they produce by rent, usury and what great thieves are pleased to call profits. The coal fields and the oil wells of the country are monopolized by syndicates and trusts and private enterprise is shut out. This enables the trusts to make great profits on these products, or rather, to remorselessly plunder the people. The land is fast passing into the control of monopolies. Already great tracts are owned by syndicates and many thousands of people are robbed by rent. There are many other trusts and monopolies which are daily robbing the people. The result is that the wealth of the country is accumulating into the hands of a few and the highways are filled with tramps, the jails are gorged with criminals, the insane asylums packed with the insane, the alm-houses are overflowing with helpless paupers and the life of the great western republic is in great peril.

The lines of transportation and communication have always aided and fostered the other great trusts and corporations. Rockefeller could never have monopolized the coal oil but for the railroads. He not only got cheap rates for his oil, but the railroads charged all other oil dealers excessive rates and a part of that excess went to Rockefeller; thus he could make money if he did not sell a gallon of his oil. The failure of the United Press has given an object lesson on private ownership of the lines of communication. It cost the New York Journal $225,000 to get a franchise from the Associated Press, which now has a monopoly on news. Papers in little county towns are mulcted $10,000 to $20,000. This does not pay for the news, but simply for the privilege of getting it. This would be impossible under proper conditions.

Every city and town should own its water system, street railways and lighting plant. Millions of dollars are annually fleeced from the people by monopolies. They must be suppressed. —H. L. Gant.

MEXICO'S PROSPERITY.

Free Silver There Seems to Be Sound Money.

The Mexican Herald of recent date contains the following article, which shows the advantage of using silver money:

"It is interesting to note that just as Mexico is spreading her silver-tipped wings for a higher flight into the upper air of healthy prosperity, great American journals are telling their readers that the United States is no longer a virgin country of vast and unexplored resources, and that the American people must now begin to reckon with the conditions that surround older civilizations.

"Here we are looking for the days of greater things; we have bigger banks than any in the United States; we have more hopeful pioneers of industry; our capitalists are planning every day something new, and have a habit of getting dividends out of their enterprises. The treasury is full and a surplus confronts us. Minister Limantour finds the finances so satisfactory that he abandoned some of the economies needed in our day of smaller things. President Diaz' ample brain is teeming with progressive ideas and he is letting them out daily. You can get good interest on your money here, and combines of the United States have not all crossed the border yet with sharp teeth set like a pack of hungry wolves eager to fatten on Mexican prosperity.

"Mexico stands a great, big, luminous, solid silver example of sound government, sound finances and money."

Dividends of National Banks.

The comptroller of the currency has given authority for the organization of the First United Bank of Greensboro, Pa.; capital, $50,000.

The comptroller of the currency has declared dividends in favor of the creditors of insolvent national banks, as follows:

Forty per cent, the First National Bank of Niagara Falls, N. Y.

Fifteen per cent, the Second National Bank of Rockford, Ill.

Five per cent, the German National Bank of Denver, Colo.

Five per cent, the City National Bank of Fort Worth, Tex.

Ten per cent, the First National Bank of Willimantic, Ct.

Three and three-tenths per cent, the Evanston National Bank, of Evanston, Ill.

Eight per cent, American National Bank of Springfield, Mo.

Ought Now to Be Reclaimed.

Seventy-eight per cent of the great fortunes of the United States are said to be derived from permanent monopoly privileges which ought never to have been granted.—Lyman Trumbull.

POINTS FROM THE PRESS.

Government ownership of natural monopolies will go a long way toward killing trusts and combines.—Nonconformist.

The Cleveland Leader uses a beautiful "Dawn of Prosperity" head over the new tariff bill, but its foreman spoiled the effect by running a list of business failures in the adjoining column.—Washington Post.

Property in land has ceased to be a right and become a crying evil when one man, or a number of men, can hold a million acres against the natural desire and right of a million men to occupy and use it.—Castorville Enterprise.

Labor unions of Pennsylvania are praying and beseeching McKinley not to appoint so many enemies of labor to office. That is nerve. Enemies of labor elected McKinley, and they are entitled to the offices.—Omaha Western Laborer.

If Venice could carry on its commerce 600 years without a panic or a currency bottomed purely on its credit and Uncle Sam carrying on his commerce on intrinsic money has had four great panics and many lesser ones in 100 years, which has had the wiser financial policy?—The Better Way.

In New York 26,000 people spend $2,500,000 on clubs; $20,000,000 on yachts; $3,500,000 on flowers; $20,000,0000 on jewelry; $31,877,500 on European travel; $5,000,000 on wine and spirits; $213,244,000 for these eight items of pure luxury, while millions of our best and thoroughly patriotic citizens toil every hour of their waking moments without seeing a hundred dollars of luxury in a lifetime.—Joliet News.

The only banker that ever became a great finance minister was Necker. Guizot says that Necker replenished the French treasury not by increasing the imposts upon the poor, but by a curtailment of the emoluments and privileges and the levy of an income tax upon the rich. Lyman J. Gage does not believe in this policy. He stands for what the noblesse stood for in the reign of Louis XVI. Ergo, Gage will never become a great finance minister.—Dubuque (Iowa) Telegraph.

There is no disguising the fact that in many sections of the country the number of the unemployed has about reached the danger line. What is to be done? We admit that this is a question more easily asked than answered, and still it must be answered. The calculations of those who were in a majority in the presidential campaign have gone amiss, at least as to the time of their fulfillment, and the people are no longer in a humor to be guided by the same advisers.—Eight Hour Herald.

In Nebraska corn is selling at 8 cents a bushel. In Louisiana, in the drouth district, for the poor and needy widows, they ask 40 cents. The question arises who "they" are, and who pays the freight?—Nonconformist.

The trouble with the complaining farmers is that they do not manage their farms in a business way. They keep in the old rut of growing the ordinary farm crops, while they should plant taxes, banks, railroads, official salaries and all such things as are constantly advancing in value. A majority of them voted for this unparalleled boom of prosperity and the elevation in price of the things we now advise them to plant. Now they should stop growing the crops they voted to reduce in price, and turn their attention to the things that pay.—Sledge Hammer.

Wholesale Robbery the Cause.

Under the heading "Why India Starves," the San Francisco Star says: "It has a population of 20,000,000, receiving an average income of $375 per head annually. They have to pay, by taxation, $100,000,000 annually to officials, mostly British, and the amount is largely spent in England; besides this they must pay $125,000,000 for interest and pensions; all must be paid in gold, and further impoverishment has resulted from stopping the coinage of silver. Thus, while they average an income of little over one cent a day, nearly a fourth of that cent goes for virtual plunder, which reminds one of Carlisle's celebrated expression as to the cause of the French revolution—that the widow gathers three nettles for her family, and the seigneur takes one of the three and calls it 'rent.'"

When prices begin to fall people begin to sell and to horde the money. When prices are on the rise people withdraw their hoarded money and invest it in property. Prices are now declining and money is being hoarded. The increase of the circulating medium would cause prices to rise. Then owners of money would be falling over each other to exchange their money for that which is rising in value. Every avenue of industry would be benefited. The volume of money can be increased by the remonetization of silver only.

The free coinage of silver at the ratio of 16 to 1 will abolish all banks of issue and therefore will result in the establishment of safe and sound government savings banks, in which every depositor will also be a depositor.

Six million people voted for free silver in 1896. Six million people know the value to producers of a larger circulating medium.

Keep the silver issue in the foreground.

THE RAILROAD ISSUE.

Public Ownership of Transportation Facilities Under Modern Methods.

Just now the transportation question is in the glare of the country's searchlight, and Populist doctrine will prevail in the examination. Sixty-five years ago, when our fathers were experimenting with steam and the Baltimore & Ohio Railroad Company was offering a prize of $4,000 for a locomotive that would draw a load fifteen miles an hour, the subject of transportation was not a national problem. It was but a local affair. Railway companies, like ordinary business establishments, were strangers to one another, and goods in transit were rehandled at the end of every road. There were no through lines, there was no through traffic, there were no through tickets or bills of lading.

All that has passed away under the operation of the law of development, says the Topeka Advocate, and now we have a judicial declaration of the law of the land—which is, in this case, also nature's law—that no combination of private interests shall be permitted to stand in the way of the common interests of the whole body of the people. The combinations among railway and other corporations were but so many evidences of nature's law working through the selfish interests of individual men; and not until their conduct came in conflict with public interests were they arrested and brought before the bar of the people's court.

The testimony shows that means for the distribution of the people's surplus productions are absolutely necessary if society and government are to be maintained, that every member of the social organism is interested more or less in the interchange of commodities, and that justice requires the establishment and maintenance of uniform and reasonable rates of charge for moving property from producers to consumers. The testimony further shows that the private and personal interests of individual men are not safe guides for the administration of public justice.

The law of the case, as it has been delivered by the court, is that public rights are paramount and that nothing is lawful which interferes with them or abridges them, and that the people in their organized capacity have an inherent right to protect themselves as a social or political entity.

The verdict and judgment will be that public transportation is the exercise of a public function, that therefore the means employed for its exercise ought to be owned and operated by public agents, and charges ought to be no more than for the use of other public property—enough to keep it in repair.

The Real Cause of Fright.

We find such loquacious philosophers as Harrison, Cleveland, Sherman and others of the intrinsic value school constantly gabbling about parity between the two metals, and asserting that the free coinage of silver would destroy parity. They do not seem to recognize the fact that by the demonetization of silver gold has gone to a premium of one hundred per cent over silver and all other commodities. They do not condescend to tell us how they are going to regulate that party. The dislocation of the parity was all in favor of bondholders, money loaners, misers, and extortioners, who robbed the masses of the value of half their possessions. That slight divergence of parity does not wory a goldbug or any of the agents of the combine. They, parrot like, say that if any attempt to right the wrong which destroyed parity is made, gold will go to a premium, as if it was not at a premium now of more than one hundred per cent over anything else.

Gold going to a premium is not what ails them. They are afraid that gold will be cheaper and the premium will be reduced. They know, and their masters know, that if silver is restored to the right of mintage and endowed with the money function equally with gold, as it was from time immemorial, gold will lose a large part of its purchasing power, and that the rascals who demonetized silver will be compelled to disgorge a small portion of the swag which they have secured by bribery and corruption. We believe that if the United States would open her mints to silver equally with gold the demand for silver would be such as to restore the parity between the two metals which existed before these intrinsic value gabblers demonetized silver at the command of the Rothschild combination. —Silver Knight-Watchman.

The Same Old Cry.

There never was a wrong inflicted upon a people that those who were the recipients of the benefits that accrue as a result of the wrong, did not object to the agitation against the wrong. It was said that the anti-slavery agitation was detrimental to the business interests of the country. It was said the agitation against the old United States bank was a dangerous business. We are now met with the same old cry that the agitation of free coinage in particular and Populism in general are detrimental to the best interests of the country. It is the same old cry of the same old class who eat their bread in the sweat of another's face.—Moscow (Idaho) Times.

Don't let any one persuade you that the tariff is going to be the issue in 1898 and 1900. There is one issue, and that is the full and unlimited coinage of gold and silver at the established ratio of 16 to 1.

The advance agent of prosperity will soon acknowledge that his show has canceled all its engagements.

Had Bryan been elected there would not now be an idle man in the United States.

TRUMPET CALLS.

Ram's Horn Sounds a Warning Note to the Unredeemed.

TRUTH is what God says.

Every selfish joy dies young.

It takes a hot fire to purify gold.

He most lives who lives for others.

It is as safe to trust in God as it ever was.

Don't give a tract where bread is needed most.

Life has most in it for those who know God best.

When you know what a man believes you know what he is.

Truth never stays over night in any house built on the sand.

Never measure any man's piety by the length of his face.

What men call failure may often be what angels call success.

Woe to that man who has the saloon-keeper for his friend.

One step away from God is all it takes to reach the gate of hell.

Every failure carries a guide-book to success in its inside pocket.

Anybody can say prayers, but only a worshiper of God can pray.

When the devil comes to an empty mind he at once begins to fill it.

No man can do God's will until God's will has first been done in him.

The man who tries to hide his sin forgets that God is everywhere.

Idolatry is a plan of salvation that the sinful man makes for himself.

Many who are born in sight of heaven appear to do all their traveling toward the pit.

"Look unto me and be ye saved," shows how easy God has made man's part in being saved.

Important Papers.

Queen Victoria has given so many proofs of the possession of sterling virtues that no one ever expects her to swerve from the path approved by her judgment and her conscience. When she first became queen, however, the world had yet to learn how determined the young girl ruler could be.

Lord Melbourne, her prime minister, is said to have declared that he would rather have ten kings to manage than one queen.

On one occasion he arrived at Windsor late on Saturday night, and informed his youthful sovereign that he had brought for her inspection some papers of importance. "But," said he, "as they must be gone into at length, I will not trouble your Majesty with them to-night, but will request your attention to them to-morrow morning."

"To-morrow morning?" replied the Queen. "To-morrow is Sunday, my lord."

"But business of state, please your Majesty."

"Must be attended to, I know," replied the Queen, "and as, of course, you could not get down earlier to-night, I will, if these papers are of such vital importance, attend to them after we come from church to-morrow."

In the morning the royal party went to church, and the noble statesman was not absent. Much to his surprise, the sermon was on the duties of the Sabbath.

"How did your lordship like the sermon?" asked the Queen.

"Very much, your Majesty," he replied.

"I will not conceal from you," said the Queen, "that last night I sent the clergyman the text from which to preach. I hope we shall all be the better for his words."

It is presumable that they were better, for the day passed, and no word was heard of the papers. At night, when her Majesty was about to withdraw, she said: "To-morrow morning, my lord, at any hour you please, we will go into those papers—at 7 o'clock, if you like."

But the papers had suddenly grown less pressing, for the Prime Minister found that 9 o'clock would be quite early enough to attend to them.

Queer California Soil.

The oil resources of California are being carefully investigated by the State Mining Bureau, which looks for a great development some day of the oil industry along the slopes of the coast range from San Francisco southward almost to the Mexican border line. The recent extensive explorations made in the southern part of the State by W. L. Watts of the Mining Bureau formed the subject of an interesting popular lecture given recently before the Academy of Science.

The discourse was made additionally entertaining by a stereopticon display of views of the oil wells, bituminous deposits and petroleum-bearing regions visited by the lecturer.

One of the views showed an asphaltum flow in which were sticks and stones and bones of animals. Sometimes, the lecturer explained, cattle lie down in the asphaltum when it is warm; they never get up again. At other times, on warm days, cows attempt to walk through the soft black stuff, but they stay in it until they are rescued or until they die.—San Francisco Call.

The Blazing.

Boastful New-Englander—But you can't deny that the Pilgrim Fathers blazed the way to all the greatness of our nation.

Westerner—Blazed the way? Yes, by burning witches.—Chicago Journal.

Nothing to Pass.

First Burglar—Hist! Here comes the janitor!

Second Burglar—Well, we wiped our feet, didn't we?—Detroit Journal.

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DECORATION day was observed in Montgomery and many other places last Monday, and floral tributes laid on the graves of the departed heroes.

AMID imposing ceremonies the body of U. S. Grant was transferred to its final resting place in the mausoleum in New York on Tuesday.

WE are sorry to learn that Congressman W. F. Aldrich is very sick with typhoid fever at Washington. It is to be hoped he will speedily recover, we need him in Congress.

THE Montgomery Journal says about 250 negroes have left that city within the past few days for Maplesville and other points along the line of the new railroad to work on its construction.

THE date of the Confederate reunion at Nashville, an account of which we published in our last issue, was erroneously given as May 22, 23, 24. The re-union will be held on June 22, 23, 24, and not in the month of May.

HON. H. A. Wilson has filed his application for the appointment of U. S. Marshal for the middle Alabama district. There are six other candidates, and it is altogether uncertain as to which will receive the appointment.

THE weekly crop Bulletin says cotton is coming up small and needs warmth and gentle rains to invigorate growth; in some localities the stand was so poor as to necessitate replanting. Worms are damaging young corn in many places.

THE Kentucky senatorial fight is at last ended and W. J. Deboe, Republican, succeeds Joe Blackburn, Democrat. The election from start to finish has been of such a character as to emphasize the fact that the present system of electing U. S. senators is not in touch with modern ideas, and that they should be elected by direct vote of the people.

A BANQUET was given by the Reform Club at New York last week at which Grover Cleveland was one of the speakers. Some of our contemporaries are inferring from his speech that he contemplates becoming a candidate for the presidency in 1900. We think they can rest in peace, there is no probability of Cleveland again becoming president.

A FEW weeks ago the city of Birmingham began to lease the city prisoners to the Sloss company to work in the mines. A prisoner, J. H. Powell, convicted in the inferior court of disorderly conduct, petitioned for his release on a writ of habeas corpus, and Judge Banks declared the clause of the act under which the city authorities entered into the contract with the Sloss company was unconstitutional and that Powell is entitled to his discharge. Aside from the law in the case Birmingham has not added to its reputation by sentencing misdemeanants to penal servitude.

All who remember Mr. Stephen Bonsal's brilliant services last winter as Cuban war correspondent of the New York Herald will be interested in his statement of "The Real Condition of Cuba To-Day," which appears in the Review of Reviews. This is the latest authentic summing-up of the Cuban situation that has been given to the press, and it should be read by all who care to know the facts. Mr. Bonsal's article gives us a realizing sense of the truth that we have an Amenia at our very doors.

Jemison.

On 25 inst. near Rockymount, Mrs. Elizabeth Glasscock, aged 71 years, crossed the last river. She has so long been such a devoted Christian her loving children will cherish her many virtues and advice. To see those bereaved ones linger around the casket, so reluctant to give the last sad parting view of mother, spoke volumes of love. We can but extend to them our warmest sympathy.

Mr. Charlie Reynolds and beautiful bride are housekeeping in Jemison. But Mr. Charlie don't forget to push business in his new store. Success to the happy couple.

Mr. James Sutley, brother-in-law of the young attorney, Wm. Martin, has built a splendid new dwelling in our neighborhood, and with his interesting wife and sweet babe they are happy on life's journey. Mrs. I. C.

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Maplesville Music

The rains have at last ceased and we are wanting more rain, gardens are suffering.

The R. R. bridge is now being constructed over Mulberry creek, one mile and a half from this place.

Two families have rented houses and moved in to be convenient to the work.

Mr. Zeke Martin has returned from Texas.

Mr. Elem's family have been suffering with measles. Miss Mattie is convalescing from a severe attack, and Miss Bettie is now quite sick.

Mrs. Mary McVoy has treated her friends to a visit here.

Mr. Willie Smith, of Columbiana, has paid R. D. Martin a visit.

Mr. Huggins, of Calera, is visiting friends here.

Our peach crop bids fair to be very fine, apples and pears have suffered much from blight and many of the trees are dying, a remedy for this would do much good. SUBSCRIBER.

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Two years ago R. J. Warren, a druggist at Pleasant Brook, N. Y., bought a small supply of Chamberlain's Cough Remedy. He sums up the result as follows: "At that time the goods were unknown in this section; to-day Chamberlain's Cough Remedy is a household word." It is the same in hundreds of communities. Where ever the good qualities of Chamberlain's Cough Remedy become known the people will have nothing else. For sale by J. S. Johnson, Druggist.

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East Chilton Notes.

Rev. A. J. Rich preached to an attentive and appreciative audience at Shady Grove Methodist church on Easter Sunday; the sermon, singing and prayers were good, countenances bright and hearts happy.

Inexpressibly sweet and beautiful are the "bouquets" that are being given from friend to friend, and Easter presents passed round quite lively.

Messrs. Raleigh and Ray visited friends here last week.

Dr. Goggan and wife, of Travelers' Rest, visited friends in this community recently.

Mr. and Mrs. Hardy have returned from a most enjoyable visit to relatives in Coosa county.

Mr. W. Smith and mother, of Coopers, have been pleasant guests of Mr. and Mrs. T. P. McKinney.

We are pleased to announce that Rev. Mr. Ledbetter will preach at the Methodist church here on the first Sunday night in May. Mr. Ledbetter is a live preacher and has a large circle of friends here who anxiously await the time when they can hear him sing and preach.

Mrs. Dubose and sons spent a pleasant day with Mr. and Mrs. Petty recently.

Miss Lizzie Dubose visited relatives here last Sunday.

Miss Bessie Wood, a charming little Miss of Coosa, is visiting relatives here.

Mr. T. P. McKinney has the finest lot of Jersey hogs we have seen and Mr. N. Cooper the finest Jersey cow.

Mrs. Petty spent lass Saturday and Sunday with her parents in Coosa county.

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A very heavy rain fell at this place last night. Summer time once again and the flowers are looking nicely.

We deeply sympathize with Mr. George Collins' family with his death at his home near Cedar Grove church.

We are glad to see little Denham Markee up again after a slight spell of sickness.

Misses Rosa Tidwell, Maggie Lodge and Eloise Markee spent Sunday with Miss Bertie Knight.

Mr. C. J. Stewart's mother, of Tallassee, is visiting his family at this place.

Mr. and Mrs. E. A. Knight and children are visiting their daughter Mrs. Jones and family, near Lily, Ala.

With best wishes for the BANNER and its many readers.

MAMMA'S PET.

Twenty-four bales of cotton were brought into town last Saturday; they were purchased by Mr. W. L. Sampey.

Political Pointers.

People's Press Bureau, St. Louis, Mo., April 28, 1897.

Congress goes grinding along at its make-believe of business, killing time and drawing its salary. The best thing it has done is the appropriation of $200,000 for the aid of the poor who are thrown out of employment by the disastrous flood of the lower Mississippi. It is estimated that the government can furnish rations enough for three meals at a cost of 10 cents per capita per day. Each man is allowed nine ounces of salt pork, 13½ ounces of flour, 15 ounces of corn meal and a portion of beans and molasses. That poor people can be fed at such a low figure as well or better than they are able with steady work, to provide for themselves, is food for reflection on the evils of ignorance and the credit system. It is a matter for congratulation that the War department is making itself useful in distributing these rations.

The war in Cuba goes bloodily on. McKinley has so far failed to execute the bit of threatened jingoism that was promised us by his adherents. John Jacob Astor advises the United States to buy Cuba, but why Spain should be paid for that which she does not possess has not been explained.

Associated Press dispatches tell us that the middle-of-the-road wing of the reform press has through its executive committee called a national conference to meet at Nashville, Tenn., July 4, 1897. The fact that the committee issuing the "call" is made up partly of men who have already read themselves out of the People's party or who are locally discredited for their services to Hanna in the last campaign, weakens the force of this effort to disrupt the party and ride rough shod over the regularly elected National committee. Senator Butler said in regard to this proposed conference: "The National Chairman will not be present. You may quote me as saying that any Populist who does attend defies the regular organization of the party." Mr. Butler said that he had received the resolutions adopted at the Memphis conference, suggesting that a conference be held, and had submitted it by mail to each of the 145 members of the National committee. The responses had been overwhelmingly in favor of non-action.

It has developed that Senator Stewart, by having entered objections to the immediate consideration of the Alaskan Boundary Treaty, not only blocked Olney's and Cleveland's game of turning over to England a large and valuable slice of our Alaskan Territory, but saved us further humiliation at the hands of these well paid Anglo maniacs.

Mr. Bryan has been received most cordially in his tour through the South, having even attracted more attention than the champion Bob Fitzsimmons when he and the heavy puncher happen to be in the same town at once.

The most able speech made on Jefferson, was by Sibley of Pennsylvania at a Washington banquet.

Eugene Debs announces through the New York Journal that radical changes will be made in the A. R. U. at the convention to be held in Chicago the third week in June. He believes that strikes only increase the burden of the laboring man. He outlines a grand co-operative scheme which will be lead up to by organized educational work. Some western state will be chosen for the concentration of the now laborless thousands who, when gathered in sufficient numbers, will control legislation, thus building up prosperity on the only true foundation, the well being of the laboring people.

When asked for aid for the India famine sufferers Gov. Leedy refused to make an official appeal justly replying that England having fattened on its robbery of India, should now take care of the plague stricken districts. The people of several Kansas town have decided to send the sufferers a quantity of corn.

The administration has begun violating civil service rules by dismissing women, who have neither a vote nor political pull. A. R.

Your Vitality?

The essence of life is force. Every breath you breathe, every heart beat, every motion of your hand, takes force. The measure of force we call vitality. If this is lacking, there is loss of flesh, lack of resistive power, a tendency to catch disease easily, especially a tendency to Consumption. For low vitality nothing is better than Scott's Emulsion. It supplies force by furnishing the nourishing, strengthening elements of food in an easily digested form; enriches the blood, and builds up the system. When ordinary food is of no avail, Scott's Emulsion will supply the body with all the vital elements of life.

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[We are willing to publish our subscribers views at any time, but it must be distinctly understood we do not hold ourselves responsible for these opinions.—EDITOR.]

Thorsby.

Mr. Adams, a prospective M. D., attracted by the charms for him (sick folks) of our town, has deposited his traps and will stay with us temporarily. We hope our citizens will give him a busy welcome.

Our saw mill is running full time and the shingle mill steamed up to-day.

Our clocks now are the whistles of our enterprises. Our farmers are well up with planting, having taken advantage of the last week's pretty weather.

The vineyards and fruit farms are getting their share of attention.

Our merchants are doing a rushing business both in groceries and dry goods. Spring time suggests pretty new clothes.

The visiting capitalists have gone with an indelible impression of the opportunities of our South land and some will return bringing with them a number of families who will settle in the Thorsby addition and enjoy with us its numerous advantages, both in climate and associations.

We are well fitted with schools One in progress in the Swedish language, another will open next week in English, also a music class

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Longstreet Locals.

The farmers of this section are about through planting cotton.

A shower of rain is badly needed.

Mrs. S. E. Bruce visited here this week.

Misses Zilpha and Ada Lowe were pleasant visitors to Long street Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. C. R. Bruce visited Mrs. Mary Lowe Sunday.

Miss Lula Coe visited friends here Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Mart Gore and several of the young folks attended services at Cane Creek Sunday.

We are glad to say that Longstreet will make an effort to organize a Sunday-school soon; we sincerely hope they will succeed in this good work.

Mr. Wesley Danforth was around again Sunday.

Miss Annie Marlar and Miss Lilla Danforth were over last week.

There was a jolley good time at the fishing party Saturday. MAJOR.

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Everybody Says So.

Cascarets Candy Cathartic, the most wonderful medical discovery of the age, pleasant and refreshing to the taste, act gently and positively on kidneys, liver and bowels cleansing the entire system, dispel colds cure headache, fever, habitual constipation and biliousness. Please buy and try a box of C. C. C. to-day; 10, 25, 50 cents. Sold and guaranteed to cure by all druggists.

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Strasburg.

Easter has come and gone but left us with sweet recollections of the Easter-time we spent together. A nice company of children were entertained at the residence of Mr. J. Bice, on the highest point in this little town, by searching in the spacious grounds for the fabled rabbits nests of Easter Eggs. Such a jolly time they had rushing hither and thither each vieing with the other in finding the greatest number of the many colored eggs The boyish shouts and the sweet girlish laughter kept the air resonant for a while. After the hunt the childish games began in earnest and lasted until the sun warned us that the shades of evening were coming on, when we hied us away to our homes to make ready for another entertainment tendered us by the same hospitable friend for the evening. We were there joined by a company of our new friends from Norway and Sweden and together we enjoyed a musicale, then a stroll home by moonlight.

Several of our towns people and neighbors are very ill at present, some seriously so, others improving. Mr. G. W. Collins not expected to live, Mrs. Lula Swinford very ill, Mr. A. F. Childers, we are glad to hear, is out of danger.

Some faces among us are saddened by the departure for home of some of our visitors, one specially so, on account of Miss Thompson leaving for Deatsville. Cheer up, she has promised to come again.

Prof. and Mrs. Moore will leave us to-morrow for a visit to friends in Birmingham.

Miss Katie Hill, who has been visiting relatives in the Magic City has gladdened the hearts of some of the young folks by her return.

Preaching at Salem last Sunday by Rev. Albert Foshee. Subject: Belshazzar.

Mrs. Belle McKinzie has been visiting Mr. Bice's family, much to the delight of her many old time friends, having once lived near here.

The only bone of contention among us is the position of the post office in regard to the twin town.

Some parties took a morning ride to the country and the trip was very much enlivened by a race between a colt and a yellow steer. We hope the steer won.

Prof. Logan led us in a singing one evening last week. ANON, ANON, SIR.

Ala. Polytechnic Institute.

The Alabama Polytechnic Institute is now six months old.

The work we are doing is a great one. The new building not being complete we have not the capacity we need, but all seem to adapt themselves to the situation, hence our work is progressing wonderfully.

It seems that the idea of many was that the girls who would attend this Institute would not be of the highest type. We have over two hundred of Alabama's best daughters, zealous, earnest girls, who are preparing themselves for life's duties; girls who appreciate the opportunity the State has given them and feel that life's claims on them, demands broad and high culture.

We have eight departments: Literary, including English, Mathematics, Science and Pedagogy. Music: Instrumental and Vocal. Art, Elocution, Stenography and Typewriting, Telegraphy, Dress-making and Cooking.

Our faculty is composed of educators who are giving themselves heart and soul to their work. Each one is so ready to help and encourage. Should any girl fail to accomplish her work, it is indeed her own fault. Under the influence of the sweet Christian women and noblemen, each girl is bound to become more Christlike, and to feel an inspiration "for something better than they have known." Her courage is renewed and she feels more determined to enter the arena of life with a purpose of making it a success. No mother need hesitate in entrusting her daughter to the influence of this school.

We have several girls from Chilton and most of them are taken a normal course. May the time hasten when she will stand pre-eminent among her sister counties in educational advantages.

While our faculty is one of the best, we can not refrain from speaking personally of our president, Capt. F. C. Reynolds. We find him in his official duties to be as he is known, a business man ever ready to lend a helping hand. The girls of Alabama can never pay to him the debt of gratitude for his arduous labors in making our school a success. POLYTECHNIC GIRL.

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Chas. B. Hood, Broker and Manufacturer's Agent, Columbus, Ohio, certifies that Dr. King's New Discovery has no equal as a Cough remedy. J. D. Brown, Prop. St. James Hotel, Ft. Wayne, Ind., testifies that he was cured of a Cough of two years standing, caused by La Grippe, by Dr. King's New Discovery. B. F. Merrill, Baldwinsville, Mass., says that he has used and recommended it and never knew it to fail and would rather have it than any doctor, because it always cures. Mrs. Hemming, 222 F. 25th St., Chicago, always keeps it at hand and has no fear of Croup, because it instantly relieves. Free Trial Bottles at J. S. Johnson, Jr. Drug Store.

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Rockymount.

There is one farmer of this community, a man whose religious belief is in fasting. Some ten years ago he fasted ten days, took neither water nor food. Easter Sunday morning he retired to what is known as Stump Hill and for ten days has taken neither water nor food. He says he is going to fast until he dies, be resurrected the third day and crowned king and reign a thousand years on earth. He reads his bible constantly, and is undoubtedly partially, if not wholly, insane on the subject of religion. At this writing he is lost in the woods and has not been found, he will probably die or go insane. His relatives are much interested. He carries a large life insurance policy of the Mutual Life Insurance Co.

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Musical Convention.

The Chilton county musical convention will hold its first session with the Mars Hill class at the Mars Hill church, three miles west of Jemison, the fourth Sunday and Saturday before in May. All interested are expected to attend on Saturday at 9:30 a.m.

Committees. On Musical Education—R. D. Durham, J. C. Veazey, J. E. White, Tilman Robinson, G. W. Gothard, James Franklin, A. H. Glass. On Church Music—C. L. Glass, Lewis Robinson, W. H. Conway, J. P. Gentry, Andrew Henly, R. T. Grant, J. C. Creal. On Sunday-school Music—C. M. Northcutt, L. B. Pounds, J. B. Littleton, Green Cofer, Enoch Hayes, Beery Wells, Henry Robinson.

A. E. GLASSCOCK, Pres.
J. B. NORTHCUTT, Sec.

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Mrs. A. Inveen, residing at 720 Henry St., Alton, Ill., suffered with sciatic rheumatism for over eight months. She doctored for it nearly the whole of this time, using various remedies recommended by friends, and was treated by the physicians, but received no relief. She then used one and a half bottles of Chamberlain's Pain Balm, which effected a complete cure. This is published at her request as she wants others similarly afflicted to know what cured her. The 25 and 50 cent sizes for sale by J. S. Johnson, Druggist.

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TOWN ITEMS

Commissioners' Court meets second Monday in February, first Monday in April, second Monday in May, second Monday in July, second Monday in August, and first Monday in November.

Cotton to-day is 6⅞ cents.

Miss Rosa Thornton has returned home after being absent several weeks.

Miss Maggie McMorries, who has been assisting in the University school here returned to her home in Wetumpka last Saturday.

Mr. Oscar Mullins, we regret to say, is very sick.

Miss Kate Freeman, after visiting her aunt, Mrs. Haynes, returned home Saturday.

The street and sidewalk leading from the depot to the hotel has been vastly improved.

Burglars broke into the store of Mr. A. A. Ayers last Wednesday night, and stole about $10 in money and some goods. Mr. Ayers has a suspicion of the guilty party.

Dr. A. J. Massey, our hustling and reliable dentist, will be at the Duke House, Clanton during court week, from 10th to 16th of May. A good time to have your teeth extracted by his painless process, ready for new teeth in the Fall. Terms reasonable. Come promptly. The Doctor will attend patients in any part of Chilton county after court. He will be at Prattville from 3rd to 8th of May. P.O. address, Woodlawn, Ala.

Mr. E. L. Manning, of Bozeman, was in town last Friday.

Mr. H. B. Northington, of Verbena, was a visitor to Clanton yesterday.

Prices talk. Go to G. H. Green Clanton.

Mr. L. D. Popwell went to Montgomery Monday.

Mr. H. A. Wilson was in town Tuesday.

Mr. R. Ehrman returned Tuesday from a trip to Washington.

Master Edgar Garner, we are sorry to say, is quite sick.

Mr. Leroy Watts is on the sick list this week.

Mr. G. C. Hanks, of Jemison, was in Clanton this week.

Mr. W. W. Dunkin spent Sunday night with relatives here.

Mr. B. H. Chesnutt was in Clanton Sunday.

Misses Celestia Jones and Velma White, of Lily, were visitors to Clanton Monday.

Mr. John Kemp has returned from a visit to his brother in Montgomery county.

Save your money and trade with G. H. Green, Clanton. Special inducements for court week.

Marriage licenses have been granted this week by the Probate Judge to the following persons.

Mr. W. P. Childress and Miss Bessie Littlejohn; Mr. Jesse McRary and Miss Media Alice Davis, Colored. Wesley Weaver and Anna Latham.

Seriff Cooley went to Centreville Tuesday and brought back with him Wiley Reedy, charged with grand larceny at Dixie about six weeks ago. Reedy escaped into Bibb and was recently captured.

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Judge Honeycutt went to Maplesville this morning to receive applications for Confederate pensions. The Judge goes at considerable personal inconvenience, but it saves the applicants a journey to Clanton, and they appreciate his thoughtfulness.

A photographic gallery has been opened next the old View office by Neal Bros. and L. B. Pounds. It will remain at least until after court.

The popular dentist, Dr. G. W. Shackelford, will be at the Duke House during court. Read his price list in another column.

The students at the University school are making their most vigorous efforts to win the gold medal and other prizes. The commencement exercises promise to be of unusual interest.

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Loweville Loc ls.

Miss Annie Marlar is visiting relatives at Jemison this week.

Mrs. H. S. Danforth and daughter Miss Lilla, spent Sunday with friends at Clanton.

Some of Loweville young folks enjoyed a fishing party Saturday afternoon.

Mrs. F. R. Woodyard and Mrs. Plon Bean visited Clanton last week.

Mrs. C. R. Bruce has been visiting her sister Mrs. Lowe of Longstreet.

Mrs. J. B. Marlar and little daughter, Gerusha, spent one day last week with relatives in Clanton.

Mr. J. E. Evans visited here last week.

Mr. Wess Danforth makes frequent visits to Longstreet.

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THE JURORS.

The following named persons have been drawn for the Spring Term of circuit court, commencing Monday, May 10, 1897.

GRAND JURY.

Beat 1. A. U. Glasscock, James Vines.

Beat 2. I. N. Langston, John Lowery, Sr., C. L. Hayes.

Beat 3. Jasper Giles, T. J. Lenoir

Beat 4. W. H. Merritt, E. H. Parrish, W. I. Mullins.

Beat 5. N. J. Calloway, P. C. Dennis.

Beat 6. W. C. Davis, J. R. Broadhead.

Beat 7. W. E. Bearden, J. W. Adams, J. N. Gentry.

Beat 8. G. W. Fox.

Beat 9. S. E. Clockler, D. C. Honeycutt, Samuel Pate,

PETIT JURY—First Week.

Beat 1. W R Lowery, B F Robinson, Beat 2. J Alex Moore, S D Posey, W G Atkinson.

Beat 3. W J Sorrell, W P White, Y O Freeman, J S Jones, W M Merchant, Calvin Jones, B F Franklin.

Beat 4. W M Wilson, J N Maddox, A A Ayers.

Beat 5. John Vinson, Curtis Moore.

Beat 6. A T Hathcock.

Beat 7. L C Savage, W D Lawrence, T L Elam.

Beat 8. J G Gay, Isaiah Friday, C C Ray, T D Parnell, R T Carrol.

Beat 9. J R Swinford, W R Darden, T W Childress, W P Murrah.

Second Week.

Beat 1. Lewis Littleton.

Beat 2. J P Cust, Allison Sims.

Beat 3. R J Williams, P G Hudman, W R Baker, J J Culp, Lee Foshee, Martin Franklin, P H Headley, E J Hayes

Beat 4. J W Littlejohn, W H Wright H E Culver.

Beat 5. A J Duncan, T M Pyron, W J Gray D S Robinson.

Beat 6. A C Pool, Elijah Head ey, T J Billingsley, A J Gray, G T Brigance.

Beat 7. Milton Lawrence, W Y Atchison, J S Bearden.

Beat 8. D M Martin, D H Mitchel, Jeff Parnell.

Beat 9. Lee Pate, J. W. Hayes.

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Coopers.

The church at Coopers has organized a singing society and elected officers and a committee. The society meets on the first and third Sundays and invites all music lovers to attend.

R. T. GRANT, Sec.

Fatal Accident to Mr. James Vines.

Last Thursday afternoon a fatal accident occurred near Jumbo—to Mr. James Vines. He was returning from Mahan & Davis' mill with a load of lumber when by some unexplained means he fell into the road and it is supposed died at once. He was last seen alive about two o'clock, but it was not until several hours later his body was discovered. He was buried Saturday at the Mullins graveyard Jumbo, Rev. L. B. Pounds preaching the funeral service. The unfortunate gentleman was highly regarded and his death is a loss to the entire community. A widow and three children, who have our deepest sympathy, mourn his untimely end.

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Base ball at Jemison.

The game of ball last Saturday between Jemison and Clanton was called at 2:30 p.m. by Umpire L. H. Reynolds. The players were: Jemison, I. M. Langston, Chas. Shaw, W. Bandy, B. McNeil, W. G. Hand, J. W. Patton, W. S. Cameron, Ed Wilkes and E. H. Adams. Clanton, R. A. Bearden, Jas. Middleton, W. G. Johnson, B. Y. McMorries, Eugene Chesnutt, Walter Aldridge, J. W. Johnson, Chas. McDaniel and Rush Vines.

The game was very exciting and at times the yells of the fair ones were so loud until the player himself was addled. It would seem as if each team was playing to make runs only, and not to prevent their opponents from making any.

The scores by innings are as follow:

Innings:	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	
Jemison:	1	0	4	0	5	2	1	1	5	=19
Clanton:	5	0	0	0	0	5	0	5	5	=20

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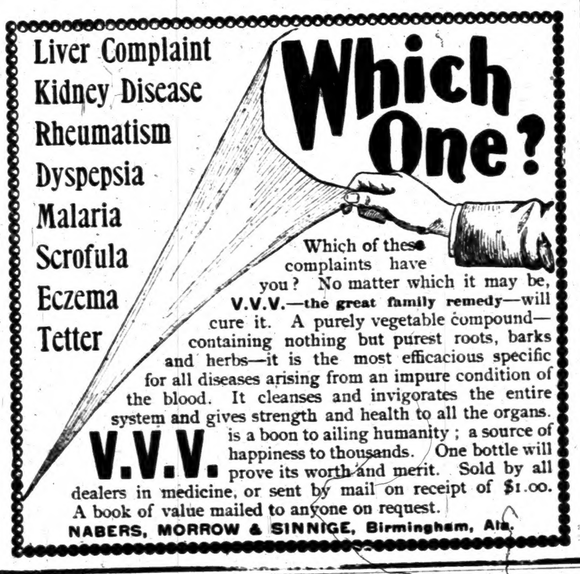

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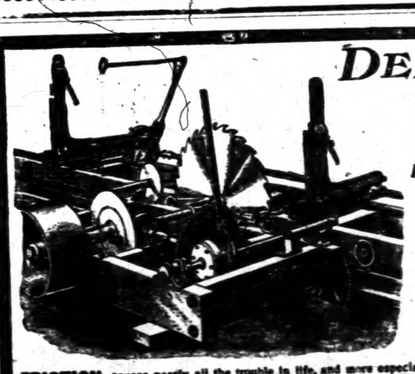

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A 4-year-old boy in Georgia is said to weigh 90 pounds, wears a No. 7 hat and a No. 6 shoe.

May It Never Spread.

Clothiers in New York are trying to popularize white duck suits for wear during the summer months, and as suits are offered as cheap as $6 it is believed they may become the rage.

The nice things that are said about a dead man fool no one; not even his widow.

Measure of the Centimeter.

One thousand cubic centimeters equal a quart of the standard measures in use in this country.

How He Greased the Hack.

A hack driver of Murfreesboro, Tenn., hired a negro boy the other day to "wash and grease" his hack. He went away, and when he came back in two hours he found that the boy had greased the hack all over.

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FROM THE WAR.

News From the Conflict Between Turkey and Greece.

SOME FIGHTING DONE.

Kumansides, Near Strevina, Occupied By the Greeks.

THE GREEK ARMY ROUTED.

Mutiny Reported in the Ranks of the Turkish Army.—Bulgaria Won't Knuckle.—Into Turkish Territory.—Battle Around Mati.

Athens, Greece. — A dispatch received from the Greek commander in Epirus, Colonel Manos announced that that the Greeks have occupied Kumasades, near Strevina.

Greek scouting parties have reached points close to Port Pente Pegada.

The Greek squadron, after bombarding Santi Quaranta, left Corfu, and, on arriving in he Bay of Santi Quaranta, immediately formed in line of battle.

The warships were spread out fan-shaped and the torpedo boats occcupied points of vantage. Fire was opened in the liveliest kind of cannonade for two hours, the great destructiveness of which was soon observed in dismantled buildings everywhere, whiles the flames broke out in many places.

The fire of the Greek gunners was directed most admirably and no ammunition was wasted.

The Turkish garrison, at about noon, was seen to have sought refuge in the fort. The Turks were supposed to number about six hundred men.

The Greek naval commander then decided to land a detachment and complete the destruction of large quantities of food stored there for the use of the Turkish forces in Epirus.

The bombardment by the fleet was thereupon redoubled, and under this fierce fire a detachment of Greek sailors was landed and immediately proceeded to destroy the store house of the Turks, beginning with 1,600 sacks of flour, which were found on the quays.

After rapidly completing this work, while the fleet imposed silence on the fort, the Greeks set fire to the remaining storehouses and destroyed large quantities of munitions of war which had been collected for use of the Turkish forces in Epirus.

After this work was completed the Greek sailors returned to their ships, leaving the whole place in flames and bringing with them fifty Christians who had hoisted a white flag over a house in which they had collected.

The Greek gunners took special care to avoiding hitting this building. The casualties of the Greeks throughout the bombardment and subsequent landing and destruction of the Turkish stores were two sailors wounded.

Later.

Athens, Greece.—Larissa has been completely evacuated by the Greeks, who spiked their guns in position and carried away all the movable cannon and munitions of war.

After a desperate battle at Mati the Greeks were outnumbered, retreated with heavy loss, abandoned Tyrnavos and Larissa and removed their headquarters to Pharsalos, a small town on the right bank of the Phersalitis, and at the north foot of a spur of the Christian mountains. Pharsalos is about twenty miles due south of Larissa.

All telegraphic communication with Larissa is interrupted, but it is understood that the retreat of the Greek army was conducted with the best of order. The excitement and disquiet at Athens because of the sudden abandonment of Larissa continues, but the tranquility of the city is unbroken. The foreign warships have been signalled off Pharlerum.

Later special dispatches received from the frontier state that the Turks while attacking Mati were repulsed several times yesterday. At 6 o'clock in the evening the Greek forces were oblbiged to give way. The Greeks retreated in good order on Karacles, where they intrenched. From Arta the Greeks occupied the heights of Pontepigadi. It is believed the military operations in Epirus will soon be terminated.

2:30 a. m.—The wounded remain at Larissa under the protection of the Red Cross flag.

8 p. m.—Saturday evening's paper counsel the people of Athens to receive the bad news with patience and sangfroid, considering that the army fought courageously in defense of the national honor, paying the price by heavy sacrifices.

Serious for the Turks.

Constantinople, Turkey.—News received here from Epirus is most serious. The Greek division, which defeated the Turks, at Fillippiada, is continuing its march on Janina, near which place a strong Turkish force is gathered, and an important battle will most likely be fought.

The most alarming news received from Epirus is that four battalions of Alabanians, belonging to Luros' division of the Turkish army, have mutinied and are said to have deserted to the Greeks.

An official dispatch dated today, from the Turkish commander of the army corps at Jaina, Epirus, announces that after a desperate battle, lasting over several hours, the Turks have captured for Beshphoursmar, where the Greeks were entrenched after crossing the frontier and advancing along the river Luro.

Bulgaria Won't Knuckle.

Constantinople.—As previously announced in these dispatches, the Turkish Government some days ago called upon Bulgaria as the vassal of the Turkey to break all diplomatic relations with Greece and to expel the Greek Consuls and Greeks from Bularian territory.

The Bulgarian Government took the matter under consideration and, it is now announced, has decclined to comply, declaring that she will observe neutrality during the war between Turkey and Greece.

The refusal of Bulgaria to acknowledge her vassalage to Turkey is regarded as being a very important departure and as foreshadowing the declaration of independence of Bulgaria.

Into the Turkish Territory.

Constantinople.—The latest advices from the seat of war indicate that the Greek forces have penetrated into Turkish territory, reaching the rear of Elassona, on the ount Olympus side, which is most serious news for the Turks, if true.

The division of the Turkish army stationed at Monastir and Salonica are about to start for Elassona.

Battle Around Mati.

Athens.—A cabinet council lasting a long time was held here last evening. Official news received from the Greek commander in Thessaly, Prince Constantine, says that a battle is proceeding around Mati. Up to 5 o'clock last evening the Turks had been repulsed.

No further information has yet been received of results of subsequent fighting.

Bulgarian Insurgents.

Sofia, Bulgaria.—An insurgent band has entered Macedonia under a leader who was recently placed under surveillance. Other insurgent bands have gone north with the intention of crossing the frontier, working round and meeting the first insurgent band in Macedonia.

Rebellion in Albania.

London, Eng.—According to a special dispatch received today an insurrection has broken out in Albania.—The Turkish troops are said to be participating in the revolt.

THE REFORM CLUB DINNER.

Many Able Speakers, Among Them Ex-President Cleaveland.

New York, N. Y.—The annual dinner of the Reform Club, which was given Saturday night in the new ballroom of the Hotel Waldorf, was a notable gathering. Representative men of the gold wing of Democracy from all parts of the United States who played a prominent part in the recent campaign were present. It was the first occasion on which President Cleveland has delivered a public speech since his retirement from office. When the list of invited guests was made public it was generally understood that the speeches which would be delivered would, in a large measure, indicate the policy of the gold wing of the Democratic party in the next Presidential campaign.

John DeWitt Warner presided. At his right sat Ex-President Cleveland, and on his left was Ex-Postmaster General, William L. Wilson. Mr. Cleveland was the central figure in the dining hall, and his speech, in response to the toast "Present Problems," the chief feature of the occasion. The toasts and those who responded to them were as follows:

"Present Problems," Grover Cleveland.

"Sound Currency," John G. Carlisle.

"Tariff Reform," William L. Wilson.

"Municipal Administration," Edward M. Shepard.

"The New South," Donelson Caffery.

"National Democracy,'" William D. Bynum.

"The Political Outlook," Henry G. Turner.

"Andrew Jackson and the Restoration of the Gold Currency," Josiah Patterson.

Five hundred and eight persons sat down to the feast. They were distributed about ten long tables.

UNDERGROUND TRAIN WRECKED.

Ten People in a Precarious Condition.—Was It a Bomb?

London, Eng.—A tremendous explosion occurred on the underground railway at 5:30 o'clock this evening as a train filled with men from the city was making its usual stop at Aldersgate station. The glass roof of the station was blown out. Many of the gas lights in the waiting rooms and on the platform were extinguished. A general panic ensued. When comparative quiet had been restored it was found that a first-class ccoach had beeen completely wrecked and that its occupants were lying about moaning and bleeding. Ten figures were found to be in a precarious condition and were removed to hospitals. A number of persons who were standing on the platforms were also hurt. Much of the wreckage was hurled across the station.

The cause of the explosion is not known, but it is believed to have been the result of an accumulation of gas which became ignited in some way. Many persons, however, believe that the disaster was not due to accident, but was caused by the explosion of a bomb which had been placed in the station with the intention of wrecking it.

Ohioans Going to War.

Dayton, Ohio.—Captain Otto Paul, formerly of the Ohio National Guards, is organizing a company to go to Greece. Seventy-five applications have been received. Many Greeks in this city are taking a lively interest in the project.

King George to Command.

New York, N. Y.—A cable message from Athens, says: A Cabinet Council has decided that King George is to take command of the Greeks.

Judicious advertising pays.

HARD FIGHTING.

Insurgents and Spaniard Have a Tussel in Havana Province.

AFTER THREE LONG HOURS

The Insurgents are Overcome and Spaniards Take the Camp.

AN AMERICAN'S "FISHY" STORY

His Hair-Raising Story.—In the Insurgents' Camp.—He Was Captured By the Spaniards After a Chase.—Dinner to Consul General Lee.

Havana, Cuba.—Lieutenant-Colonel Alfen, with the Maria Christiana battalion, engaged the insurgents at Purgatorio, Havana province, his advance guard pursuing them to the Province farm. Here they were entrenched and three hours' fighting followed. The Spaniards captured the camp and important documents. The fleeing insurgents left sixteen killed on the field and many wounded. The regulars lost none, but had sixteen wounded,

Orders have been given for expulsion from the island of Guirre, a naturalized American. He was captured in a boat near Havana. Enrique Palma and Mizard, Italians, and a French lady, Mariana Flandana, have been lodged in jail in Santiago de Cuba on a charge of assisting the insurgents.

An American named Kelly, who left Havana a short time ago for the insurgents, and was strung up on the charge of being a spy, was interviewed on his arrival here today. He admits the adventure, but is reticent as to details. He denies, however, that he had any understanding, or compact with the Cuban junta in New York.

He says he went out from Havana alone and joined the insurgents as an electrician. A few days after he was sent with a sergeant and eleven men on an alleged mission to meet Sylvester Scovell, who, the insurgents said, would soon land. They halted by the side of an old well stripped Kelly naked shot him and, believing him dead, tied a rope around his neck and threw him into the well. The water was up to his armpits. The insurgents then dropped stones on him, but fortunately these missiles did not hit him. They then went away. He escaped from the well about midnight, and arrived at the Spanish outposts, where he presented himself entirely naked with a view of surrendering under the amnesty decree. When the commandant called on the guard to receive him he was frightened. He ran and was fired at. The Spanish started in pursuit and he was finally caught and taken into custody. They asked him why he ran off, and, after hearing his story, treated him, Kelly says, with all consideration, gave him food and clothing, furnished him with a bed and kept him until an orred of his release arrived.

Mr. Kelly's head was grazed in several places by bullets, his face and eyes are burned and punctured with powder and his hair, formerly an auburn, is now most white. He says the insurgents robbed him of a money belt containing $600, but this latter statement is discredited here because when he originally left Havana, en route for the insurgent camp, he neglected to settle his hotel bill. He intends to return to the United States next week. He says the Spanish officers treated him much better than he could have expected under all the circumstances.

Several of the newspaper correspondents who will leave Cuba tomorrow, gave a dinner this evening to Consul General Lee at the Hotel Inglaterre. Among the American journalists present were Mr. Springer, Dr. Burgess and Mr. Childes.

PROMINENT MAN FOUND DEAD.

A Well Known Birmingham Contract Suddenly Summoned Away.

Birmingham, Ala.—Dr. J. J. Clapp, aged 53, was found dead in the hallway of the old Southern Railway building on the corner of First Avenue and Twenty-second Street, Saturday night about 7 o'clock. Death resulted from apoplexy. The remains were interred Sunday afternoon from the family residence at Woodlawn.

Dr. Clapp had the contract from the Caldwell Real Estate Company to remove the debris from the old hotel site on the corner of Twenty-second street and First Avenue, and Saturday afternoon about the time when the men quit work he was missed.

Mr. A. T. Mason, an employe in the Southern Railway building, saw Dr. Clapp enter the building and go to a room in the rear about 5 o'clock. When Mr. Mason returned from supper a couple of hours later he saw the inanimate body of Dr. Clapp lying on the floor. Officers Goggan and Eagan were summoned and an ambulance called.

Broke Over the Levees.

tumwa, Iowa.—The river broke over the levees Saturday night and flooded the bottoms, carrying several houses down stream. In some places the water is above the first story of the houses.

One Burlington main line track is impassable and hundreds of men are at work attempting to prevent damage to the other line. The situation is critical.

More Trouble For Spain.

Madrid, Spain.—A dispatch to the Heraldo from Manila, capital of the Phillippine Islands, says that 25,000 insurgents, who have not submitted to the Spaniards, have taken up a position in thee mountains and are offering a stout resistance to the troops. The recall of General Pollevja, it is added, has produced a bad impression in the Phillippine Islands.

ALABAMA GLEANINGS.

Late News Items of Our Own State Gathered Here and There.

Mormon elders are operating around Preston.

General John B. Gordon will visit Marion on May 8.

The people of Greensboro are agitating a sewerage system for the town.

The Episcopal church at Greensboro raised $300 for church purposes Easter.

Many improvements have been made on the Young Men's Christian Association building at Selma.

A. B. Dure & Co. have secured a conract to repair the Custom House at Mobile. They will get $2,455 for the work.

W. H. Merrit has filed a suit at Clanton against the Merritt Bond Lumber Company, of Lomax, for $7,000.

The City Council of Greensboro passed an ordinance prohibiting the placing of goods on the sidewalks for exhibition purposes.

John Covington, colored, while loading coal in a barge at Mobile, struck his head upon the blocks of the barge and broke his neck.

The Louisville & Nashville railroad will transport brick from St. Louis free for the new building of the Young Men's Christian Association at Mobile.

Gainesville has a lady medical student, Miss Lula May Norvell, at present in the office of Dr. Bickley. She will attend lectures in Philadelphia after September.

The spoke and axe handle factory at Ozark is already in operation, and is turning out an excellent quality of goods. Mr. Edwards, who is at the head of this enterprise, says that they find no difficulty in securing a market for their product, or in obtaining timber.

Messrs. Dixon & Harrison, owners and managers of the ice factory at Demopolis, have completed arrangements for putting in a nice new plant for laundry work there. The laundry will be run by the power which the ice factory boilers furnish, and therefore it can be run at a minimum expense.

The East Birmingham dummy line will be sold to the highest bidder by Special Commissioner N. W. Trimble in front of the United States postoffice building, Birmingham, on May 31. This property is now in the hands of Receiver A. Latady and is operating at a profit. Under Receiver Latady's direction the road has been repaired considerably and is now some of the best street railway property in the city.

A wagon pulled by two horses and driven by an old man named Fuller while going over the railroad crossing on Moulton street in Decatur, was struck by an L. & N. engine. In the wagon were also three boys, Jimmie Hailey, Willie Donovan and a third boy whose name is not given. The wagon was on the crossing when engine No. 229, which had pulled freight train No. 16, northbound, backed down on them. The engine was going to the shops and is said to have been going at a lively rate.

Thad Parrish, white, was put on trial before Judge Feagin in the Inferior Criminal court, Birmingham, on a charge of perjury. It is alleged he swore in the case of H. Wideman, administrator of Johnny Patton, vs. the Southern Railway Company, in the City Court, two weeks back, in behalf of the plaintiffs n said case, and that what he swore to was false, viz: That he saw Johnny Paton shoved off a moving train by an employe of said road.

Dan Smitherman and Newt James, two white men, were arrested at Centreville, in Bibb county, a few days ago, charged with the robbery of Mr. Henry Parker several weeks ago.

Jim Bolling, who was living at the house of Mr. Parker at the time of the robbery, and who was one of the conspirators to do the robbing, has given the whole thing away, and says that James and Smitherman were the masked men who did the robbing. James and Smitherman are now in jail.

The Alabama Medical association adjourned Friday at 2 p. m., after four days' session, to meet in Birmingham next April. The following officers were elected:

President, Dr. L. L. Hill, of Montgomery; Senior Vice-President, Dr. J. C. Legrand, of Anniston; Councillors for Five Years, Dr. S. D. Seeley, of Montgomery; Dr. W. H. Sanders, of Mobile. Councillor to fill the late Dr. Jerome Cochran's unexpired term, Dr. J. H. Furniss of Selma. Orator, Dr. W. W. Harper, of Selma. Alternate, Dr. G. C. Chapman, of Birmingham.

Will the Chattanooga Southern, a railroad now runnig between Chattanooga and Gadsden, be extended to Birmingham, is a question that is being frequently asked. A rumor to that effect has been printed more than once and again it is going the rounds. It comes from Chattanooga now, and is said with a high degree of authority. It is given out that for some time the new reorganization committee has had in contemplation the extension of this line, and now, from indications, it appears that the plan is to be carried out. The story comes that civil engineers are now in the field surveying a line between Gadsden to Montgomery and Birmingham. General Manager M. F. Bonzano is credited with failing to deny the rumor and is said to have uttered the remark to a reporter: "There may be something that I can give out in a few days."

A Cheerful Landlord.

"I stopped at a very small town in Kansas a few weeks ago," said L. M. Martines, of Chicago, at the Raleigh. "I had been in the place once before and knew where the hotel was. It was late at night when I got off the train and went to the hotel. After repeated knocking and shaking the door the landlord came down and ' me in. The next morning breakfast was not ready when I got up, bt the landlord was in a good humor about it, saying, 'Everybody is sick about the house. You are the only guest, so I didn't get breakfast ready.' He went out into the kitchen and in half an hour served a very good meal for me. I found that my customer was out of town, so had nothing to do but stay around the hotel all day. The landlord got dinner and supper for me and I asked, 'Who is sick?'

"'My wife, two children, the cook, the waiter and the porter.'

"'I should think you would get some one else.'

"'Can't. They won't come.'

"'Why?'

"'They are all afraid of the smallpox. I'm the only one who hasn't got it, and I feel the symptoms. I'll be in bed to-morrow, but I think the porter will be well enough to run the hotel by that time. He is sitting up to-day.'

"I paid my bill very suddenly and put myself under medical treatment when I reached the next town."

All Foreigners.

The Philadelphia North American quotes the saying of a man who is disturbed about the future of his native land.

Mr. Banner—The foreigners are getting an awful hold in this country.

Crosby—They are, indeed. Why, I read over a list of men naturalized by the court yesterday, and every one of them was a foreigner.

Extenuating Circumstances.

Robert—What defense are you going to make in Wesley's case?

Richard—Oh, the insanity plea, I understand.

Robert—But won't they have a hard time to prove that he is deficient in intellect?

Richard—I don't know. They are going to bring his wife into court.—Boston Transcript.

Had Him.

Professor (describing an ancient Greek theater)—And it had no roof.

Junior (feeling sure that he has caught the professor in a mistake)—What did they do, sir, when it rained?

Professor (taking off his glasses and pausing angrily)—They got wet, sir.—Tit-Bits.

Well-Considered Moves.

She—You seem restless, George. From the window seat you moved to the rocker; now you are moving to the sofa.

He—Yes; I am trying to work out a problem in chess.

She—Chess? What problem?

He—Why, I'm trying to mate in two moves.—Washington Times.

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C. P. HUNTINGTON'S VIEWS ON THE PRESENT CRISIS.

A Monopolist's Rusty and Ridiculous Remedy for Rampant Roguery and Ruinous Restriction—There Can Be No Wealth Created by Saving.

Mr. C. P. Huntington, in donating $100 to the San Francisco boulevard relief committee, accompanied the same with some remarks doubtless regarded by him as original and "practical," but which to us appear (mostly) rusty and out of date, when not truisms. He said: "there ought to be enough work, either in the city or country, to keep constantly employed the 2,600 men who you say, have registered their applications." He is "dead right" there; but we respectfully suggest to him to investigate and ascertain why they don't get that work. He thinks that in the eastern cities the greater part of those tramping the streets "don't want work at all, but the wherewithal to keep them from the necessity of work," and that many others will only work in the city. He is "inclined to believe ("inclined" is good) that the great majority of those who really want to work can get it somewhere," and if such want "to work with an honesty of purpose," "making a point of living on less than he makes, he will not, in one case out of a hundred, ever need again to seek employment."

Now, if Mr. Huntington will put a brake on his "inclination" and look at things just as they are today, instead of as they were when "I was a boy," and "never had any difficulty in finding plenty to do," he will greatly alter his conclusions. Laborers and mechanics, especially those with families, know very well that precarious as are the opportunities for work in cities, they are still more so in the country; for, while a man in a city may seek work in a hundred places in a day, in the country especially in the artificial deserts of the west (which Huntington and other owners of land grants, etc., have helped to make), it takes a man all day to apply for work at half-a-dozen places, more or less, or sometimes at even one place; discouraged by failure, he becomes a "tramp;" his manhood is nearly gone; he is emasculated physically and mentally, wrecked beyond hope.

But they should "reduce their desires to the level of their needs until they can afford to indulge in them." Hundreds of millions, in China, India, Poland, Hungary, Egypt, etc., have been doing that for centuries, some of them, perhaps, for thousands of years, with the result of chronic hunger and frequent famines. One million human beings a year are, it is estimated, absolutely starved to death in India, in ordinary years; over half the population of those countries never have enough to eat for a year together; all of them "reduce their desires to the level of their needs," and the more they do this the less they get. This is Asiastic semi-barbarism, and to this condition, seemingly, Mr. Huntington desires to reduce Americans.

"Men and women require, as a matter of necessity, very few things to make them comfortable." How few? We suppose, even Mr. Huntington would admit that they need some house room. Should the "very few things" consist, in the Chinese manner, of a dozen bunks in a room, wives and families to be regarded as unattainable luxuries for "common folks?" "One can well afford to sacrifice the pleasures of a few of his early years for the sake of that freedom from anxiety which he will find such a boon and comfort in his declining days." That is, he can deprive himself of all beyond the necessities of a bare subsistence until he gets to be a mere "stick," like Huntington, incapable of rational enjoyment, bent only on money making.

But how many would be successful even on such a miserable line as this? Not one in a thousand. That people get wealthy by saving is disproved by the common experience of most wealthy men in this country and of hundreds of millions in Asia and Europe. And even in our own country, in the seed farms of San Jose, men are paid but 80 or 85 cents a day, and employment uncertain at that. How much can they save?

But where Huntington is out of date is in totally ignoring the difference in conditions of labor between today and sixty years ago, when machinery, including railroads, had hardly begun to act in its work in this country—certainly not west of the Alleghanies. Not that labor saving devices are in themselves injurious; they are such only because the natural resources which should be open to laborers so displaced are made artificially scarce. Huntington himself, levying toll on millions of acres for which he rendered no more equivalent than did the robber barons, besides charging exorbitantly for services actually rendered in transportation to and from these same lands. Witness the Mussel Slough, where the Southern Pacific exacted $40 an acre for land not worth a cent until the settlers reclaimed it from aridity by following exactly the line of action he recommends—"reducing their desires to the level of their needs," and even much below that level, that the Southern Pacific highwaymen might snatch from them the result of their labors.

Of course Huntington could reply that if the systems are bad, the people make them so. But he very well knows that one railroad magnate has more influence in legislation than a million of ordinary citizens, else the Union and Pacific railroads would be today government institutions.

JAMES H. BARRY.

Send this paper to one of your neighbors. It will do him good.

POVERTY IS UNNATURAL.

You Must Wish for the Solution of the Problem.

We seldom hear of any person starving to death, though sometimes it does happen. But life was intended to be something more, something higher, than a mere existence. No one can believe God to be good and just and at the same time believe that he intended that any man, capable and willing to earn a living should be reduced to the humiliating, miserable and painful condition of dependence on the bounty of others for the very existence of himself and his family. No one will pretend to deny that but for charity thousands and thousands would starve every year in this land of plenty.

On every hand is heard: "Yes, it is plain there is something wrong, somewhere. But what can we do? We are not responsible for it. We give in alms all that we can afford to. What more can we do?"

There is this you can do. You can honestly and conscientiously study the problem. You can give a patient hearing to social reformers. You can keep your mind open to conviction instead of meeting every proposed remedy with a sneer or a bit of sarcasm. You can read books written by men who are devoting their lives to this great social problem. You can encourage free speech and promote education. But first of all you must get rid of the idea that the problem cannot be solved. You must tear out of your mind the blasphemous thought that God intended such conditions. You must wish for the solution of the problem, and then it will not be long before you hope for the solution, and then we are quite sure it will not be much longer before you find the solution and become earnest advocates of it.—York, Pa., Gazette.

Fundamental Finance.

According to its definition and to common sense, money is a medium of exchange, but according to Shylock-Republicanism money is a thing to loan and draw interest on.—Pittsburg Kansan.

The only reason in the world that Cuba is not free is because Spanish bonds would be worthless the moment that this island was no longer tributary to Spain.—Chicago Sentinel.

A great many measures are being ventilated in Congress for the improvement of the National banking system. The death of the entire scheme affords the only hope of a substantial reformation.—Bee.

It is as ridiculous to demand that money should be made of gold or silver as to demand that slop-buckets should be made of Harveyized armor plate.—Cumberland, Md., Uncle Sam.

I undertake to affirm, without fear of contradiction, that a paper issued by the government with the simple promise to receive it for all dues, would be as uniform in its value as the metals themselves.—John C. Calhoun.

The first issue of greenbacks were redeemable in neither gold nor silver, and yet they stood at par with the gold dollar. France has a purely fiat paper dollar. It is irredeemable and is not a promise to pay. It circulates freely both in France and bordering countries; it has always been at par with silver and gold, and it was with this dollar that France lifted herself so rapidly out of her war debt and into comparative prosperity as to excite the admiration of all civilized nations.—Cumberland, Md., Uncle Sam.

A St. Louis chemist announces that he can make gold out of clay. A short time ago a chemist announced that he could convert silver into gold. This the St. Louis chemist also claims. Verily the chemists will settle the vexed single gold standard yet. We hope they will succeed in making both gold and silver too cheap to be desired as money metals.—Commonwealth.

Unequal Distribution.

Philanthropist—Well, my little man, what is the trouble; will you not confide in me?

Little boy, crying—Trouble never comes singly—there's another pair of twins at our house—and—and—we didn't have enough to eat before they came—I don't know what we'll do now.

Philanthropist—The Lord will provide—God always provides bread and butter for each mouth.

Little boy—Oh, yes, I s'pose so—but the trouble is that he sends the mouths all to our house—and the bread and butter to your house!

A Theory of Japanese Cuteness.

It is said the government of Japan have concluded to have a gold standard. Why not? In order to bring it about, however, they have not contracted the currency, but changed the value of their silver currency. That is, they have passed a measure equivalent to changing the value of half dollars in silver to one dollar! Heavens, how could they do that? Why, by an imperial fiat. It is perfectly simple. Some learned professor has told us that the Japanese and Chinese race have bigger heads—heavier brains—than Europeans. This may account for their action.—J. D.

Republics May Deteriorate.

To what low and base conditions even a republican government may fall is illustrated in this description of ancient Athens, when her people thought themselves enjoying the blessings of political liberty: "The great men were only too prone to regard their fellow citizens as a rabble, mere things to be played off against one another, and to consider that the objects of life were dominion over the property and rights of their fellows; that love, self-sacrifice and devotion are fictions; that oaths are good only for deception."—Farm, Stock and Home.

GOLDBUG GOOD TIMES.

The Frick piano case company, of Farley, Mass., has made an assignment.

R. B. Robinson, dealer in dry goods at Fort Dodge, Ia., has made an assignment.

J. C. Mansfield, dealer in dry goods, Springfield, Ky., has made an assignment.

Copeland & Marsh, general store, at Ramseur, N. C., have made an assignment.

W. M. Burt, dealer in meats and groceries at Greenfield, Miss., has made an assignment.

W. L. Sanders, general store at Frankfort, Kan., has given a chattel mortgage for $20,000.

Brower & Dodge, leather manufacturers at Gloversville, N.Y., have given a trust deed for $10,500.

De Butts & Daggett, wholesale fish dealers at Boston, Mass., have called a meeting of creditors.

Execution has been issued against Kulp Bros., general store at Graters Ford, on a judgment for $10,396.

The Bennett and Columbia mills, allied cotton corporations of New Bedford, Mass., are reported to be in financial difficulties.

The Hoyt hardware company, of Brunswick, Ga., has filed mortgages for $10,530, and a receiver has been petitioned for.

M. Wasserman, dealer in dry goods at Dallas, has given a tract deed. He has been in business fifty years and carried a stock of $10,000.

The store of H. M. Harris, general store, at Bennington, Vt., has been closed, and a creditors' petition in insolvency has been filed against him.

OPINIONS OF THE RADICALS.

Swinburne.

Lest, perchance, your reckoning on
some later day be worse,
Halt and hearken, lords of land and
princes of the purse,
Ere the tide be full that comes with
blessing and with curse.

Leo Tolstoi.

The government, as well as the ruling classes, know, in their secret hearts that the land question contains all social questions; that, with its solution, all special privileges would disappear, and that this question is the leading subject of the day. Yet, while they pretend to care for the well being of the masses, and while they raise for them benefit societies, factory inspection, income taxes, aye, and-eight-hour working days, they carefully ignore the land question.

La Salle.

Industry is now wholly under the control of capitalists, speculating for profit. No one now makes things first of all for his own use—as mythologizing economists relate—and then exchanges what is over for the like redundant work of his neighbors. Men make everything first of all and last of all for other people's use, and they make it at the direction and expense of a capitalist who is speculating for money, and, in the absence of systematic statistics, is speculating in the dark. Chances and social connections make him rich—the same make him poor.

Women to Assist in Silver Agitation.

A "Woman's Department" has been formed under the American Bimetallic Union, with headquarters in Chicago. Some of the most prominent women of the nation are to engage in the work. It is a non-partisan organization for carrying on educational work in the interest of bimetallism. Their plan is to create an interest among thinking women, encourage organization, invite men to membership, establish libraries, circulate bimetallic literature, and in other ways instruct and arouse public opinion throughout the Union, as to the necessity of our government returning to bimetallism before its people can again be prosperous. Mrs. M. E. Walker has been selected as the general secretary of the department. Her great abilities as an organizer, writer, and speaker, warrants the belief that she will soon make her influence felt in the silver cause, from the Atlantic to the Pacific. Mrs. Walker was a recruit in the Bryan campaign, from the republican ranks of whom the advocates of silver may feel justly proud. She is a life-long bimetallist, having interpreted the planks in the various republican platforms, to mean true and immediate bimetallism, and having held to that hope until the fiasco at the St. Louis convention, when her party, falling into the hands of the money power, repudiated all former declarations and bowed to the gold standard. She has already associated with her many of the ablest women in the country, and the work of organization is reaching out to every state. When women rally to the support of a principle, they are sure to meet respectful recognition. It will have the effect of causing men to stop and think, and it is a pretty well established fact that when men investigate the monetary question, they soon become converted to bimetallism, except in the cases of money lenders, and interest gatherers of whatever nature. Friends of bimetallism can greatly assist the cause by placing themselves in touch with the Chicago office, 705 Journal building, by means of correspondence with the secretary.

A GREAT BATTLE

In Which Turks Were Repulsed With Enormous Losses.

THE GREEKS BEHAVE WELL.

Volo Surrendered.—Europe Will Not Intervene.—Greek Subjects in Turkey.—Turkey's Terms.—Situation at Athens.—Greece Wants Mediation.

The Paris La Patrie publishes a dispatch from Rome, saying that Admoral Canevarro, the Italian commander in Cretan waters, has been ordered to consider Col. Vassos, who commands the Greek army of occupation in Crete, as a belligerent, and to no longer oppose Greek attacks on the Turkish troops there.

Europe Won't Intervene.

It is semi-officially stated that there is reason to believe that European intervention between Turkey and Greece in the present position of affairs is regarded as wholly impracticable, both Turkey and Greeece having resolved to continue the war. The powers are thus obliged to stand aside until one of the combatants is entirely defeated.

Greek Subjects in Turkey.

In response to notes from the French, Russian and British Ambassadors, the Turkish Government has announced that the expulsion of Greek subjects from Turkish territory is postponed to a period of eight days from May 3.

Meanwhile the French consulate is issuing certificates of protection, and by this act is causing general comment in official circles, as the porte has not yet recognized France as the protector of Greek Catholics in Turkey.

Turkey's Terms.

The terms of peace which Turkey has offered Greece have reached the Washington legation. They are as follows: Restoration of the boundary fixed by the treaty of 1831 which gave to Turkey all of Thessaly, including its extensive sea coast; the evacuation by Greece of Prevesa and other points in the province of Epirus, the withdrawal of the Greek troops from Crete and the acceptance of the plan of autonomy offered the island by the porte, the payment of a war indemnity large enough to cover the expense of the mobilizing of the Turkish troops.

Greece Wants Mediation.

A dispatch from Sofia, Bulgaria, to Gaulios, dated May 1st, alleges that M. Ralli, the Greek Premier, has semi-officially intimated that Greece will gratefully accept the mediation of the powers, and that Turkey has intimated that she will be satisfied with payment of war indemnity, guaranteed by the temporary surrender of the Greek fleet.

The Gaulols adds: "The Sultan, now conscious of his strength in consequence of the successes of the Turkish forces in Thessaly, is resolved to claim sovereignty over Egypt or obtain more effective recognition thereof."

Situation at Athens.

The storm which threatened to break in Athens seems to have passed. The new Cabinet contains several men of excellent talent and the election is generally well received. Nevertheless, angry mutterings are still heard and the sky may soon redarken.

On the whole, the new ministry is well received by the newspapers. The Asty observes that the Cabinet has a formidable task and hopes it will do its duty "without heeding the inconsiderate clamors of the street."

The Acropolis expresses the opinion that King George ought to invoke the mediation of Europe in person.

The more advanced newspapers term the ministry the "royal defense Cabinet."

Volo Surrendered.

A telegram received at Athens, Friday night, says that a great battle has been fought at Velestino between a Turkish force of 8,000 and Gen. Smolenski's brigade. The dispatch states that the Turks were repulsed with enormous losses.

Gen. Smolenski has asked the crown prince to congratulate the troops.

It is said the Greeks behaved well, the third brigade and artillery particularly distinguishing themselves under Gen. Smolenski. The Turkish losses were heavy; the Greek much lighter. Col. Jannicosta, with the Eighth Regiment, pursued the Turks several miles.

Full grown and mature men, well armed, though without uniforms, are arriving at the scene of battle with every train. They are supplied with ammunition.

A dispatch to the London Times from Larissa says: "Vola has surrendered to a force of Turkish cavalry. The garrison yielded up its arms without resisting.

"The railway between Vola and Larissa is being restored, the Greeks having torn up the rails during their fight on Saturday. Eleven large guns were captured by the Turks on their way to Vola, and all the war material in the town has fallen into their hands."

JAPS AROUSED

Incensed Against Hawaii and the United States.

According to advices by steamer the Japanese Government is aroused over the refusal of the Hawaiian Government to permit Shin Shiu Maiu immigrants to land there and has ordered warships to Honolulu to enforce what the Japanese immigrants consider their rights.

Grave complications have arisen, according to Japanese official newspapers, over the action of the United States Government in sending the Philadelphia to Honolulu. Japanese official organs claim the cruiser has been sent as a menace to the Japanese Government and is significant in that it foretells annexation of the islands to the United States.

Japanese official newspapers are full of war talk. The Chowie states that a telegram had been received by the Japanese authorities to the effect that England has sent an intimation to the United States Government that she objects to the intended annexation by the latter of the Hawaiian Republic.

Industrial Convention.

At the close of the session of the Alabama Industrial and Commercial Association which met in Huntsville last week, President McKee named the following committee on immigration Wilson R. Brown, Sheffield; H. C. Davidson, Montgomery; E. Lesser, Birmingham; W. S. Wells, Huntsville; C J. Hildreth, New Decatur. The nominating committee suggested the following named gentlemen for Vice-Presidents, which were unanimously elected by the Association:

First District—E. L. Russell, Mobile.

Second District—J. D. Roquemore, Montgomery.

Third District—S. H. Dent, Eufaula.

Fourth District—T. G. Bush, Anniston.

Fifth District—Peter A. Brice Wetumpka.

Sixth District—A. R. McGehee, Tuscaloosa.

Seventh District—R. A. Mitchell, Gadsden.

Eighth District—R. E. Pettus, Huntsville.

Ninth District—F. Y. Anderson, Birmingham.

During the session T. W. Pratt offered a resolution embodying a memorial to Congress to appropriate sufficient money to complete the work on the Colbert shoals and thereby open up the Tennessee river to commercial traffic

L. L. Gilbreath, of Montgomery, offered the following, which was also adopted:

Whereas, Alabama has had a representative on the rivers and harbors committee of the House of Representatives continuously for the past fifteen years, and, whereas, new committeees of the House are now being appointed, therefore be it

Resolved, That the Alabama Commercial and Industrial Association respectfully request Hon. Thomas B Reed, Speaker of the House, to appoint a member of the Alabama delegation to a place upon said committee.

Resolved, also, That all the civil bodies of the State be requested to make similar requests upon the honorable Speaker.

Noted Outlaw Killed.

A telegram from Santa Fe, N. M. says United tates Marshal Grant has received word that the outlaw Black Jack was killed last week in Arizona. Shereloe Billy Ned Leavel eighteen miles west of Clifton, by a posse of deputy marshals.

It was at first thought that the man killed was Sid Moore. The body is identified as that of Black Jack. The big rewards offered for the arrest of Black Jack will be paid to the posse.

Startling Testimony.

At Chicago Miss Sarah Louise Ervin, private secretary and stenographer to President Spalding of the defunct Globe Savings Bank, testified before the Senatorial Investigating Committee in Chicago. She testified that Spalding had given her about $75,000 with the understanding that he was some time later to secure a divorce from his wife and marry Miss Ervin

Found Two Dead Infants.

A box containing the bodies of two dead infants was found in a deserted stone quarry near Bellevue, Pa. The box was securely fastened, and a membership card of the Canton, (Ohio) branch of the Young Men's Christian Association, was tacked on the lid.

Family Exterminated.

A message from Bar Mills, Me., announces that John L. Lane, wife and child, were found dead at Bony Eagle five miles from Bar Mills, this morning. All had been shot. It is supposed that a double murder and suicide was committed.

Sentenced to Hang.

H. S. Perry, of Atlanta, who killed Bely Lanier, at Decatur, March 8th, alleging that Lanier had been guilty of an assault upon the person of Perry's wife, was convicted of murder in the first degree last Friday morning and sentenced to hang May 21st.

Women Take Part.

Three thousand persons marched in the social labor parade Sunday in New York. Conspicuous among them were 400 women. The procession disbanded at Union Square and listened to addresses.

A great many people are now in the civil engineering business. At least, they are damaging the Mississippi.

STATE OF TRADE

A Falling Off in the Volume of Transactions.

COTTON MILLS ON FULL TIME

Continued Slow Collections and Unfavorable Conditions in the Iron, Steel, Cotton and Some Other Industries. The Outlook in the Pittsburg District Bad.

Bradstreet's weekly review is as follows: The more conspicuous features of trade are less satisfactory, including moderate reaction in prices of staples, a falling off in the volume of transactions in various lines, continued slow collections and less favorable conditions in the iron, steel, cotton and some other industries. There is less demand for staple varieties of iron and steel, makers reporting trouble in securing specifications for contracts on hand. Southern pig iron has secured lower rail rates to points west of Pittsburg and Buffalo, all of which saving has been given the purchaser. The outlook is for the shutting down of some furnaces in the Pittsburg district. Sales of wool have declined sharply, but receipts of foreign have brought up the week's movement to a fair total. Nearly a year's supply has been imported during the first four months of the year. The movement of cotton goods is slow and prices are low, buyers purchasing in large lots only where inducements are offered. Woolen manufacturers are fairly supplied with orders and are inclined to ask an advance on new business. The three months' restriction of output in cotton goods has ended and mills will now run on full time. The price and movement furnished little basis for encouragement, the only advance on general recognized conditions being those of pork and cotton. Higher prices for woolens is an effort to anticipate the tariff.

Exports of Indian corn have also fallen off this week, amounting to 3,057,465 bushels, against 4,769,000 bushels last week, 2, 413,000 bushels in the week a year ago, 1,016,000 bushels two years ago, 889,000 bushels three years ago, and as compared with 4,040,000 bushels in the like week of 1893.

There is a moderate increase in the commercial death rate, there being 244 business failures throughout the United States this week, compared with 216 last week, 254 in the week one year ago, 206 two years ago, 179 three years ago and as contrasted with 248 in the last week of April, 1893.

There are 31 business failures reported from the Canadian Dominion this week, against 22 last week, 26 in the week a year ago, 36 two years ago and as compared with 33 in the corresponding week of 1894.

PRESIDENT McKINLEY

Pressed the Key and Set the Wheels of the Exposition in Motion.

In compliance with the request of the Executive Committee of the Nashville Centennial, the President opened the Exposition by wire from the White House at 1:13 o'clock Saturday.

The arrangements were very simple in detail. The circuit was made up by the Western Union officers, under the supervision of Mr. Montgomery, Executive Clerk in charge of telegraph, and Manager Marean, of the Western Union.

The wires went direct to Nashville, by way of Richmond, Va., and Asheville, N. C., repeaters being used at the former place. The circuit was a little over 2,700 miles in length.

Immediately upon completion of the circuit into the Exposition grounds, the President was notified by Secretary Porter, and at once walked across the hall to the telegraph room, where, under the guidance of Mr. Montgomery, he stepped up to the desk, placed his finger on the Morse key and slightly pressed it, which action instantly gave the signal to the Nashville end and put in motion the wheels of the Exposition.

The members of the Tennessee delegation in Congress, Pension Commissioner H. Clay Evans and several other prominent Tennesseeans, witnessed the ceremony.

SOUTHERN BAPTISTS.

They Will Meet This Year in Wilmington, North Carolina.

The Baptist people all over the Southern States are just now greatly interested in their annual gathering, the Southern Baptist Convention, which convenes May 7, in the beautiful North Carolina city of Wilmington. The convention this year is looked forward to as giving promise of one of the most successful in years. The church has greatly prospered in the South during the past twelve months, and the delegates will have reports to make that will be the just pride of every Baptist in the country.

The Baptist Young People's Union auxiliary to the Southern Baptist Convention, will hold their convention at Wilmington the day before the church gathering, May 6.

A special dispatch from Athens says that M. Ralli, the new Greek Premier, has announced his intention of calling to arms every able-bodied man in Greece.

JOKER'S BUDGET.

Jests and Yarns by Funny Men of the Press.

CRUEL.

Father—That young man who comes to see you, Ethel, is a brick.

Ethel (delightedly)—Oh, papa!

Father (unfeelingly)—A regular gold brick.

JUST ONE WORD.

"A word with you, my friend," said the polite applicant for assistance.

"Good-by," said the man, granting his request.

NO FLIES ON HIM.

X—You, a member of the Society for the Prevention of Cruelty, dock your horses' tails! Is it possible?

Z—Why, of course. I want to protect the flies.

A TRIFLE ENLARGED.

"Sawyer seems to think a good deal of himself."

"I should say so; he has had a Moorish arch cut over his office doorway so he can get his head in and out."

AVOIDED THE QUESTION.

"Are you a drinking man?" said the kind-hearted lady at the door.

"Say, really, missus," replied the tramp, with a smile, "yer didn't take me for a lady, did yer?"

NO BLAME ATTACHED.

Weary Waller—Do you believe in working for a meal when you are starving?

Ragged Ruffles—When a man is in extremities he may do anything without being blamed.

CONSIDERATE.

"Did you ever do anything for charity, my man?" asked the kindly old lady of the tramp at the back door.

"Yes'm, that's what I'm tryin' to do you for now, 'm."

SAD OCCASION.

First Tramp—Didn't I see you sawin' wood yesterday?

Second Tramp—Yes. Dat was one of dem sad occasions when a man what's lazy finds he can't afford to be idle.

DISARMED.

"Have you heard, Count, how Mr. Jones had his arm taken off?"

"No, mees; ees it possible?"

"Yes; he put his arm round Cissie's waist last night, and, of course, she took it off at once."

COMFORT.

Wandering Willie—Yer must be crazy, axin' everybody fer a job.

Weary Raggles—No, pard. When dey all say dere's no work to do it makes me feel dat dis aint sich a bad world arter all.

THE OPPORTUNITY GRASPED.

"It was your fault that our son has turned humorist," said the wife.

"I admit it," said the husband.

"Ah!" said the son in question. "One blames the father and the other fathers the blame."

It was voted a joke all around.

NOT PARTICULAR.

"I suppose," she said acridly, "that you would turn up your nose at cold victuals."

"No, ma'am," replied Meandering Mike. "You'd be surprised to see how good-natured I'd take it if you was to offer me a Roman punch or champagne frappe.

HER REPLY.

"It's a strange thing," said Willie Wishington, "every time I try to sing my dog howls."

"Yes," replied Miss Cayenne. "I have always thought that dogs ranked almost with human beings in intelligen

HIS LITTLE JOKE.

"I am glad to see," said the new boarder, "that you have something outside of eggs on the table this morning."

"But we haven't," said the landlady.

"Oh, yes, you have—shells! Please pass the condensed milk!"

OF COURSE.

The militiaman was undergoing an examination for a non-commissioned office.

"What do the army regulations make the first requisite in order that a man may be buried with military honors?" was the question fired at him.

"Death," he promptly responded.

And after mature reflection the examining committee held that he was right.

HE LOOKS AHEAD.

Gummey—What makes you look so solemn, Spatts? What are you worrying about now?

Spatts—I am afraid that my daughter will marry an English lord.

Gummey—What a ridiculous idea! You have no daughter. You are not even married.

Spatts—I know that, but I am accustomed to look ahead.

AN ALLURING SCHEME.

Moneybags—You want me to engage in a speculation whereby I can make half a million. Explain the scheme.

Cholley Cheekly—Your daughter is to receive a million from you if she marries with your consent?

Moneybags—Yes! but what has that to do with it?

Cholly Cheekly—Everything. You consent for her to marry me. She gives me the million and I give you half. See?

Passing of the Drum Major.

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The matrimonial atmosphere is hanging heavy and low not far up the road. Seems like we smell the fragrant orange blossoms now, and hear a far sweet sound like wedding bells.

The Sabbath-school at the Davis school house is well attended.

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There will be song service at Mt. Pisgah the second Sunday in May, conducted by Profs. Veazey and King. You are requested to come and bring dinner.

We notice some one sent a letter to the BANNER on roads. He seems to direct most of his talk to overseers and apportioners. There is hardly a good road in this county. All are third grade roads. Let us have some second and first grade roads. Let the commissioners say they shall be first grade roads and they will be. Because you know the men and means are here to give Chilton county good roads. Will some one else say something on roads in this county? Those we have will be traveled, however, as long as there is all day singings in the country.

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YOU KNOW WHO.

Political Pointers.

People's Press Bureau, St. Louis, Mo., May 5, 1897.

The passing of the small banks of the country is now assured. Bankers admit that the days of small banking institutions is almost at an end and that consolidation is the general trend in banking circles. This is only another evidence of the spirit that makes this an age of pooling.

A State Convention of the People's Party of Pennsylvania has been called to meet at Altoona, July 1st.

A convention of the Silver Republicans of Iowa will be held in Des Moines, May 11, at which time delegates to the Bimetallic meeting to be held at Chicago, June 8th, will be selected.

The "Populists" in some sections of Indiana have begun the work of expelling members from the party on account of their fusion proclivities. There is no evidence on record that the Indiana Populists are any too numerous, and how such action is expected to swell the ranks of reformers, is a question that can be answered only by that particular class of Populists.

Ex-President Harrison recently made himself conspicuous by arguing a case in an Indianapolis, Ind., court against the constitutionality of a three cent street car bill. All such plutocrats hail from Wall street and they all return back to Wall street. "The ox knoweth his master's crib."

Mrs. Lease has donated a library of Juvenile books to the State Reform School at Topeka, Kans.

It is reported that "Cyclone" Davis, of Texas, is soon to remove to Parkersburg, W. Va. Mr. Davis deprecates the extreme action of the radical elements in the People's Party. It is also rumored that Thomas A. Proctor, of New Jersey, author of "A Canker's Dream," and other reform books, will soon start a shoe factory at the same place.

The latest absurdity of the McKinley administration is the sending of Major-General Miles to witness the fighting between Greece and Turkey. He will be accompanied by a number of aides de camp, servants, etc. The people pay the freight.

"What to do with our ex Presidents" was further demonstrated on April 24, at a "reform club" dinner in New York, by Grover Cleveland, making an hour and a half speech on "present problems." The merriment of the hearers at some of the most serious points, was so ill-timed as to call for a rebuke from the speaker. Grover is always prone to take himself too seriously.

W. J. Bryan, when pressed for an opinion as to the Cleveland speech, called attention to the fact that it showed clearly that the money-question was the question of the day, and had not in the least been settled by the last campaign. He also deprecated any effort of amalgamation between the two elements of the democratic party, and after scathingly referring to the absurdity of 130,000 voters calling 6,500,000 voters "either designing agitators or the dupes of designing agitators," closed with the apt paraphrase, "in the lexicon of Cleveland's maturer years there is no such word as fail."

Col. Henry Watterson may be, as his enemies allege, a mental wreck and may have but one eye, but he sees in this banquet the launching of a Cleveland third term boom, and having, as usual, the courage of his convictions, states the facts in a manner highly gratifying to all of us who have had enough of Grover. He refers to Cleveland's "protection gibberish" and concludes by asserting that the ex-president "differs from the riff-raff of his class only by his high pretensions and profound stupidity."

A free employment bureau has been established in connection with the Nebraska bureau of labor, for the benefit of those seeking employment.

Miss Pauline C. R. Stone, the well known reform writer of prose and poetry, and A. Rozelle, Editor of the Lamar Daily Leader, and Chairman of the People's Party State central committee of Missouri, were married at St. Louis, on April 21st.

A. R.

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Longstreet Locals.

May comes in with a cold wave, the cool nights has set cotton back considerably.

Miss Jessie Applewhite has returned from Bessemer where she has been visiting friends. We heartily welcome Miss Jessie back to Longstreet.

Quite a number of the young folks of this place went to Walnut Creek Sunday.

Messrs. Wiley and John Logan were pleasant visitors here Sunday.

Mr. Clyde Armstrong went to Mulberry last Saturday.

Miss Carrie Baker visited here last week.

We are sorry to say that Mrs. J. M. Thacker is very sick.

The people of Longstreet met last Sunday evening for the purpose of organizing a Sunday-school. A large crowd attended.

Mr. Wesley Danforth is a frequent visitor to Longstreet.

Miss Minnie Applewhite visited northern Longstreet Sunday evening.

Some of the farmers of this section are ready to chop cotton but the cold spell is holding them off.

KATIE.

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The Best Remedy for Rheumatism.

From the Fairhaven (N.Y.) Register

Mr. James Rowland of this village, states that for twenty-five years his wife has been a sufferer from rheumatism. A few nights ago she was in such pain that she was nearly crazy. She sent Mr. Rowland for the doctor, but he had read of Chamberlain's Pain Balm and instead of going for the physician he went to the store and secured a bottle of it. His wife did not approve of Mr. Rowland's purchase at first, but nevertheless applied the Balm thoroughly and in an hour's time was able to go to sleep. She now applies it whenever she feels an ache or a pain and finds that it always gives relief. He says that no medicine which she had ever used did her as much good. The 25 and 50 cent sizes for sale by J. S. Johnson, Druggist.

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Turn-Round Topics.

The beautiful May-time has come, and now I come again.

On the 25th, ult., Messrs Walter Kendrick, Jno. W. Pattillo and Masters Beater and David Kendrick, accompanied by a bevy of intelligent young men from Verbena, spent a most pleasant day in Birmingham. Your correspondent was also a visitor, and we extend to Mr. Walter Johnson's family of the Magic City, many thanks for their kindness toward us while visiting them.

We are sorry to report Mrs. Goss very sick this week.

Miss Bettie Calloway of Salem visited here Sunday.

Mr. Frank DuBose and his two charming sisters, Misses Sallie and Janie, spent Sunday with Mr. James Petty.

Mr. T. L. Robinson and family and Mrs. Holmes, of Salem, came down to church Sunday.

Messrs. Will Dennis, Gentry Long and Miss Dollie Gray of Friendship were visitors here Sunday.

Mr. Louis Dawson and Miss — Jones, of Morganville, came over to church Sunday.

Rev. Mr. Thomas filled his appointment here Saturday and Sunday and two excellent sermons were they.

Our genial old friend, Mr. Allen, of Colorado and Nevada, who is visiting his sister, Mrs. Goss, here, went fishing on Chesnut creek Friday night and the funniest thing at all was, on his departure from the creek, got lost, and lost his fish; but after a difficult hunt, he at last succeded in finding his fish, and got home about sun up next morning.

With best wishes to all.

OLD STONEWALL.

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Rockymount.

The health of the community is very good at present. The farmers are somewhat discouraged on account of so much cold weather.

Rev. J. A. Webb preached an excellent sermon here last fourth Sunday.

Rev. G. W. Hullet's appointment is on the fourth Sunday in each month.

The missing man spoken about in last week's BANNER who went out to fast has not yet been found.

Two Mormon preachers recently made their appearance here and have been trying to get to preach. This makes eighty-one that have come south since January, we have read their articles of faith and studied their religion and we regard it as dangerous to our sacred institutions, and therefore warn the public against the same. We know whereof we speak.

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Chestnut Creek Items.

The farmers are moving right along with their work since the weather has become favorable, and we are glad to see them making such marked improvements. They have been preparing for test acres and experimenting, and I think they will find that more and better proportioned fertilizers are needed, potash especially. There is being a great deal of cotton planted in this section as usual. Corn is looking well considering the damp cool weather; there being some frost on the 21 inst. is making young cotton look badly.

There was a good crowd attended Maple Springs last Sunday. There was singing by Mr. Henry Driver and services by Elder R. H. Long, of Jemison. There will be singing again on the third Sunday in this month.

Mr. A. P. Vinson's baby has been very sick. Mr. A. M. Rollins also is on the sick list.

Miss Susie Crow returned to her home in Perry county after spending some time with Elder J. M. Dykes and family; she is expected to return soon to make this her home. Miss Susie gained many friends during her stay, who will be very proud to see her return.

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A musical entertainment was enjoyed last Saturday night at the residence of Mr. and Mrs. Henry Daniel. After which four young men escorted their best young lady friend home and returning they were very much frightened by a terrible noise, as they reported, sounding like a lion roaring. They began to run; one fell into a brush heap, one started to climb a fence and broke a rail, one gathered a long pole, and the fourth burnt the wind. Hurrah, boys, you must keep that a secret or your girls will go by themselves next time, but cheer up and remember the old saying to "every sweet there's a bitter."

Some of the young people of Coopers are anticipating a nice time next Sunday at Mt. Pisgah.

Success to the BANNER.

A SUBSCRIBER.

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The Westfield (Ind.) News prints the following in regard to an old resident of that place: "Frank McAvoy, for many years in the employ of the L., N. A. & C. Ry. here says: 'I have used Chamberlain's Colic, Cholera and Diarhœa Remedy for ten years or longer—am never without it in my family. I consider it the best remedy of the kind manufactured. I take pleasure in recommending it.'" It is a specific for all bowel disorders. For sale by J. S. Johnson, Druggist.

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Kincheon.

Farmers are through with their planting, and now ready for cultivation; rain is needed to bring the young cotton up.

We are glad to see our friend, E. B. Deason, looking much improved since his return from Florida.

The matrimonial atmosphere is hanging heavy and low not far up the road. Seems like we smell the fragrant orange blossoms now, and hear a far sweet sound like wedding bells.

The Sabbath-school at the Davis school house is well attended.

Mulberry was well represented at the singing at Shiloh last Sunday.

There will be song service at Mt Pisgah the second Sunday in May, conducted by Profs. Veazey and King. You are requested to come and bring dinner.

We notice some one sent a letter to the BANNER on roads. He seems to direct most of his talk to overseers and apportioners. There is hardly a good road in this county. All are third grade roads. Let us have some second and first grade roads. Let the commissioners say they shall be first grade roads and they will be. Because you know the men and means are here to give Chilton county good roads. Will some one else say something on roads in this county? Those we have will be traveled, however, as long as there is all day singings in the country.

Success to the BANNER.

YOU KNOW WHO.

Political Pointers.

People's Press Bureau, St. Louis, Mo., May 5, 1897.

The passing of the small banks of the country is now assured. Bankers admit that the days of small banking institutions is almost at an end and that consolidation is the general trend in banking circles. This is only another evidence of the spirit that makes this an age of pooling.

A State Convention of the People's Party of Pennsylvania has been called to meet at Altoona, July 1st.

A convention of the Silver Republicans of Iowa will be held in Des Moines, May 11, at which time delegates to the Bimetallic meeting to be held at Chicago, June 8th, will be selected.

The "Populists" in some sections of Indiana have begun the work of expelling members from the party on account of their fusion proclivities. There is no evidence on record that the Indiana Populists are any too numerous, and how such action is expected to swell the ranks of reformers, is a question that can be answered only by that particular class of Populists.

Ex-President Harrison recently made himself conspicuous by arguing a case in an Indianapolis, Ind., court against the constitutionality of a three cent street car bill. All such plutocrats hail from Wall street and they all return back to Wall street. "The ox knoweth his master's crib."

Mrs. Lease has donated a library of Juvenile books to the State Reform School at Topeka, Kans.

It is reported that "Cyclone" Davis, of Texas, is soon to remove to Parkersburg, W. Va. Mr. Davis deprecates the extreme action of the radical elements in the People's Party. It is also rumored that Thomas A. Proctor, of New Jersey, author of "A Canker's Dream," and other reform books, will soon start a shoe factory at the same place.

The latest absurdity of the McKinley administration is the sending of Major-General Miles to witness the fighting between Greece and Turkey. He will be accompanied by a number of aides de camp, servants, etc. The people pay the freight.

"What to do with our ex-Presidents" was further demonstrated on April 24, at a "reform club" dinner in New York, by Grover Cleveland, making an hour and a half speech on "present problems." The merriment of the hearers at some of the most serious points, was so ill-timed as to call for a rebuke from the speaker. Grover is always prone to take himself too seriously.

W. J. Bryan, when pressed for an opinion as to the Cleveland speech, called attention to the fact that it showed clearly that the money question was the question of the day, and had not in the least been settled by the last campaign. He also deprecated any effort of amalgamation between the two elements of the democratic party, and after scathingly referring to the absurdity of 130,000 voters calling 6,500,000 voters "either designing agitators or the dupes of designing agitators," closed with the apt paraphrase, "in the lexicon of Cleveland's maturer years there is no such word as fail."

Col. Henry Watterson may be, as his enemies allege, a mental wreck and may have but one eye, but he sees in this banquet the launching of a Cleveland third term boom, and having, as usual, the courage of his convictions, states the facts in a manner highly gratifying to all of us who have had enough of Grover. He refers to Cleveland's "protection gibberish" and concludes by asserting that the ex-president "differs from the riff-raff of his class only by his high pretensions and profound stupidity."

A free employment bureau has been established in connection with the Nebraska bureau of labor, for the benefit of those seeking employment.

Miss Pauline C. R. Stone, the well known reform writer of prose and poetry, and A. Rozelle, Editor of the Lamar Daily Leader, and Chairman of the People's Party State central committee of Missouri, were married at St. Louis, on April 21st.

A. R.

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Longstreet Locals.

May comes in with a cold wave, the cool nights has set cotton back considerably.

Miss Jessie Applewhite has returned from Bessemer where she has been visiting friends. We heartily welcome Miss Jessie back to Longstreet.

Quite a number of the young folks of this place went to Walnut Creek Sunday.

Messrs. Wiley and John Logan were pleasant visitors here Sunday.

Mr. Clyde Armstrong went to Mulberry last Saturday.

Miss Carrie Baker visited here last week.

We are sorry to say that Mrs. J. M. Thacker is very sick.

The people of Longstreet met last Sunday evening for the purpose of organizing a Sunday-school. A large crowd attended.

Mr. Wesley Danforth is a frequent visitor to Longstreet.

Miss Minnie Applewhite visited northern Longstreet Sunday evening.

Some of the farmers of this section are ready to chop cotton but the cold spell is holding them off.

KATIE.

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The Best Remedy for Rheumatism.

From the Fairhaven (N.Y.) Register

Mr. James Rowland of this village, states that for twenty-five years his wife has been a sufferer from rheumatism. A few nights ago she was in such pain that she was nearly crazy. She sent Mr. Rowland for the doctor, but he had read of Chamberlain's Pain Balm and instead of going for the physician he went to the store and secured a bottle of it. His wife did not approve of Mr. Rowland's purchase at first, but nevertheless applied the Balm thoroughly and in an hour's time was able to go to sleep. She now applies it whenever she feels an ache or a pain and finds that it always gives relief. He says that no medicine which she had ever used did her as much good. The 25 and 50 cent sizes for sale by J. S. Johnson, Druggist.

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Turn-Round Topics.

The beautiful May-time has come, and now I come again.

On the 25th, ult., Messrs Walter Kendrick, Jno. W. Pattillo and Masters Beater and David Kendrick, accompanied by a bevy of intelligent young men from Verbena, spent a most pleasant day in Birmingham. Your correspondent was also a visitor, and we extend to Mr. Walter Johnson's family of the Magic City, many thanks for their kindness toward us while visiting them.

We are sorry to report Mrs. Goss very sick this week.

Miss Bettie Calloway of Salem visited here Sunday.

Mr. Frank DuBose and his two charming sisters, Misses Sallie and Janie, spent Sunday with Mr. James Petty.

Mr. T. L. Robinson and family and Mrs. Holmes, of Salem, came down to church Sunday.

Messrs. Will Dennis, Gentry Long and Miss Dollie Gray of Friendship were visitors here Sunday.

Mr. Louis Dawson and Miss — Jones, of Morganville, came over to church Sunday.

Rev. Mr. Thomas filled his appointment here Saturday and Sunday and two excellent sermons were they.

Our genial old friend, Mr. Allen, of Colorado and Nevada, who is visiting his sister, Mrs. Goss, here, went fishing on Chesnut creek Friday night and the funniest thing at all was, on his departure from the creek, got lost, and lost his fish; but after a difficult hunt, he at last succeded in finding his fish, and got home about sun up next morning.

With best wishes to all.

OLD STONEWALL.

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Rockymount.

The health of ths community is very good at present. The farmers are somewhat discouraged on account of so much cold weather.

Rev. J. A. Webb preached an excellent sermon here last fourth Sunday.

Rev. G. W. Hullet's appointment is on the fourth Sunday in each month.

The missing man spoken about in last week's BANNER who went out to fast has not yet been found.

Two Mormon preachers recently made their appearance here and have been trying to get to preach. This makes eighty-one that have come south since January, we have read their articles of faith and studied their religion and we regard it as dangerous to our sacred institutions, and therefore warn the public against the same. We know whereof we speak.

ONE OF THE BOYS.

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Fill a bottle or common glass with urine and let it stand twenty four hours; a sediment or settling indicates an unhealthy condition of the kidneys. When urine stains linen it is positive evidence of kidney trouble. Too frequent desire to urinate or pain in the back, is also convincing proof that the kidneys and bladder are out of order.

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Chestnut Creek Items.

The farmers are moving right along with their work since the weather has become favorable, and we are glad to see them making such marked improvements. They have been preparing for test acres and experimenting, and I think they will find that more and better proportioned fertilizers are needed, potash especially. There is being a great deal of cotton planted in this section as usual. Corn is looking well considering the damp cool weather; there being some frost on the 21 inst. is making young cotton look badly.

There was a good crowd attended Maple Springs last Sunday. There was singing by Mr. Henry Driver and services by Elder R. H. Long, of Jemison. There will be singing again on the third Sunday in this month.

Mr. A. P. Vinson's baby has been very sick. Mr. A. M. Rollins also is on the sick list.

Miss Susie Crow returned to her home in Perry county after spending some time with Elder J. M. Dykes and family; she is expected to return soon to make this her home. Miss Susie gained many friends during her stay, who will be very proud to see her return.

Mr. Henry Driver conducted a nice singing at the residence of Mr. G. W. Wilson on the first Sunday evening which was attended by a good crowd, we hope to see the people turn out and take renewed interest in vocal music.

FARMER.

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Your Boy Won't Live a Month.

So Mr. Gilman Brown, of 34 Mill St., South Gardner, Mass., was told by the doctors. His son had Lung trouble, following Typhoid Malaria, and he spent three hundred and seventy-five dollars with doctors, who finally gave him up saying: "Your boy wont live a month." He tried Dr. King's New Discovery and a few bottles restored him to health and enabled him to go to work a perfectly well man. He says he owes his present good health to use of Dr. King's New Discovery and he knows it to be the best in the world for Lung trouble. Trial Bottles Free at J. S. Johnson, Jr., Drug Store.

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Musical Convention.

The Chilton county musical convention will hold its first session with the Mars Hill class at the Mars Hill church, three miles west of Jemison, the fourth Sunday and Saturday before in May. All interested are expected to attend on Saturday at 9:30 a.m.

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TOWN ITEMS

Commissioners' Court meets second Monday in February, first Monday in April, second Monday in May, second Monday in July, second Monday in August, and first Monday in November.

Cotton to-day is 6¾ ⅞ cents.

Come and get your pictures taken while Neal Brothers are in town.

Mayor Adams of Jemison was amongst our visitors Tuesday.

Mr Carr was in town Tuesday talking insurance matters.

Dr Stewart went to Birmingham Tuesday.

Mr. H. I. Honeycutt made a trip to Birmingham Saturday.

Judge Honeycutt went to the capitol city yesterday.

To realize the estate of the late Mr. G. O. Logan, the stock of goods in the store will be sold out at cost. A good opportunity for bargains.

Dr Caine returned yesterday after attending the annual meeting of the State Medical Association at Selma and paying a visit to his old home.

Col. Houghton, of Birmingham, was in town last Friday.

Prices talk. Go to G. H. Green, Clanton.

Mr. W. J. Billingsley, of Billingsley, was in town Monday.

Dr. Masrey will be on hand as usual at court next week at the Duke House prepared to extract your teeth by the Odontunder painless process. All classes gold crown and bridge work at prices better than ever before. Will go anywhere in the county after court is over. No extra charges, and better, works on a credit for good honest people. Write him at Woodlawn, Jefferson county, Ala., and you will get your dental work done sure.

Mr. G. C. King, after spending a week in Coosa, has returned accompanied by his brother.

Mrs. W. A. Middleton is visiting relatives in Montgomery county.

Save your money and trade with G. H. Green, Clanton. Special inducements for court week.

Col. Knox was in Montgomery this week looking after the interests of his clients in the Federal court.

Marshal J. A. Dudley is attending Federal court at Montgomery this week.

J. A. Neal will give special rates on Photographs during court.

Mr. S. Brock is acting city marshal this week.

Two Mormon elders are in town, but are finding very little encouragement.

Mr. H. A. Wilson was in town yesterday.

Mr. Ben H. Wells, of Coopers, was a visitor to our city yesterday.

Don't forget when you come to court next week and your teeth need attention that Dr. G. W. Shackelford, the dentist, can be found at the Duke House.

Good board and low rates is the motto at the Smith house. Uncle Pat can be found at the old place.

Mr. Oscar Mullins, we are glad to say, is considerably better.

Ex sheriff Carter of Shelby and Mr. Crawford of Wilsonville, Shelby county, were in town Tuesday.

Mr. F. R. Woodyard is to be congratulated on the first class quality of brick he is turning out for Mr. Sampey's new store.

Don't fail to get your picture taken by Neal.

Our office doors are wide open and we shall be glad to see you when you come to court, or at any other time for that matter.

Mrs. L. E. Gullahorn is paying a visit to relatives here, and looking charming, as usual.

Mrs B. H. Chesnut is visiting her husband in Birmingham this week.

Mr. W. H. Foshee and family visited friends on Mulberry.

Marriage licenses have been granted this week by the Probate Judge to the following persons:

Colored. John Cummings and Eliza Cobb.

Judge Callen's numerous friends will regret to know he is still on the sick list.

Mrs. Dr. Patton, of Waycross, Ga., a daughter of Rev. W. B. Dennis, is paying a visit to her parents here.

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THE JURORS.

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GRAND JURY.

Beat 1. A. U. Glasscock, James Vines.

Beat 2. I. N. Langston, John Lowery, Sr., C. L. Hayes.

Beat 3. Jasper Giles, T. J. Lenoir

Beat 4. W. H. Merritt, E. H. Parrish, W. I. Mullins.

Beat 5. N. J. Calloway, P. C. Dennis.

Beat 6. W. C. Davis, J. R. Broadhead.

Beat 7. W. E. Bearden, J. W. Adams, J. N. Gentry.

Beat 8. G. W. Fox.

Beat 9. S. E. Cleckler, D. C. Honeycutt, Samuel Pate.

PETIT JURY—First Week.

Beat 1. W R Lowery, B F Robinson.

Beat 2. J M x Moore, S D Posey, W G Atkinson.

Beat 3. W J Sorrell, W P White, Y O Freeman, J S Jones, W M Merchant, Calvin Jones, B F Franklin.

Beat 4. W M Wilson, I N Maddox, A A Ayers.

Beat 5. John Vinson, Curtis Moore.

Beat 6. A T Hathcock.

Beat 7. D C Savage, W D Lawrence, T I. Elam.

Beat 8. J G Gay, Isaiah Friday, C C Ray, T D Parnell, R T Carrol.

Beat 9. J R Swinford, W R Darden, T W Childress, W P Murrah.

Second Week.

Beat 1. Lewis Littleton.

Beat 2. J P Cast, Allison Sims.

Beat 3. R J Williams, P G Hudman, W R Baker, J J Culp, Lee Foshee, Martin Franklin, P H Hendley, E J Hayes

Beat 4. J W Littlejohn, W H Wright H E Culver.

Beat 5. A J Duncan, T M Pyron, W J Gray D S Robinson.

Beat 6. A C Pool, Elijah Headley, T J Billingsley, A J Gray, G T Brigance.

Beat 7. Milton Lawrence, W Y Atchison, J S Bearden.

Beat 8 D M Martin, D H Mitchel, Jeff Parnell.

Beat 9. Lee Pate, J. W. Hayes.

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Single-tube tires are not at all popular here, for nobody can repair them when they have trouble. I consider myself a pretty good repairman, and I have never been able to plug one of them so it would hold any length of time. Nearly every rider of single tubes here has changed for Morgan & Wright.

Here is another from a repairman in New York city:

I have used M. & W. tires for the last three years, and the more I handle them the better I like them. I repair, on an average, about one M. & W. tire to five single-tube tires. It is not that there are only a few M. & W.'s in this district, but because when they are once repaired they don't break out again in the same place, like a single-tube.

A Cambridge City, Ind., man also says:

I think I am a pretty fair workmen, and believe I can repair a single tube tire as often as any one, but I meet with failure oftener than success, and, indeed, find that the single-tube is generally unsatisfactory. I don't see what any one can see in a tire of this type that recommends it.

Still another from a Terre Haute, Ind., bicycle firm:

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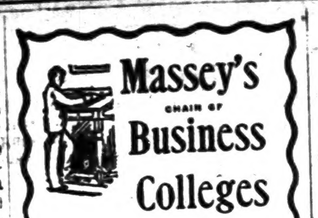

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Mr. J. P. Limeburner, widely known for many years as the special representative of the Populists and Free Silver Press of the United States, has kindly forwarded the following letter for publication:

Jan. 25, 1897.

DEAR SIRS—I am anxious for the sake of the suffering and out of gratitude to you to give my personal endorsement of your wonderful remedy. On the 9th of January, 1897, I was in Washington and was suddenly seized with an aggravated case of inflammatory rheumatism; so severe and painful was the attack that within 24 hours my left arm was paralyzed and I was only able to dress with assistance. I secured a bottle of 5 DROPS and took a dose that night, rubbing some on externally as directed. The following morning I was surprised to find myself immensely relieved, and continuing treatment woke the second morning cured. My arm was absolutely free from pain, and all swelling and stiffness had disappeared. The quickness and completeness of my cure was remarkable. I have known for over a year of the great curative properties of your medicine and have several friends who have been cured by it of **Neuralgia, Catarrh** and **Asthma.** Wishing you every success and trusting that those similarly afflicted will at least give this remedy a trial. Sincerely yours

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Yours respectfully, WM. M. KELLEMS,
Siberia, Perry Co., Ind.

Jan. 29, 1896.

We received the following letter from Mr. J. J. Wilson of Omaha, Ill. Mr. Wilson has been for many years an invalid, and reading the above letter which was published, wrote Mr. Kellems, asking if his endorsement was genuine, and received this reply, which he forwarded us.

MR. J. J. WILSON.

DEAR SIR:—Your letter of recent date at hand, the testimonial you speak of is genuine. The company who manufactures and sells "5 Drops" published my testimonial just as I gave it to them and every word of it is true, and I could swear to it and prove it by many witnesses. The company did not ask me for this letter. I sent it to them last January for publication in order that poor sufferers, incurable as I once was, and as you are, might be cured. Get "5 Drops" and use it and it will cure you as it has cured me. I have received many letters like yours, and it is a pleasure to me to answer all who write. Tell all your neighbors what I have written about "5 Drops." I know how to sympathize with those who are afflicted, for though I suffered so long, it is now 8 months since I have felt any pain. Dr. S. W. Kellems, my brother, uses "5 Drops" in his practice, and joins me in endorsing this great remedy. He says for a case like yours it is a positive cure.

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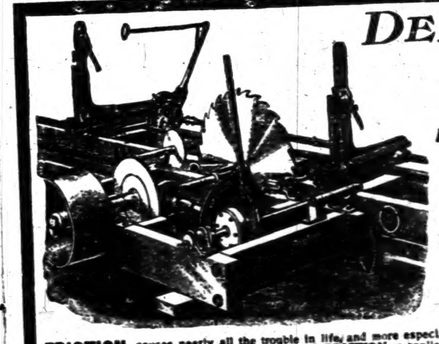

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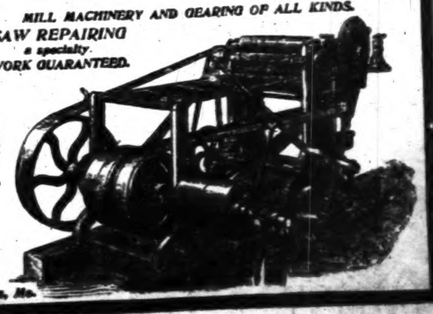

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Mayor Adams of Jemison was amongst our visitors Tuesday.

Mr. Carr was in town Tuesday talking insurance matters.

Dr. Stewart went to Birmingham Tuesday.

Mr. H. I. Honeycutt made a trip to Birmingham Saturday.

Judge Honeycutt went to the capitol city yesterday.

To realize the estate of the late Mr. G. O. Logan, the stock of goods in the store will be sold out at cost. A good opportunity for bargains.

Dr. Caine returned yesterday after attending the annual meeting of the State Medical Association at Selma and paying a visit to his old home.

Col. Houghton, of Birmingham, was in town last Friday.

Prices talk. Go to G. H. Green Clanton.

Mr. W. J. Billingsley, of Billingsley, was in town Monday.

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Mrs. W. A. Middleton is visiting relatives in Montgomery county.

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Col. Knox was in Montgomery this week looking after the interests of his clients in the Federal court.

Marshal J. A. Dudley is attending Federal court at Montgomery this week.

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Mr. S. Brock is acting city marshal this week.

Two Mormon elders are in town, but are finding very little encouragement.

Mr. H. A. Wilson was in town yesterday.

Mr. Ben H. Wells, of Coopers, was a visitor to our city yesterday.

Don't forget when you come to court next week and your teeth need attention that Dr. G. W. Shackelford, the dentist, can be found at the Duke House.

Good board and low rates is the motto at the Smith house. Uncle Pat can be found at the old place.

Mr. Oscar Mullins, we are glad to say, is considerably better.

Ex-sheriff Carter of Shelby and Mr. Crawford of Wilsonville, Shelby county, were in town Tuesday.

Mr. F. R. Woodyard is to be congratulated on the first class quality of brick he is turning out for Mr. Sampey's new store.

Don't fail to get your picture taken by Neal.

Our office doors are wide open and we shall be glad to see you when you come to court, or at any other time for that matter.

Mrs. L. E. Gullahorn is paying a visit to relatives here, and looking charming, as usual.

Mrs. B. H. Chesnut is visiting her husband in Birmingham this week.

Mr. W. H. Foshee and family visited friends on Mulberry.

Marriage licenses have been granted this week by the Probate Judge to the following persons: Colored. John Cummings and Eliza Cobb.

Judge Callen's numerous friends will regret to know he is still on the sick list.

Mrs. Dr. Patton, of Waycross, Ga., a daughter of Rev. W. B. Dennis, is paying a visit to her parents here.

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THE JURORS.

The following named persons have been drawn for the Spring Term of circuit court, commencing Monday, May 10, 1897.

GRAND JURY.

Beat 1. A. U. Glasscock, James Vines.

Beat 2. I. N. Langston, John Lowery, Sr., C. L. Hayes.

Beat 3. Jasper Giles, T. J. Lenoir

Beat 4. W. H. Merritt, E. H. Parrish, W. I. Mullins.

Beat 5. N. J. Calloway, P. C. Dennis.

Beat 6. W. C. Davis, J. R. Broadhead.

Beat 7. W. E. Bearden, J. W. Adams, J. N. Gentry.

Beat 8. G. W. Fox.

Beat 9. S. E. Cleckler, D. C. Honeycutt, Samuel Pate,

PETIT JURY—First Week.

Beat 1. W R Lowery, B F Robinson.

Beat 2. J Al x Moore, S D Posey, W G Atkinson.

Beat 3. W J Sorrell, W P White, Y O Freeman, J S Jones, W M Merchant, Calvin Jones, B F Franklin.

Beat 4. W M Wilson, F N Madlox, A A Ayers.

Beat 5. John Vinson, Curtis Moore.

Beat 6. A F Hathcock.

Beat 7. D C Savage, W D Lawrence, T I. Elam.

Beat 8. J G Gay, Isaiah Friday, C C Ray, T D Parnell, R T Carrol.

Beat 9. J R Swinford, W R Darden, T W Childress, W P Murrah.

Second Week.

Beat 1. Lewis Litt'eton.

Beat 2. J P Cast, Allison Sims.

Beat 3. R J Williams, P G Hudman, W R Baker, J J Culp, Lee Foshee, Martin Franklin, P H Headley, E J Hayes

Beat 4. J W Littlejohn, W H Wright H E Culver.

Beat 5. A J Duncan, T M Pyron, W J Gray D S Robinson.

Beat 6. A C Pool, Elijah Headley, T J Billingsley, A J Gray, G T Brigance.

Beat 7. Milton Lawrence, W Y Atchison, J S Bearden.

Beat 8 D M Martin, D H Mitchel, Jeff Parnell.

Beat 9. Lee Pate, J. W. Hayes.

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Single-tube tires are not at all popular here, for nobody can repair them when they have trouble. I consider myself a pretty good repairman, and I have never been able to plug one of them so it would hold any length of time. Nearly every rider of single tubes here has changed for Morgan & Wright.

Here is another from a repairman in New York city:

I have used M. & W. tires for the last three years, and the more I handle them the better I like them. I repair, on an average, about one M. & W. tire to five single-tube tires. It is not that there are only a few M. & W.'s in this district, but because when they are once repaired they don't break out again in the same place, like a single-tube.

A Cambridge City, Ind., man also says:

I think I am a pretty fair workmen, and believe I can repair a single tube tire as often as any one, but I meet with failure oftener than success, and, indeed, find that the single-tube is generally unsatisfactory. I don't see what any one can see in a tire of this type that recommends it.

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Mr. J. P. Limeburner, widely known for many years as the special representative of the Populists and Free Silver Press of the United States, has kindly forwarded the following letter for publication:

Jan. 25, 1897.

DEAR SIRS—I am anxious for the sake of the suffering and out of gratitude to you to give my personal endorsement of your wonderful remedy. On the 9th of January, 1897, I was in Washington and was suddenly seized with an aggravated case of inflammatory rheumatism; so severe and painful was the attack that within 24 hours my left arm was paralyzed and I was only able to dress with assistance. I secured a bottle of 5 DROPS and took a dose that night, rubbing some on externally as directed. The following morning I was surprised to find myself immensely relieved, and continuing treatment woke the second morning cured. My arm was absolutely free from pain, and all swelling and stiffness had disappeared. The quickness and completeness of my cure was remarkable. I have known for over a year of the great curative properties of your medicine and have several friends who have been cured by it of Neuralgia, Catarrh and Asthma. Wishing you every success and trusting that those similarly afflicted will at least give this remedy a trial. Sincerely yours

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WM. M. KELLEMS,
Yours respectfully, Siberia, Perry Co., Ind.

Jan. 29, 1896.

We received the following letter from Mr. J. J. Wilson of Omaha, Ill. Mr. Wilson has been for many years an invalid, and reading the above letter which was published, wrote Mr. Kellems, asking if his endorsement was genuine, and received this reply, which he forwarded us.

MR. J. J WILSON.

DEAR SIR:—Your letter of recent date at hand, the testimonial you speak of is genuine. The company who manufactures and sells "5 Drops" published my testimonial just as I gave it to them and every word of it is true, and I could swear to it and prove it by many witnesses. The company did not ask me for this letter. I sent it to them last January for publication in order that poor sufferers, incurable as I once was, and as you are, might be cured. Get "5 Drops" and use it and it will cure you as it has cured me. I have received many letters like yours, and it is a pleasure to me to answer all who write. Tell all your neighbors what I have written about "5 Drops." I know how to sympathize with those who are afflicted, for though I suffered so long, it is now 8 months since I have felt any pain.

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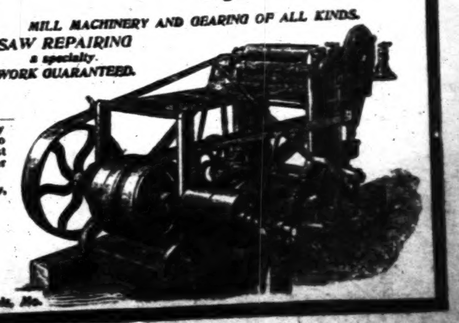

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A Polite Mah.

It was told to a certain king of England that Lord Blank was his politest subject. "I will test him," said the king, and showed Lord Blank to the royal carriage, holding the door for him to enter first, which he did. "You are right," said the king, "a lesser man would have troubled me with ceremony."

From a careful reading of editorial utterances on the new year we are inclined to believe that 1896 will be noted mainly as a horrid example.

Boston's Library a Bad Job.

The great new Boston public library has already been found to have been ill-planned and inadequate. It cost $2,500,000, and now $25,000 is about to be expended to construct a "suitable reading-room."

A gray, unsized blotting paper was sold in England, according to Rogers in his history of prices, as far back as 1465.

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A much cleaner lot of paper money is in circulation now than formerly, a bank cashier states. The banks now send their soiled notes to the United States Treasury to be destroyed as soon as a sufficient quantity accumulates to justify it, and new notes are issued in their place. This has been rendered not only possible, but advisable, owing to the increased facilities for printing banknotes. One never sees a soiled banknote in London. They are all crisp and white and new, simply because the Bank of England never lets a note go out a second time. The average life of a Bank of England note is said to be five days.

Swallows.

One of the traditions which the early Romans cherished as to swallows was that they were the spirits of dead children revisiting their homes, and therefore the birds were treated with love and reverence. The swallow is still, if not a sacred, at least an honored bird in different parts of the world. It is the "bird of consolation" in the North. They style it in the South "the bird of the happy beak." It is greeted as the "bird of the hearth" in the West; and, when it flies to the East, the advent of the "bird of God" is announced.

At a meeting of one of the large English insurance companies it was shown that more than six hundred thousand dollars had been paid out for deaths due to influenza.

Swearing Won't Help It.

Swearing may make a fire burn, or it may make a deck hand hustle, but it won't help Tetter, or Ringworm. If you use Tetterine, it will make you comfortable and save swear words. 50 cents at drug stores, or by mail for 59 cents in stamps from J. T. Shuptrine, Savannah, Ga.

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"What?" asked the man with a large section of skin gone from his nose.

"Why, these 'Don'ts' for bicyclists," replied the man in the bicycle suit.

"Let's see them," said the man who was short of skin.

The man in the bicycle suit handed him the paper.

"The best one isn't there," said the man with the fantastic nose, shortly. "If it was the rest wouldn't be necessary."

"What do you consider the best one?" asked the man with the bicycle suit.

"Don't ride," answered the man whose nose stood in need of grafting, and then he carefully put a large piece of court plaster where it would do the most good.—Chicago Post.

Improving.

A celebrated German physician was once called upon to treat an aristocratic lady the sole cause of whose complaint was high living and lack of exercise. But it would have never done to tell her so; so his medical advice ran thus: "Arise at 5 o'clock, take a walk in the park for one hour, then drink a cup of tea, then walk another hour, and take a cup of chocolate. Take breakfast at 8 o'clock."

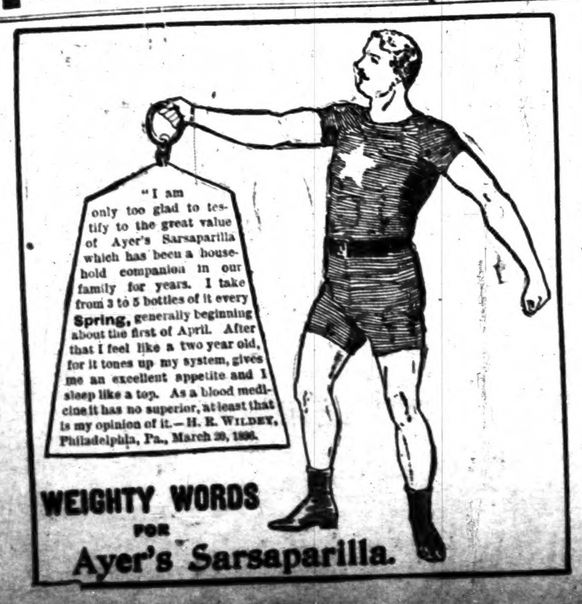
Her condition improved visibly, until one fine morning the carriage of the Baroness was seen to approach the physician's residence at lightning speed.

The patient dashed up to the Doctor's house, and, on his appearing on the scene, she gasped out:

"Oh, Doctor, I took the chocolate first."

"Then drive home as fast as you can," directed the astute disciple of Aesculapius, rapidly writing a prescription, "and take this emetic. The tea must be underneath."

The grateful patient complied. She is still improving.



STATE SPECIALS

A Horrible Tragedy at a May Day Picnic.

BLUE SPRINGS COTTON MILLS

Governor Offers a Reward. — Reduced Freight Rates on Birmingham Pig.—The Epworth League State Convention.—Alabama Christian Endeavor Convention.

All crops are late in Dale county, owing to the recent high waters.

B. T. Harwood has put in machinery and will manufacture brick at Uniontown.

The Lauderdale County Sunday School Convention opened at Waterloo Sunday.

The ladies of Huntsville are making arrangements to augment the public library fund.

The Freeman Lumber Mills, at Decatur, which have been idle for some time, have resumed operations.

The merchants of Uniontown are selling farmers in that territory great lots of corn, meal and oats.

Contractors are pushing the work on the Dothan water works plant. One large artesian well is done and another is under consideration.

The Governor has appointed J. D. Russell, of Marshall County, to fill a vacancy on the Board of Control of the Agricultural School and Experiment Station at Albertville.

Clanton is to have an afternoon paper to be known as the Mid-Alabama Daily News. It will be a five column, four page paper, and will be delivered daily for the small sum of 6 cents per week.

Dr. J. W. Hughes has received the appointment of postmaster at Birmingham, a fat piece of pie for which the mouths of several prominent Birmingham Republicans have been watering for the past several months.

Blue Springs Cotton Mills, at Oxford, has eighty looms running, turning out 3,000 yards of 40-inch sheeting a day. The Dixie Tile and Pottery Works there are also doing a handsome business.

The Board of Revenue of Barbour county let the contracts for two new iron bridges to replace those washed will span Chewakla creek near Eufaula, and the other Cowikee creek twelve miles north of the city.

The annual State Convention of the Epworth Leagues of Alabama will convene in the city of Montgomery on Tuesday, May 11, next, for a session of two days. Reduced rates on railroads on the certificate plan have been secured.

A loaded train car got loose at Florence and ran down to the steamer W. J. Bryan, striking the boat with such force that a hole was made in its side. The boat filled rapidly and sank to the bottom of the river. Efforts will be made to raise the boat next week.

Quite a ripple was produced in commercial circles in Birmingham when the announcement was made that the Southern Railroad has reduced freight rates on Birmingham pig iron 25 per cent. to meet Northern competition, particularly the Carnegie-Rockefeller combine.

The Seventh Annual State Convention of the Alabama Christian Endeavor Union will meet at Talladega, May 6, 7, 8 and 9. Talladega has made and is making great preparations to entertain the visitors. Rates of one and a third fare have been granted by the railroads on the certificate plan.

A difficulty occurred at a picnic held at St. Clair Springs, in St. Clair county, last Saturday, between one R. H. Hughes, of Springville, and Tom McKinley, in which the latter was shot and instantly killed by Hughes. Hughes was also seriously wounded, his throat being cut, from which he would have bled to death but for the timely arrival of a physician.

The St. Louis & Tennessee River Transportation Company has let the contract for the construction of a beautiful new steamer. The boat will be a consort for the Clyde, and both will make weekly trips from Paducah to Florence. Work will begin on the projected stern wheeler at once, and she will be completed in a few months.—Florence Herald.

Major Rossell, at Mobile, states that all the boats engaged in the Government work on the Alabama, Warrior, Tombigbee, Pearl and Boguechitto rivers will be put at work within a week or ten days. These boats are the Black Warrior, Vienna, Tombigbee, Demopolis, Pickensville, Noxubee and Fulton. He said that the work on the Alabama river mentioned would be commenced in about ten days, and a little later on the Pearl river above and below Jackson, and the Boguechitto would begin.

The Governor has offered a reward of $150 for the arrest and delivery to the Sheriff of Marengo County of Eli Toney (colored) who is charged with the murder of his wife in said county on the 8th of April. Toney is represented to be about 60 years old, five feet ten inches high, weighs 140 pounds, wears a No. 8 shoe, bald frontal, pleasant address and carries a stick. He is intelligent and carries himself well. He has a full mustache mixed with gray.

TENNESSEE'S EXPOSITION

Was Opened to the World Last Saturday Morning.

The Tennessee Centennial Exposition was thrown open to the world Saturday last under auspicious skies and impressive ceremonies. The day dawned cloudless and cool, after a rainy night, which threatened at one time to interfere with the festivities of the inaugural day. At 8 o'clock the gates of the Exposition were opened and the people began to arrive. By 11 o'clock, the hour fixed for the exercises in the auditorium, that building holding 6,000 people, was filled. The brief, simple, but impressive program was carried out before one of the most brilliant gatherings ever assembled in Tennessee. On the platform were the Exposition officers and committees, Governor Taylor and his staff, the Chief Justice and Associate Justices of the Supreme Court, members of the Woman's Board, the Mayor of Nashville, United States Senator W. B. Bate, Hon. J. W. Gaines and hundreds of prominent citizens. President E. W. Thomas, at 11 o'clock, with a historical gavel, rapped for order, and Rt. Rev. Thomas F. Gailor, Co-Adjutor Bishop of Tennessee, offered prayer.

The opening of the Exposition marks the 100th year of the admission of the State into the sisterhood of commonwealths.

The members of both houses of the Legislature and their wives assembled at the Union Street depot of the Nashville, Chattanooga & St. Louis Railway at 9 o'clock, and were conveyed in special trains to the handsome terminal station at the west side of the Exposition Park. The place of rendezvous was the administration building, whence the officials, legislators and distinguished guests, including the Governor of the State, Hon. Robert L. Taylor, Gen. Ignacio Garfia, Postmaster-General of the Republic of Mexico, and suite, escorted by a vast concourse of citizens, proceeded to the auditorium which in a few moments was filled with about 7,000 people, while a perfect multitude was unable to obtain admission, and contented itself with listening to the inspiring strains of Bellstedt & Bellenberg's superb military concert band, of Cincinnati. The ceremonies were opened with prayer by Rt. Rev. Thomas F. Gailor, Co-Adjutor Bishop of Tennessee.

Conservative estimates place the day and night attendance at 30,000. Perfect order prevailed.

ANOTHER GOLD BRICK ARTIST.

A Georgia Planter Swallows the Bait and Takes Three.

A special from Macon, Ga., to the Atlanta Constitution says:

A swindler from the North reached Macon a few days ago and soon after his arrival met by appointment one of Georgia's wealthiest planters. Neither the swindler nor the planter is here now. The swindler has returned to his eastern haunts wearing a happy smile and carrying $6,300 of the planter's money, while the planter has gone home to hide three gold bricks he bought and to secrete, if he can, the knowledge that he was duped. No one seems to know who the swindler is, but it is a well known fact the planter is Chil Packson, probably the wealthiest of Sumter county.

A few days ago Packson was summoned to Macon by a letter advising him of a "good investment," and here he met the plausible stranger, who exhibited three gold bricks. Packson swallowed the bait, and after carefully examining the gold bricks paid the stranger $6,300 in cold cash and a check for $5,000 for the bargain. Of course the bricks were only brass, and now the victim is endeavoring to keep the affair a secret instead of reporting it to the authorities and making an effort to convict the manufacturer of the scheme.

The gold brick artist told the usual story of an Indian finding the mine in a secluded spot in Nevada and that samples were only sold to get money with which to develop it.

HE HAD COURAGE.

A Negro Loses His Life in Attempting to Prevent Robbery.

Hardaway, a small station on the Savannah, Florida & Western Railway, was one day last week the scene of a bold attempt at robbery which, though unsuccessful, ended in the death of a brave negro, whose courage no doubt saved the lives of several others from the bullets of the robbers.

Three clerks and the negro porter, William Grass, were preparing to close the general store of F. F. Putney about 9 o'clock, when an unknown negro walked in and began to trade with Duncan Forester, one of the clerks. While waiting for the supposed customer to conclude his trading, another man with a pistol in each hand stepped in the door and called out: "Hands up!" He and the other negro covered the clerks. Grass was the only one uncovered. He was sweeping and dropped his broom and drew a pistol which he carried and began to fire.

"Kill the d—d nigger!" the robbers shouted, and turning their attention to him began firing. During the melee the clerks escaped. Later Grass was found dead near the door. The robbers escaped.

CONFEDERATE MONUMENT

At Dallas, Texas, Raised By Daughters of the Confederacy, Unveiled.

The Confederate monument, erected in Dallas, Tex., through the efforts of the Daughters of the Confederacy of Dallas, was unveiled last Thursday morning. on. J. H. Reagan delivered an eulogy on Jefferson Davis. Other eulogies were pronounced as follows: "Gen. R. E. Lee," by Hon. George N. Adredge; "Gen. Stonewall Jackson," by Judge H. W. Lightfoot; on "Gen. Albert S. Johnston," by Hon. Norman G. Kittrell; on "The Private," by Hon. A. T. Watts.

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CAPITOL NEWS.

General Miles to Visit the Seat of War in Europe.

ALGER MAKES A STATEMENT

Senator Turple, of Indiana, Will Probably Succeed Senator Voorhees as a Member of Committee on Finance. Other Interesting Items.

Minister Dupuy de Lome has received an official dispatch from Madrid confirming the press cable that the Queen has applied reform law to Cuba.

Gen. Miles has been notified of the President's approval of his projected visit to the seat of war in Europe. He will leave Washington early in May, probably on the St. Paul from New York.

The indications point to the selection of Senator Turple, of Indiana, to succeed Senator Voorhees as a member of the Committee on Finance, and Senator Chilton, of Texas, to succeed Senator Hill on the Judiciary Committee.

It is very probable the Secretary of the Treasury soon will recommend to Congress a material reduction of the internal revenue tax on distilled spirits, and an increase in the tax on beer. This action will be taken on the ground that the present tax of $1.10 per gallon is above the revenue producing point.

Senator Kyle will return to his old place as Chairman of the Committee on Education and Labor, and Senator Carter will become Chairman of the Census Committee, to succeed Senator Chandler, who goes to the Elections Committee. Under the new system the silver Republicans will hold the balance of power in fourteen committees and the Populists in eleven.

Phillip McElhone, formerly employed in the Congressional library, was found guilty in the criminal court a few days since of feloniously taking and carrying away from the library certain valuable historic documents. Notice of a motion for a new trial was given. The defendant was subsequently released on $3,000 bond. The section of the revised statutes under which McElhone was convicted provides a penalty not exceeding ten years in the penitentiary or a fine not exceeding $5,000, or both.

The farmer element in the Senate have an amendment which they will offer at the proper time to the tariff bill, which will cause some trouble and delay to the measure. Senator Tillman is the father of the scheme. It is to provide a bounty on all farm products. "A bounty on all farm products is a logical outcome of the Republican policy," he said. "My amendment will ask that the Government pay a bounty on all products exported. We will hold the bill in the Senate until August or September if they do not pass my amendment. The grangers of Pennsylvania and the West are with us in this fight."

Secretary Alger has made the following statement of the policy of the war department as to chapels on the military academy reservation: "Much has been said about the building of a Catholic chapel on the grounds of the United States military academy at West Point. This was a privilege accorded these people by my predecessor, who said that similar privileges would be accorded to others. You can state that any other denominations wishing to build a chapel on the grounds upon the same conditions will be given an equally advantageous site for the building. No favoritism will be shown to any denomination and others will be accorded a site equally as good as that of the Catholic chapel."

The Senate committee which has undertaken the investigation of the workings of the civil service law, held its second meeting last Saturday. Senators Pritchard, Lodge and Chilton conducted the investigation. The civil service committee was represented by President Proctor and Mr. G. Walter. A report from Secretary of the Navy Long and Postmaster-General Gary was read, recommending that the civil service laws should be continued, but giving the opinion that they should be modified, although they recommended no changes. F. W. Palmer, the public printer, said:

"As applied to this office, which is simply a great manufacturing plant involving varied branches of skilled labor of high grade, the civil service rules are an obstruction rather than an aid to efficiency and economy. The civil service rules as promulgated for enforcement here should be modified radically, suspended or repealed."

A number of witnesses testified to alleged irregularities in dismissals. The inquiry will proceed until next Saturday.

Crushed His Skull.

At Jacksonville, Fla., the body of Police Lieutenant W. E. Gruber was found in a clump of bushes with the skull crushed in. Near the body was found a woman's belt and handkerchief. The officer's pistol was gone but nothing else was missing from the body.

Cubans Reforms.

The queen regent, at a cabinet meeting, signed a decree providing for the application of the agreed-upon reforms for the island of Cuba. Her majesty's action was due to the receipts of a cable message from Capt. Gen. Weyler announcing that the western part of the island is completely pacified.

WOUNDED IN THE WAR.

SHOT IN THE ABDOMEN AT CUMBERLAND GAP.

Blind, Rheumatic and Dropsical—A Union Colonel is Given Over to Die—How the Old Soldier Gave Azrael the Slip.

From the News, Barbourville, Ky.

In the year 1863, while in command of a Union regiment at Cumberland Gap, Colonel Messer, now of Flat Licks, Kentucky, received a severe gunshot wound in his abdomen. In a few months he was again in the saddle, but soon was obliged to undergo further medical treatment, and his condition became so serious that in the winter of 1863 he returned to his home, and was never again fit for active service. During the years that have since passed, Colonel Messer has been a confirmed invalid from the effect of his wound, and has been under the constant care of the local physicians, not improving, but growing worse as the years rolled on. His condition eventually became deplorable. Almost blind, legs swollen, so that he was unable to walk, the doctors who could do nothing to arrest the progress of the disease, diagnosed it as dropsy, and said recovery was impossible.

The old soldier did not half believe his physicians, but said that since they could do nothing for him, he would, upon an old friend's strong recommendation, try Dr. Williams' Pink Pills for Pale People. The first box was taken by Col. Messer according to directions, and by the time that was gone, he felt so much easier and more comfortable, that several other boxes were procured, and he continued to take them faithfully. Soon the swelling in his legs disappeared, and with it the fierce rheumatic pains with which he had long suffered. Strangest of all, his eyesight, which for so many years had been useless, was restored.

In all, Colonel Messer took Dr. Williams' Pink Pills six months, and then was thoroughly cured. He now is a healthy looking man, rides on horseback, and stands as much fatigue as any man of his age.

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The high standing of Colonel Messer, and his remarkable recovery, makes this report more than usually interesting, and when it was received at the office of the Dr. Williams' Medicine Co., it was referred to Messrs. Phipps & Herndon, the well-known druggists, of Barbourville, Ky., for verification. We append the reply:

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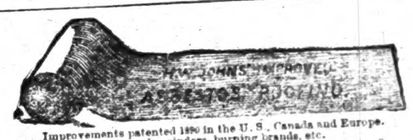

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BRADSTREET'S

Weekly Review of Trade Reports a Better Demand for Staples.

COUNTRY MERCHANTS BUSY.

Low Temperature Has Retarded the Growth of Cotton and Corn in Texas, and in Kentucky the Leaf Tobacco Crop Will Be Short.

Bradstreet's Review for the past week says:

Favorable business features include the continued decline of water in flooded districts of the Mississippi river valley in a portion of which planting has begun, better demand for staples at Baltimore, St. Louis, Omaha, Milwaukee, St. Paul and Sioux Fa'ls, larger sales of iron ore to western furnaces and a revival of activity among country merchants in some central western States. Favorable trade features include the further decline of prices for Bessemer pig iron and steel billets, with production of pig iron in excess of consumption and the prospects favorable for blowing out a number of stacks. Cool weather west has checked the retail trade and complaints are received from wholesale dealers in shoes, clothing and dry goods. Low temperature has retarded the growth of cotton and corn in Texas and in Kentucky the leaf tobacco crop will be short. The lake trade outlook is not satisfactory, the movement of building materials is slow, mercantile collections show no improvement and the spring trade in general continues disappointing.

Exports of wheat from both coasts of the United States and Canada this week (flour included) amount to 1,799,322 bushels as compared with 1,555,000 bushels last week, 1,882,000 bushels in the week a year ago, 2,805,000 bushels two years ago, 2,815,000 bushels three years ago, and as contrasted with 2,712,000 bushels in the like week of 1893.

Exports of Indian corn amount to 3,127,781 bushels in this week, compared with 3,657,000 bushels last week, 1,811,000 bushels in the week a year ago, 933,000 bushels two years ago, 730,000 bushels three years ago and as contrasted with 1,046,000 bushels in the like week of 1893.

The total number of business failures throughout the United States this week does not vary materially from what may be regarded as the average in recent years for a corresponding period, amounting to 228 against 244 last week, 267 in the week one year ago, 224 in the week in 1895 and 198 in 1894 and 219 in 1893.

There are 39 business failures reported from the Dominion of Canada this week, compared with 31 last week, 38 in the week one year ago, 27 two years ago and 30 in the like week of 1894.

BURYING THE VICTIMS.

Twenty Funerals in Paris Last Friday.—Deepest Sympathy Displayed.

Twenty victims of the Paris fire at the charity bazaar on the Rue Jean Goujon were buried Friday. The churches where the funeral ceremonies took place and the routes traversed by the corteges were thronged with people. The crowds displayed the deepest sympathy for the relatives of the victims.

With the exception of Socialist newspapers, the whole press associates itself with the profound sorrow which has overtaken the upper classes of French society.

The papers point out that the question of the responsibility for the fearful fire at the charity bazaar must be fixed. They reproach the prefecture of police for not having taken proper precautions.

The Government has ordered all the subsidized theaters to be closed until Saturday as a mark of respect for the dead.

The report that the Countess Castellane, formerly Miss Anna Gould, was among the missing, is pure invention. The Castellanes were not even in the vicinity of the fire.

Only five bodies now remain unidentified.

The remains of the Duchesse d'Alencon were placed in a coffin Thursday afternoon in the presence of Prince Louis and Prince Ferdinand of Bavaria, Baron Lambert and Colonel de Percival, who signed their names and sealed the coffin. The Duc de Vendome, son of the deceased Duchesse, was also present.

EXPECT PROSPERITY.

In View of It Texas Railroads Will Spend Millions.

A telegram from Austin, Tex., says: According to the testimony adduced before the Railroad Commissioner in the investigation which has just closed, the railroads of Texas expect in the very near future to make improvements, the aggregate cost of which, taking their own statements and figures, will be about $4,000,000. If these statements are true and there is no reason to doubt them, the roads evidently anticipate an early era of prosperity in this State, and propose to help good times along by expending large sums of money, which will be scattered among the people.

THE ENGLISH ARE MAD

Because the Senate Rejected the Arbitration Treaty.

The London afternoon papers are bitter at the rejection of the arbitration treaty by the United States Senate.

The St. James Gazette publishes a long article headed "Free Trade and Brotherly Love," in which it says:

"Great Britain has removed every hampering tariff and thousands of square miles of American territory, scores of her cities and millions of her citizens thrive by virtue of the English market alone. Yet the Senate committee has just piled up the most vexatious, harassing and impenetrable wall of tariffs any nation ever formed against another, while the Senate itself has decided against a permanent machinery for the peaceable settlement of the disputes. The much-abused diplomats were advised that the treaty would be accepted, but the politicians preferred to listen to the counsels of an ex-convict and sworn enemy of England, who, having taken the oath of allegiance to the Queen, spends his vacation in Washington advising the Senators to hope and work patiently for an opportunity to twist the British lion's tail. We rejoice at the new Canadian preferential tariff for many reasons, not the least of which is that it restores to us a weapon with which to fight our rivals in the future. Free imports at any price deprived us of that weapon."

TO WITHDRAW.

Greek Troops to Be Called Home From Crete.

A dispatch to the New York Journal from Athens says Prime Minister Ralli says that the Greek troops will be withdrawn from Crete. The government having need of all troops possible, he says he has decided on gradually withdrawing the army from Crete.

This would facilitate arrangements with the great powers, which have been unofficially intimated. Greece has officially notified the foreign ministers of her intention to withdraw from Crete, and has demanded the admission of Greek warships within the blockade for this purpose.

Greece awaits the official offer of the great powers to make proposals of peace between her and Turkey, if they please, but will not ask for it.

An official note from the powers will probably be presented at once and all depends on its terms. The report in the papers of an armistice is not true, but an armistice will probably be agreed upon if peace negotiations are opened.

REPORTED CONFIRMATION

Of Rumored Negotiations for Settlement of the Cuban Question.

A special from Havana says: Your correspondent is able upon high authority to confirm the recent Washington reports as to negotiations pending there between Secretary of State Sherman and Dupuy de Lome, and Estrada Palma, looking to a peaceful solution, by purchase or otherwise, of the Cuban question.

The story is the topic of conversation in all the clubs.

El Diario de La Marina, the reformist organ here, in a leader sounds an ominous note of warning by intimating that the so-called reforms that Premier Canovas has offered to the island will be little more than a farce should Cuba be left to pay the cost of the war. Spain must pay it, El Diario declares, otherwise, the paper adds, she cannot hope to keep the colony and continue to monopolize its trade.

MACEO'S BETRAYER

To Be Loaded With Chains and Confined in a Dungeon.

The unenviable and dangerous predicament in which Dr. Zertucha, the betrayer of the Cuban General Maceo, found himself a few weeks ago was related in the Mail and Express at the time. It was then told how Zertucha stood between two fires. He was obliged to keep himself concealed lest the Cubans should kill him for his perfidy, and he was in constant fear that the Spaniards, who despised him after using him, would have him secretly assassinated, or else transported to Africa as a life prisoner.

Cable dispatches now announce that Zertucha has been arrested and conveyed to Havana under a close guard, and placed in the military prison in the Cabanas fortress, whence he is to be sent to the Spanish penal settlement on Chafarinas Island, off the coast of Africa.

HUNT FOR AN ISLAND.

Will Be Claimed for Uncle Sam if These Voyagers are Successful.

The schooner Louisa D. cleared at the custom house in San Francisco the other day for a cruise to New Baldayo Island. Her trip promises to be a long and romantic one and before she comes back her crew expects that the American flag will be floating over a little coral reef close to the equator that no man or nation has claimed. New Baldayo is the name given to the island, but so far the most accurate location that can be given for it is that it is in the North Pacific ocean. The island is said to be covered with an enormous deposit of guano and for nearly fifty years numerous vessels have started out in search of it, but they have always returned without being able to give its location.

STATE TOPICS.

News Items of General Interest to Alabamians.

NINETEEN PER CENT. EARNED.

The Governor Offers a $200 Reward.—Christian Endeavor Union at Talladega. Mobile's New Outlet Nearing Completion.

The Governor has offered a reward of $200 for the assassins of Perry Thomas, in Clark county, last year.

Six Months in Jail.

J. W. Lee, convicted of purloining a registered package from the mail pouch on the Scottsboro route, was given six months in jail.

A New Steamer.

The White Star Line Steamboat Company will build a handsome new steamer to ply the Coosa between Rome and Gadsden. The boat will be twenty-six feet beam by 160 feet long.

Montgomery's Union Depot.

The contract for building a new union depot at Montgomery has been awarded by the Louisville & Nashville Railroad. The building will be of brick and stone, 50 by 300 feet in dimension, and three stories in height. It will cost about $300,000.

Trustees Appointed.

The Governor has appointed Mr. Jno. F. Proctor, of Jackson, and Mr. Chappell Cory, of Jefferson, members of the Board of Trustees of the Normal School at Florence. Mr. Proctor succeeds himself and Mr. Cory takes the place of Mr. S. H. Dent, of Barbour. Both are appointed for six years.

Mammoth Poplar Logs.

Two sections of a mammoth poplar log were shipped from Huntsville one day last week to the Tennessee Centennial. One of them is 27 and the other 28 feet long and it is 7 feet in diameter at the large end and 5 feet at the smaller end. It took two flat cars to carry them. The timber exhibit alone from that county will be immense.

Appointments.

The Governor has announced the following appointments: Joseph W. Bolke, Justice of the Peace, Beat 2, Cullman county; Alex A. W. Stewart; Constable, Beat 2, Cullman county; George Hanks and James W. Webb, Confederate Pension Examiners in Cherokee county; A. J. Goodwin, Notary Public, Anniston; William Bond, Constable in Beat 3, Hale county.

Christain Endeavor Union.

The seventh annual convention of the Alabama Christian Endeavor Union held its opening session last Friday evening in the First Presbyterian Church, Talladega, under the most favorable auspices. More than 100 delegates, representing societies all over the State, registered, belonging to churches of various denominations, embracing Presbyterian, Cumberland Presbyterian, Methodist, Congregational, Christian Baptist.

Miner's Contract.

The contract between the miners of the Tennessee Coal, Iron & Railroad Company, working at Pratt City and West Pratt, was signed Friday morning. General Manager C. B. McCormack, signed the contract for the company, while a representative from each of the mines in the Pratt district signed it on behalf of the miners. The contract covers a period of fourteen months, and provides for two and a half cents reduction.

A Flourishing Institution.

The thirty-sixth semi-annual statement of the Birmingham Building & Loan Association, shows that the company has now assets of $397,556.88. Among the disbursements was $36,920 of matured stock paid off and $93,340 of withdrawals, showing a cash disbursement in these two lines of over $130,000. In addition the company has matured and ready for paying off now some $15,760 more of stock. The shareholders of this stock will receive all their money paid in and interest for the average time at the rate of 19 per cent. per annum. This stock is nine years old, and is the nineteenth series to mature.

Exchange Hotel Fire.

Early Friday morning the Exchange Hotel in Montgomery was discovered on fire. The fire originated in the kitchen, and in a short time spread over the first rooms in all the three stories of the rear end of the building. There was difficulty in getting at the fire, as it raged furiously on the second and third floors. The guests were all aroused in time to prevent any casualties. The proprietor, Mr. West, knew nothing as to the cause, but the frequent fires about the building evidently cause suspicion that it was of incendiary origin. Governor and Mrs. Johnston had rooms in the building, and were removed to the New Windsor. The loss is estimated at $10,000, and the building is insured for $60,000.

WARRANTS SWORN OUT.

Result of Investigation of Dispensary Officials' Conduct.

A telegram from Columbia, S. C., says: L. J. Williams, member of the State Board of Control, swore out warrants against S. J. Scruggs, Chief Clerk of the dispensary and Col. John T. Gaston, ex-commissioner of the dispensary. This is the result of investigations by the Attorney-General, the testimony showing that Scruggs had taken from a trunk which was seized by constables four boxes of cigars and several cans of peaches. Judge Simonton declared the seizure illegal, and when the owner demanded his trunk and contents they were gone. Gaston got a few cigars, some oranges and a pair of shoes out of the trunk, but after the whole matter was ventilated he paid for them.

The warrants will be served to-morrow morning.

Scruggs was dismissed as chief clerk to-night.

A MURDERER'S CONFESSION.

Committed Murders at Jacksonville, Fla., Savannah, Ga., and Indianapolis.

A special to the Indianapolis News from Michigan City, Ind., says: Henry Jones, colored, a convict of the Indiana State prison, was hanged in the prison shortly after midnight for the murder of a fellow prisoner named Thomas, who testified against him in his trial which resulted in his last sentence to prison. Jones confessed to having committed murders at Jacksonville, Fla., Savannah, Ga., Indianapolis and the one for which he was hanged. He was a desperate character, having made three attempts during his imprisonment to kill guards and convicts.

REQUIEM MASS

At Notre Dame for the Dead of the Recent Paris Bazaar Horror.

A requiem mass for the repose of the souls of the victims of the recent fire at the charity bazaar was celebrated at noon Saturday in the cathedral of Notre Dame. The interior of the building was heavily draped with black, relieved by silver embroideries and the main door was draped with a huge pall spangled with silver, edged with ermine and raised on either side by silver loops. Above the door were escutcheons with the initials "R. F." (Republique Francaise.)

JUDGE HARALSON

Re-elected President of the Southern Baptist Convention.

At Wilmington, N. C., the Southern Baptist Convention last Saturday afternoon re-elected its old officers as follows: President, Judge Jonathan Haralson, of Alabama, and Secretaries, Dr. Lansing Burrows, of Augusta, Ga., and Dr. O. Gregory, of Baltimore.

The following Vice-Presidents were chosen: W. J. Northen, of Georgia; J. P. Eagle, of Arkansas; R. A. Marsh, of North Carolina, and J. Levering, of Maryland.

Mobile's New Outlet.

The grading of the Mobile, Jackson & Kansas City Road from Mobile to Dog River, a distance of twenty-eight miles, has been completed, with the single exception of two miles to the eastward of Big Creek, where the contractor is behind time on account of a wet cut, or one filled with springs. The cars are running out thirteen miles, a mile beyond Clear Creek trestle, which is 1,000 feet in length. The entire force is at work on the line, and everything is being as rapidly pushed as possible. Colonel Merrill, the head of the road, has left England for Mobile, and is now on the ocean, and his arrival is expected in a few days. There has been no let up in the work, and judging from the substantial manner of the construction it evidences the determination to complete it as a first-class road.

Case of Smallpox.

Birmingham has a well-developed case of smallpox. The fact came to light one day last week and the Board of Health at once took the matter in hand. The victim is a Mrs. Connelly, residing at 2022 Eighth avenue. She contracted the disease in Memphis, where she was from April 18th to 22d. On the last named date she returned to Birmingham, and eight days after her return the case developed. Steps were at once taken to isolate the case and every precaution has been used to prevent the spread of the disease. The Board of Health Saturday afternoon issued a public statement in which they advise all persons who have not been vaccinated within the past seven years to consider the propriety of being again vaccinated. The Board say that they do not apprehend, with ordinary precaution, any extension of the disease and advise people to go about their business as usual.

Complete Assignment.

A deed of assignment of all the assets of every nature, property notes, mortgages and debts of the Southern Building & Loan Association was filed in the county register's office at Knoxville, Tenn., Friday morning. The conveyance is made to the receivers of the association, D. A. Carpenter and John W. Conner. The purpose is simply to formally place the assets of the association in the receiver's hands as ordered by the Chancery decree and to avoid the taking of unnecessary proof on litigation in other States. Aside from this it has no significance.

STEWART HITS HARD.

THE SENATOR REVIEWS CLEVELAND'S SPEECH.

The Stuffed Prophet Portrayed as the Most Boldfaced Hypocrite of Modern Times—Can No Longer Even Claim His Well-Known Ignorance as Defense.

(By William M. Stewart, Senator from Nevada.)

There must be something in the qualities of greed, stolidness, perversity, ignorance, wilfullness, contempt for truth, and love of falsehood, which has not been analyzed by the philosophers; otherwise Grover Cleveland could not have been twice president with the reputation of a multi-millionaire. Apparently unconscious that he deserves to be hated more than any other living man for betraying his party and his country and wrecking the happiness of seventy millions of people, he violently attacks the Republican party for carrying out the tariff program laid down in the St. Louis convention. The Republican party declared in favor of maintaining the present gold standard until Europe should otherwise order. Has not the Republican party maintained that plank in its platform? The Republican party also declared for tariff for protection. Is not the Republican party engaged in carrying out its platform in that regard?

These plain pledges stared the stuffed prophet in the face when he betrayed his own party and used the power and patronage, which the Democratic party had conferred upon him, to aid in the election of the Republican ticket. Has anybody told Grover that all that is necessary for him to do is to get into a rage because the Republican party is adhering to its platform, and that if he will do so everybody will suppose he betrayed the Democratic party through mistake?

There was no mistake about it. If we admit, as we suppose we must, that Grover did not support the Republican ticket on account of the tariff, or on account of any financial legislation not pledged or hinted at in the platform, some other reason must be found why the ex-president betrayed his party. Many see, or think they see, circumstances and conditions which had involved Grover and his administration with the bond and money jobbers of New York from which he could not extricate himself. Sixty-two millions of four per cent thirty-year bonds were sold at more than twenty per cent less than their market price. Up to the time of this transaction no United States four per cent bonds during the ten years preceding had sold for less than one per cent premium for the time they had to run. The sixty-two millions had thirty years to run and should have sold for from twenty-five to thirty per cent premium, and would have done so if the president had been as good a friend to the American people as he was to the money powers.

In fact, he himself wrote a message to Congress that he could get sixteen millions more for these same bonds if Congress would pass a law for their payment in gold. Congress passed no such law. The bonds were issued and sold and Mr. Cleveland and the purchasers all united in asserting that, notwithstanding Congress had not authorized payment in gold, they were gold bonds, both principal and interest, and the interest has been thus far paid in gold. This transaction was so extraordinary, coming as it did in a long line of questionable transactions, that the senate authorized the finance committee of that body to investigate these bond deals. The committee met in New York and called before them Morgan and Belmont, the parties with whom the president and secretary of the treasury made the transaction, and inquired of them what profit was made in the purchase and sale of these bonds. The gentlemen declined to answer. They were further inquired of who received the profits of the transaction. The gentlemen declined to answer.

For some unaccountable reason the matter was dropped and the investigation abandoned without making a report to the senate. It would have been very easy for the senate committee to have called Morgan and Belmont to Washington and put the same questions to them which they had asked them in New York, and if they had failed to answer the courts would have found lodgings for them at public expense.

It may be that these transactions so bound Cleveland and his party to the money powers who wanted McKinley with a view of similar financial proceedings, and particularly with a view of maintaining the single gold standard, that Mr. Cleveland dared not do otherwise. He had taken too many steps in the wrong direction to retrace them in that emergency. To keep in line or to keep under cover he did as Belmont and Morgan required him to do in the election, and now, forsooth, pretends that he didn't know that it was the Republican party he was siding; that he did not know the Republican party was for a tariff; that he did not know anything about the Republican party, and, therefore, he sacrificed himself in a patriotic effort to save the country from bimetallism, and to keep on the road to ruin through gold contraction and falling prices.

Let Mr. Cleveland squirm as much as he may; the fact remains that he sold his party to the goldites; that he betrayed the trust his party had reposed in him, and that he knew, when he aided the election of McKinley, exactly what the Republican party proposed to do, because they proclaimed it in their platform. His whining and squirming now about the bad conduct of the Republican party to cover himself from a down-right act of treachery and the fraudulent use of patronage to elect McKinley, shows that nothing can surpass his treachery and deceit except his egotism and impudence.

There is one gift which nature has bestowed upon the unmitigated calamity who cursed the country with his presence in the white house for eight years, and that is the power of uttering unctuous, unmeaning, false and bombastic platitudes. The following is a fair example:

"Nothing can explain or excuse inaction on the part of those who can make no compromise with the advocates of unsound money or who love their country's honor more than self-advantage, or who are convinced that an unstable and unsafe currency inevitably bodes the greatest depth of loss and misfortune to all the people of the land. These should not delude themselves. The peril they dread is directly impending."

If Mr. Cleveland had studied the truth he would have said that "the peril they dread" has been inflicted upon the country for the last twenty years by a conspiracy of bad men who stopped the coinage of silver, and thereby cut off half the money supply, doubled the value of bonded indebtedness, reduced the value of property and services one-half, and created universal misery in the country. If there is any example of bad money since God made the world, it is the gold money of the present day. No calamity can be named which the want of money can inflict which the country does not now suffer by Cleveland's "sound money." His attempt to make the country believe that anybody wants a more villainous kind of money than we now have, is about as cheeky as it is for him to plead the baby act for voting the Republican ticket. He knows the sound money he advocates is the most villainous swindle of all the ages, and he knew that the Republican party was a party of contraction when he voted the ticket, as well as he now does. We beg pardon for having given this much space to the corpulent relic who is now politically dead; but inasmuch as the papers print his trash, we feel justified in calling attention to the individual, who is either a fool or thinks the American people are fools, or he would keep out of sight until his flagrant offenses were forgotten.

A BONDHOLDERS' WAR.

The Bloodshed Is for the Benefit of Bloodsuckers.

Ignatius Donnelly, in the Representative, says:

Even the St. Paul Globe (goldbug) tells the truth now and then—by accident. In its issue last Monday it said, speaking of the Turkish and Grecian conflict:

"We say 'hope,' because the sympathy of the people is with Greece. It is universally so in this country. It is so in Great Britain. And even in Germany and Russia we believe that the alliance with Turkey and the support of her contention are matters rather of imperial policy than of popular approval. If the people of the civilized world could have their way there would be no war, for the Tukish government would perish from the earth before the setting of another sun. They are restrained by the decrees of statecraft from the natural expression of their sympathy with Greece. For this is, as it has been called, a bondholders' war. It is the holders of Turkish bonds who dictate the policy of the great nations. But for that the Turkish problem would have been solved long ago. It was for the money lender of Europe that hundreds of thousands of Christians were sent to a horrible death in Armenia. It is for him that this battle is to be fought, with his greed arrayed secretly on the side of the Turks in Europe."

We hail these truthful expressions with pleasure. The whole people, and all the newspapers should unite as one man against the merciless money lenders, who unite the cruelty of wolves to the cunning of the devil. They are the enemies of the human race.

Dead Words Vs. Living Men.

The Inter-Mountain Advocate, after showing that laws have to run the gauntlet of the legislative bodies, an executive officer and the courts before becoming valid (the "representative" bodies not being such), remarks:

"Now the question is, who is to blame for all this? Is it the people? Is it not a fact that all these conditions exist strictly in accordance with the constitution of the United States? Then there must be something wrong with the constitution. If there is, then it ought to be changed; and if this be not a popular government, the people have a right to change it."

They have not power. The people are ground between constitutionalism and centralization. When this fact is realized, they may change it.

A Populist Legislature.

So now it is acknowledged that the last legislature passed no "really harmful" laws. That, of itself, is a good record for any legislature of any state. But when we consider the railroad law, the state and county depository laws, the election law, the law against trusts and combines, the usury law, the act protecting both mortgagors and mortgagees, and the acts for local interests, we find that the legislature not only did nothing "really harmful," but it did much that was "really good."—Sioux Falls Press.

The Cause of the Outcry.

"The plutocrats don't say they don't own very much after all."

"That's true."

"Then why this outcry against them?"

"Because they won't surrender the wealth they don't own.—Twentieth Century.

FREE SILVER BATTLE.

IS EVERYBODY'S FIGHT AGAINST THE MONEY LENDERS

Every Man Interested in the Production or the Sale of Products Should Oppose Currency Contraction—Gorham's Logical View.

The cunning foxes who oppose the restoration of silver to its place as a money metal have been able by their craft to enlist on their side manufacturers merchants and transportation companies. They have employed hack writers to mistake facts and to make false arguments in newspapers, magazines, pamphlets and pretentious treatises. The manufacturer who is paralyzed by the steady decline in prices which is forced by contraction has been worked up to a high pitch of excitement in his zeal for contraction. The merchant whose warehouses are full of goods which he cannot sell because of the prevailing want of work among the people marks his prices down every month or two and loudly clamors for the gold standard which alone causes the depreciation in the value of his property. The great railroad companies, unable to make their roads earn operating expenses and interest on their bonds, coerce their employes by the hundreds of thousands to vote for the gold standard, which stops production by reducing the prices of farm and mill products, and thereby lessens the amount of freight to be carried over their roads. The only men in the world who are not positively injured by the gold standard, and the consequent contraction in the volume of money, are those who lend money either for themselves or for others. Business men do business mainly on a credit system. Business enterprises have capital as a foundation for their business, and their credit as the structure which they build upon that foundation. It is the business of the money lenders to induce people to borrow, so that they may breed money by lending it to them. The spendthrift who has inherited an estate can borrow from the rapacious and exacting Shylock all the money for which he can give good security. Shylock will encourage him to borrow. The amount he will lend him is measured only by the estimated value of the security offered, with an allowance for depreciation and the difficulties of quick sales.

From the dawn of civilization the money lenders have endeavored to increase the value of money by diminishing its quantity in the world. Every time they could strike down the number of pieces, each piece would be worth more property than before. The men who acquire property in lands, merchandise and great business plants ought to be engaged with equal zeal in maintaining at least the same amount of money in the world, and increasing it in proportion to the increase in population and the growth of the business of the world. Why should the merchant aid his creditor in making money dear and merchandise cheap? Why should the manufacturer labor for a decline in prices so that he can not manufacture beyond the next two months without certain loss? Why should the railroad companies throw all their energies in behalf of the money lenders, whose policy of gold contraction makes wheat so cheap that it will not pay the western farmer to produce it and pay freight on it to the seaboard?

Those who loan money should be honestly paid in money just as good as they loan and no better. They should be paid in accordance with the contract. They should not be allowed to write new words into the contract without the borrower's consent. They should not be allowed to raise the amount already written in the contract, nor should they be allowed to do anything to the borrower which will make it more difficult for him to pay them. If he had two barns full of grain they should not be allowed to burn one of them. If he had a pair of work horses they should not be allowed to shoot one of them at the plow. They should not be allowed to put drugs in his food which will impair his vitality so that he can not work as advantageously as before. All these things they might as well do as to so control legislation as to cut down the value of his property one-half, and thereby make his debts twice as large in proportion to his possessions and resources as they were before. All this they have done.—Hon. George C. Gorham.

This Is a Refined Age.

We are certainly progressing in the refinement of our methods of doing things. Think of the coarse vulgarity of the coup d'etat of Napoleon III., as narrated by Victor Hugo in "The History of a Crime," as compared with the smooth and effectual method in which Sherman fastened on a great nation the chains of a more galling slavery than "Napoleon the Little" attempted or desired; the ease with which Cleveland added to the weight of those chains by the skillful waving of the patronage wand, and the charming grace with which Speaker Reed robs the people of the rights of discussion through their representatives by a convenient, well regulated shortness of vision and a gentle but effectual use of the gavel.—St. Louis Evening Journal.

The Only Way.

At Kansas City the warring gas companies have combined and the price of gas has been doubled. Competition is impossible in such cases. The supply of gas, water or electricity for any city is in its nature a monopoly, and the only way for the people to avoid being robbed is to own such monopolies themselves.—Star and Kansan.

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The weather bureau reports that cotton has not made favorable progress over the central and eastern portions of the cotton belt, the weather being too cold. Reports of injury by insects are becoming quite general, while rain is needed in some sections.

THE building of the Montgomey Tuskaloosa and Memphis railroad is of immediate benefit to this section, inasmuch as its construction puts a large sum of money in circulation, which is highly acceptable while we are awaiting that promised era of prosperity, so long anticipated.

ON May 21 and 22, Governor Johnston, the Commissioner of Agriculture, and the superintendent of Education, composing the board for locating the district agricultural schools, will visit the fourith district for the purpose of inspecting the various sites offered. Clanton would make the best point in the district for this school and we suggest that our leading citizens take the matter up and put in a bid. There is only eleven days but that is plenty of time for our energetic people. Who will make the first move? We respectfully suggest that Mayor Sampey call a public meeting for the purpose of discussing the matter. Sylacauga and Childressburg are already in the field.

Report of the Grand Jury

To Hon. N. D. Denson, Judge of the Fifth Judicial Circuit of Alabama:

We, the Grand Jury empannelled for the Spring Term, 1897, of the Circuit Court of Chilton county, beg leave to submit this as our final report.

We have investigated the violations of the laws in our county and as a result have returned to this court 22 indictments.

From the reports made to our body we believe the public roads to be in good condition.

We have examined the books of our County Officers and find them neatly and correcrly kept, the committee, however, examming the books of our County Tax-Collector report that there is due the county and State the sum of $894, which sum the Tax-Collector says is unpaid.

We are glad to report the healthy financial condition of our county as shown by the report of the County Treasurer submitted to this body.

We find to the credit of Fine and Forfeiture Fund $1,090.54.

To the credit of the General Fund, $801.31.

Showing total cash on hand to be, $1891.85.

We have examined into the keeping of our county poor, and find them well fed, clothed and otherwise properly cared for.

We have examined the public buildings of our county and recommend that the court of county Commissioners make such repairs to the roof and cells of our county jail as are now needed and to which their attention may be from time to time caloed by one Sheriff.

We have examined the booki of the various county officers and find them to be secure except that of the County Treasurer. T. E. Gilchrist, a surety on the county Treasurer's bond, is dead. This bond has never been good security for $15,000, the amount of it. It is now greatly insufficient, and we recommend that the Treasurer be required to make a new good and sufficient bond at once as the law requires.

We desire to thank your Honor for the manner in which we have been advised of our duties, and our efficient Solicitor for the assistance he has rendered us in the discharge of the same.

Having discharged the duties imposed we now ask to be discharged

W. I. MULLINS, Foreman.

CIRCUIT COURT.

The Circuit Court of Chilton county convened at 10 o'clock this morning, Hon. N. D. Denson, judge, presiding.

The Grand jury was empannelled with W. I. Mullins as foreman The charge of judge Denson is highly spoken of, and commended for its lucidity and fairness.

Hon. S. L. Brewer, solicitor, handsome and polite as ever, is in charge of the grand jury.

In addition to our home talent the following attornies are in attendance:

Col. Collier, Birmingham; W. R. Oliver, Calera; Ray Rushton, Montgomery; F. B. Baldwin, Verbena.

The following was the Grand Jury empanelled;

Foreman, W. I. Mullins.
Beat 1. A. U. Glasscock.
Beat 2. I. N. Langston, John Lowery, Sr., C. L. Hayes.
Beat 3. Jasper Giles, T. J. Lenoir
Beat 4. W. H. Merritt, E. H. Parrish.
Beat 5. N. J. Calloway, P. C. Dennis.
Beat 6. W. C. Davis, J. R. Broadhead.
Beat 7. W. E. Bearden, J. W. Adams, J. N. Gentry.
Beat 8. G. W. Fox.
Beat 9. S. E. Cleckler, D. C. Honeycutt, Samuel Pate,

The following petit jury was empanelled for this week.

Beat 1. W R Lowery, B F Robinson.
Beat 2. J Alex Moore, S D Posey, W G Atkinson.
Beat 3. W J Sorrell, W P White, Y O Freeman, J S Jones, W M Merchant, Calvin Jones, B F Franklin.
Beat 4. W M Wilson, I N Madlox, A A Ayers.
Beat 5. John Vinson, Curtis Moore.
Beat 6. A P Hathcock.
Beat 7. D C Savage, W D Lawrence, T L Elam.
Beat 8. J G Gay, Isaiah Friday, C C Ray, R T Carrol.
Beat 9. J K Swinford, W R Darden, T W Chidress, W P Murrah.

Several cases were continued and the following disposed of:

Wilson Bros. vs. W. Headley, dismissed.

Thos. A. Chandler vs. Cox & Gandy, verdict for derfendant.

J. J. Dawson vs. Joaquim Bookhalt, judgment settled between the parties.

Mathias Miller vs. Frank Crosby, jury and verdict for the land sued for.

Levystein Bros. vs. F. B. Baldwin, judgment by consent.

Nancy E. McKee et als vs. W. H. Merrit, dismissed.

Fite & Porter vs. W. H. Killingsworth, dismissed.

Fite & Porter vs. Miss Kelley & Gibson, dismissed.

Collins vs R. Ehrman, judgment for plaintiff.

The court yesterday was occupied principally by the case of W. Wilson, administrator of the estate of the late Robert Wilson, vs. Crawford Thomas. This was a dispute in regard to the ownership of a note. H. A. J. Harris some years ago bought land from Robert Wilson giving notes to secure payment. He had taken all the notes up, except the last, when Robert Wilson died, and Crawford Thomas claimed that before his death Wilson had made him a present of the note for services rendered. The administrator sued Harris for the amount and at last term of circuit court Mr. Harris paid the money into court and Crawford Thomas was made defendant. After hearing all the evidence the jury returned a verdict for the defendant.

This morning the following criminal cases were heard:

Wylie Garner, rape, sentenced to three years in penitentiary.

Lewis Love, carrying concealed weapons, two cases, plead guilty to both charges. Sentence deferred.

Will Jones, grand larceny and resisting officer, plead guilty in both cases. Sentenced deferred.

The trial of Will Martin, charged with murder, is set for next Tuesday.

The most interesting case in the Circuit Court at this term, the Alabama Mineral Land Company vs. W. T. Hand, was closed yesterday afternoon at five o'clock, after occupying the greater part of two days, The fight made by the plaintiff company, through its able and learned attorney, Col. J. J. Willett of Anniston, was a strong one for the recovery of $15000 damagesfor cutting trees. Col. W. A. Collier of Birmingham, who has the reputation of being one of the best lawyers in the State, conducted the defense, and won his case. In this fight Col. Collier made one of the strongest fights of his life, showing himself fully up to date, and being always ready in meeting the legal intricacies of the case and the strong fight made by his talented antagonist.

The other cases disposed of were J. R. Kemp vs. J. C. DuBose, jury and verdict for defendant.

C. W. Plant vs. N. L. Broadhead jury and verdict for defendant.

A. L. Wambean vs. Concordia Colonization Association, suit for $500 for breach of conditional contract, dismissed by plaintiff.

W. H. Merritt vs. Merritt & Bond Lumber Co., judgment for plaintiff for $5013.51.

The civil docket being exhausted court adjourned at 11 o'clock this morning until Monday when the criminal cases will be tried.

COURT NOTES.

The business of the court is progressing rapidly. Judge Denson, while fully maintaining the dignity of the bench, has a wonderful way of expediting matters, and keeps the court fully employed.

Col. J. J. Willett, of Anniston, one of the brightest and best lawyers in North Alabama is in attendance upon the circuit court, representing the Alabama Mineral Land Company.

Mr. William A. Davis, general agent of Alabama Mineral Land Company, is a welcome visitor to Clanton.

The attorneys attending circuit court are not sparing in praise of the courteous and polite manner in which Sheriff Cooley and Clerk VanDerveer discharge their duties.

Mr. W. H. Conway made a most efficient bailiff, but unfortunarely was taken sick and had to go home this morning, Mr. Wash Foshee acting as deputy.

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SEVERAL complaints having been made in regard to the blocking of Main street at the railroad crossing the city council directed the Mayor to call the attention of the L. & N. company to the matter. With their accustomed courtesey the company sent the following reply:

Birmingham, Ala., May 9, 1897
Mr. W. L. Sampey,
Mayor, Clanton, Ala.

Your Honor:—In reply to yours of the 8th, I will give instructions immediately in regard to your crossing at Clanton not to be blocked for more than five minutes at any one time, and I will thank you to let me know if you observe a violation of my instructions to the above effect. Will also put up boards on each side lhe road, reading as above. Yours truly,

W. M. Newbold, Sup't.

In future our hustling friends going west of town will not have occasion to make the atmosphere sulphuric while waiting for the crossing to be cleared.

THE Commissioner of Agriculture is urgently appealing to the people of Alabama to make a creditable exhibit of the resources of the State at the Nashville Centennial Exposition.

WE understand a movement is on foot at Verbena for locating the agricultural school at that place.

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Political Points.

People's Press Bureau, St. Louis, Mo., May 5, 1897.

One of the most interesting bits of People's Party news that has been going the rounds lately is a letter from J. R. Sovereign, written in reply to a communication from Milton Park, of Dallas Texas. Sovereign states, with his usual perspicuity and vigor, his reason for disapproving of the extream policy of the "Middle-of-the-Road disorganizers. He makes pointed references to an official ballot in his posession, on which the names of Jerome Kerby for Governor and H. S. P. Ashby for lieutenant Governor of Texas, followed by the entire Populist ticket, appeared under the names of McKinley and Hobart. No Watson elector is on the ticket. He puts himself on record as opposed to a conference as called to meet at Nashville July 4, giving unanswerable reasons for so doing. He also refers to the presence of some "middle-of-the-roadites" at the political pie-counter at Washington, D. C.

Marion Williams, of Texas, has also rushed into print and tells the world, through a St. Louis paper, that "If the Populists of Texas are left to a chosce again of voting for the nominees of the two old parties, seventy-five percent of them would vote with the republicans.

Mrs. Lease has been viewed in regard to the recent terrible disaster in Oklahoma and ascribes it to the fact that that particular section is, in her estimation, under a curse of God; a view that is more strictly orthodox than logical.

The Oklahoma Press Association will meet at Shawnae, May 21-22 An interesting program is promised.

B. O. Flower, for several years editor of the Arena, and one of the foremost reform writers of the day, will soon start a new magazine, called "Review of Progress." He promises the same sturdy advocacy of the rights of the great common people that caracterized the Arena

Ee-Governor Wait, of Colorado, spoke in St. Louis, May 1, to do, Labor organizations, dwelling chiefly on the need of eight hour labor laws. It is rumored that he will engage in a debate on woman's suffrage with some of the local advocates of that particular fad with whices the ex-governor is deeply disgusted, owing to his experience with the women voters of his state.

The recent junket of congressmen to attend the dedication of the Grant monument, developed an amusing situation wherein a Populist congressman who was being patronizingly coached by some apparently more sophisticated members, distanced them all in style, in being the recipien of honors and finally wound up by beating the whole outfit at their own game—poker. This might suggest to the old party brethren that a Pop very ofte is smarter thar he looks.

The division between the silver and gold democrats in congress becomes more marked every day.

Jerry Simpson has been sparring with Speaker Reed in a manner that has been very trying to the nerves of the fat Czar and his servile henchmen.

President McKinley sat at the capitol and by pressing an electric button opened the exposition at Nashville. If the same service could be performed for the many closed mills and factories, all men would rejoice, respective of party or prejudice

The International Postal Congress met at Washington, D. C., May 5, and entered into discussion of a universal postage stamp and a rebait system that, if put into service, would greatly simplify the handling of international masls. Congress failed to appropriate the fifty thousand dollars asked for to be used in the entertainment of the delegates, so a proposed transcontinental trip has to be omitted.

Harold Sewall, son of the recent vice presidential candidate, has beed appointed United States Minister to Hawaii. So?

Serious charges of pilfering have been prefered against J. B. Doe, who was assistant Seertary of war under Cleveland. A. R.

The Westfield (Ind.) News prints the following in regard to an old resident of that place: "Frank McAvoy, for many years in the employ of the L., N. A. & C. Ry. here says: 'I have used Chamberlain's Colic, Cholera and Diarhœa Remedy for ten years or longer—am never without it in my family. I consider it the best remedy of the kind manufactured. I take pleasure in recommending it.'" It is a specific for all bowel disorders, For sale by J. S. Johnson, Druggist.

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Coopers.

Farmers of this section are very busy plowing over their corn for the first time. Corn looks fine, but I think the farmers have planted gold standard cotton, it looks very yellow and standing one way. We are glad to say that G. W. Thomas' family are better after a severe attack of sickness. We had a very warm prayer meeting at Providence Sunday evening.

SCHOOL BOY

Rev. E. L. Moore, of Montgomery county, will preach at Pleasant Grove the fifth Sunday in May at 11 o'clock.

Rev. F. A. Gibson will also be there that day.

Longstreet Locals.

The farmers of this section are now very busy chopping cotton.

Messrs Lowrence, Smitherman and Miss Eva Bearden, of Maplesville, visited some of their Longstreet friends last Sunday.

Misses Isabella and Lizzie Edvardi and Mr. G. Mims, of Mulberry, visited Mr. Wm. Headley's amily Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. J. R. Bruce and Mrs. A. T. Thacker visited relatives at Ehrman's mill Sunday.

Mr. E. M. Lowe, of Montgomery was a pleasant visitor here last week.

Messrs Armstrong, Lowe, and Gore attended a singing at Mt. Pisgah Sunday

Mr. J. D. Thacker has retired from the farm and gone to the railroad to work with the bridge crew.

A certain young man of this place while out on the river fishing one day, had the pleasure of looking down the barrel of a Winchester. It is supposed he was about to come in contact with a wilecat, he didn't ask any questions, but burnt the wind.

Our Sunday school is moving along very nicely.

Mr. Jessie Moats went to Blue creek Sunday. MIKE.

HOW TO FIND OUT.

Fill a bottle or common glass with urine and let it stand twenty-four hours; a sediment or settling indicates an unhealthy condition of the kidneys. When urine stains linen it is positive evidence of kidney trouble. Too frequent desire to urinate or pain in the back, is also convincing proof that the kidneys and bladder are out of order.

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There is comfort in the knowledge so often expressed, that Dr. Kilmer's Swamp-Root, the great kidney remedy fulfills every wish in relieving pain in the back, kidneys, liver, bladder and every part of the urinary passages. It corrects inability to hold urine and scalding pain in passing it, or bad effects following use of liquor, wine or beer, and overcomes that unpleasant necessity of being compelled to get up many times during the night to urinate. The mild and the extraordinary effect of Swamp-Root is soon realized. It stands the highest for its wonderful cures of the most distressing cases. If you need a medicine you should have the best. Sold by druggists, price fifty cents and one dollar. You may have a sample bottle and pamphlet both sent free by mail. Mention THE BANNER and send your address to Dr. Kilmer & Co., Binghamton, N.Y. The proprietor of this paper guarantees the genuineness of this offer.

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Lomax

A nice little rain fell at this place yesterday, I gues all the farmers were glad to see it, as they were all waiting for rain so they could chop cotton.

A good many of the boys from here went out on Coosa river fishing last week; they report a nice time.

Rev. W. B. Dennis filled his regular appointment at this place Sunday evening.

Mr. Walter Kendrick, of Burwells, visited Mr. Berry Knight Sunday, come again Mr. walter, we are glad to see you.

Miss Maggie Lodge had a pleasant time entertaining her many friends Sunday.

Mrs Hester is vesiting her niece, Mrs. Gilvia Foshee, at this place.

Mrs. Jullissie Foshee is visiting relatives at Coopers this week.

Miss Rosa Tidwell and Miss Elvira Smith spent the night with Mrs. Foshee Friday night.

Prof. Slaton commenced his school here this morning, I wish him much success.

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Two Lives Saved.

Mrs. Phœbe Thomas, of Junction City, Ill., was told by her doctors she had Consumption and that there was no hope for her, but two bottles of Dr. King's New Discovery completely cured her and she says it saved her life. Mr. Thos. Eggers, 139 Florida St., San Francisco, suffered from a dreadful cold, approaching Consumption, tried without result everything else then bought one bottle of Dr. King's New Discovery and in two weeks was cured. He is naturally thankful. It is such results, of which these are samples, that prove the wonderful efficacy of this medicine in Coughs and Colds. Free trial bottles at J. S. Jonson, Jr., Drug Store. Regular size 50c and $1.00.

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Singing at Mt. Pisgah

A beautiful summer morning brought out a large crowd to an all day singing. Mrs. Fowler was organist for the day and her fine playing greatly aided the singing. The first lesson was led by Watts Moore; the second bd Frank Foshee and the third by R. T. Grant. Dinner was taken on the ground and the day was thoroughly enjoyed by all.

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TOWN ITEMS

Commissioners' Court meets second Monday in February, first Monday in April, second Monday in May, second Monday in July, second Monday in August, and first Monday in November.

Don't fail to get your picture taken by Neal.

Mrs. McQueen and Mr. J. R. McQueen, of Autauga, are visiting Mrs. Davis.

Miss Clara Mills, of Billingsley, is a charming guest of the Davis house.

Mr. Duke, who has been on a visit to his home in Anniston recommenced work on Mr. Simpey's new store this morning.

Rev. T. B. Haynie, who has been attending a protracted meeting at Birmingham, returned home Saturday.

Save your money and trade with S. H. Green, Clanton. Special inducements for court week.

Hon. S. M. Adams is in town today.

A goodly congregation attended at the Methodist church yesterday morning and Rev. W. B. Dennis gave us a fine sermon. At the night service Rev. T. B. Haynie preached from Hebrews 12, latter part of 16th verse: "Who for one morsel of meat sold his birthright".

Mrs. J. S. Johnson, Jr., visited friends at Verbena Sunday.

A colored negro minstrel troup pitched their tent near the court house Saturday and offorded an amusing entertainment to the pleasure loving public.

Mr. Forrest Potts spent Sunday with his parents here.

7 Packages Arbuckles coffee for $1.00 at G. H. Green's.

Miss Celestia Dunlap, of Shelby, is visiting the family of Dr. J. S. Johnson Jr.

Mr. P. M. McKee is spending a few days with relatives here.

Within sixty days, after circuit court is over, I will visit the following places: Verbena, Mountain Creek, Independence, Huckaby, Stanton, Maplesville, Lily, Thorsby, Jemison, Coopers, and many other places in Chilton and adjoining counties. If you wish my services write me at Woodlawn, Jefferson county, or see me during court. Will be glad to do your dental work.

Very respectfully,
A. J. MASSEY, D.D.S.

Mr. Frank Anderson, of Birmingham, is visiting the family of Mr. L. A. Thonton.

Mr. Judson Strock, of Verbena, was in town to-day.

Mr. C. W. Plant of Stanton, one of the best fellows in the world and the busiest merchant of his town, visited Clanton to-day.

To realize the estate of the late Mr. G. O. Logan, the stock of goods in the store will be sold out at cost. A good opportunity for bargains.

Messrs Robert Roebuck and E. Frank Fuller, of Clanton Ford, are the guests of Col. Robt. H. Knox.

Tax collector Hubbart is in town to-day.

Come and get your pictures taken while Neal Brothers are in town.

Mr. George Shaw, of Jemison, was in the city.

Mr. Robt. Aldridge, of Birmingham, is on a visit here.

Mr. E. W. Blalack, of Maplesville, was in town to-day.

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Prof. Watts Moore, of Mt. Creek was in town.

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Marriage licenses have been granted this week by the Probate Judge to the following persons.

Mr. E. W. Blalack and Miss Minnie P. Cooper; Mr. Garland H. Duncan and Miss Sallie L. Welch.

Colored—Turner Campbell and Fannie Atchison; Elbert Smith and Sallie Hawkins.

Old People.

Old people who require medicine to regulate the bowels and kidneys will find true remedy in Electric Bitters. This medicine does not stimulate and contains no whiskey nor other intoxicant, but acts as a tonic and alterative. It acts mildly on the stomach and bowels, adding strength and giving tone to the organs, thereby aiding Nature in the performance of the functions. Electric Bitters is an excellent appetizer and aids digestion. Old People find it just exactly what they need. Prices 50 cents and $1.00.

Nellie Lee, the nine year old daughter of Mr. C. W. Robinson, fell out of a tree which she had climbed to pick some leaves, and was badly bruised.

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Mrs. ROZENA LEWIS, of Genaville, Texas, says: "I was troubled at monthly intervals with terrible pains in my head and back, but have been entirely relieved by Wine of Cardui."

Program Preachers' Institute Mulberry Association

To be held with Providence church six miles north west of Jemison, commencing on Friday before the fifth Sunday in May A. D. 1897.

9:30 a.m. Devotional exercises.
10 O'clock, a.m. organization.
11 Sermon by Rev. G. S. Anderson.
1 p.m. Subject for discussion, duties of baptist preachers one to another.
2 Subject. Is foot-washing a church ordinanc, discussed by Rev. G. S. Anderson, Rev. G. W. Freeman, and others.
3 Is the missionary spirit in accord with the teachings of the New Testment.

Saturday—9 a.m. Prayer by J. J. Lowery. Welcome address by John Martin. Calling the roll.
11 Introductory sermon by Sutten Smitherman. Recess for dinner.

Subjects for discussion.

1st. Is the Sunday-school work of the present day the means by which we gain moore knowledge of God's Word? Opened by L. H. Reynolds, followed by H. L. Hicks and others.

2 Is there more information to be gained from God's Word in the Sunday-school or from the pulpit? Discussed by Z. J. Jones, J. T. Martin.

3 Is it right for members of a Sunday-school to absent themselves from their own school to attend other churches? Opened by D. Z. Woolley, followed by J. P. Jentry and others.

Sunday 9 a.m. Sunday-school mass-meeting conducted by Alex Glasscock.

11 Preaching by Bro. Nelson of Shelby county. Followed by S. M. Adams. Ministers especially invited to attend.

W. H. Shaw.
J. A. Lowrey.
W. A. Sims.
S. M. Adams.
Committee.

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The Best Remedy for Rheumatism.

From the Fairhaven (N.Y.) Register

Mr. James Rowland of this village, states that for twenty-five years his wife has been a sufferer from rheumatism. A few nights ago she was in such pain that she was nearly crazy. She sent Mr. Rowland for the doctor, but he had read of Chamberlain's Pain Balm and instead of going for the physician he went to the store and secured a bottle of it. His wife did not approve of Mr. Rowland's purchase at first, but nevertheless applied the Balm thoroughly and in an hour's time was able to go to sleep. She now applies it whenever she feels an ache or a pain and finds that it always gives relief. He says that no medicine which she had ever used did her as much good. The 25 and 50 cent sizes for sale by J. S. Johnson, Druggist.

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Turn-Round Topics.

Your correspondence has been urgently requested by the Turn-Round's fairest young ladies, and most elequent singers and organist to make known through THE BANNER that on the fifth Sunday in this month the sixth annual singing convention will convene at Canaan church here, which is only 2 miles from Mountain Creek in a northeasterly direction. Great singers from far and near are expected to be in attendance, and it is talked that some one would perhaps deliver an address on "The science of singing." So we all anticipat a good time that day, and feel assured that the singing will mark a grand event that will long be remembered. Everybody pleas consider themselves much cordially invited, and to bring along a little bite if they car.

Mr. Pyron and son Will, have returned from Montgomery.

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Lily Lyrics.

Farmers are well up with work in this "neck of the woods", some have been chopping cotton and some are waiting fore it to come up.

Mrs. Crayton Rasberry paid her mother at Stanton a visit last Saturday.

Mr. B. W. Garner and wife visited their daughter, Mrs. Youngblood, at Spigner last week.

I notice in the Kincheon dots last week, a mistake, as it was said Veazey would help Mr. King to conduct a singing at Mt. Pisgah Sunday, but I don't think V—knew it. I am sure he didn't go, for I saw him at home Sunday.

The singing that was talked of so much at Mulberry, was not so good as we thought it would be, nor nearly so goon as it could have been had not every body's sweetheart been there. The young people liked to have made a Sunday picnic of it. I am sorry it turned out thus for I think their leader was sorry as he felt somewhat responsible for the success of the program,

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Musical Convention.

The Chilton county musical convention will hold its first session with the Mars Hill class at the Mars Hill church, three miles west of Jemison, the fourth Sunday and Saturday before in May. All interested are expected to attend on Saturday at 9:30 a.m.

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Bicycle Repairmen's Woes.

Bicycle repairmen are in a position to judge the merits of the different kinds of tires brought to them for repairing. They are generally unbiased in their opinion as to which tire is the best until they try to repair it; then they soon find out which is the easiest to repair, and which stays repaired when it has been fixed. The following from a dealer and repairman in Clarksville, Tenn., may be of interest to riders:

Single-tube tires are not at all popular here, for nobody can repair them when they have trouble. I consider myself a pretty good repairman, and I have never been able to patch one of them so it would hold any length of time. Nearly every rider of single-tubes here has changed for Morgan & Wright.

Here is another from a repairman in New York city:

I have used M. & W. tires for the last three years, and the more I handle them the better I like them. I repair, on an average, about one M. & W. tire to five single-tube tires. It is not that there are only a few M. & W.'s in this district but because when they are once repaired they don't break out again in the same place, like a single-tube.

A Cambridge City, Ind., man also says:

I think I am a pretty fair workmen, and believe I can repair a single-tube tire as often as any one, but I meet with failure oftener than success, and, indeed, find that the single-tube is generally unsatisfactory. I don't see what any one can see in a tire of this type that recommends it.

Still another from a Terre Haute, Ind., bicycle firm:

They can say what they want about single-tube tires, but we notice they give up and come back for the M. & W. when they want a tire that will give good satisfactory service. We had no trouble at all with the Morgan & Wright tires, and are going to use them this year.

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Beat 4. J W Littlejohn, W H Wright H E Culver.
Beat 5. A J Duncan, T M Pyron, W J Gray D S Robinson.
Beat 6. A C Pool, Elijah Headley, T J Billingsley, A J Gray, G T Brigance.
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NOTICE.

Notice is hereby given that there will be an Interdenominational Sunday-school convention for beat 5 at Corinth Baptist church Sunday May 16. 97. Representatives from all the Sunday-schools and churches of the beat are expected. Come. Others will be cordially welcomed.

JUDSON STROCK,
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J. E. C—E.

Maplesville Music

If in our power we could say words that would spare our birds and slay the mischievious rabbits that cause such havoc with our gardens and orchards. We hope the dreadful fate of the spring poets that ye editors have slain so many times is not true, since this delightful weather, mocking birds singing, beautiful flowers springing, all nature lovly, is temting to your correspondence to court the mule. Farmers are going right on, some have plowed corn twice, chopping cotton is now going on. Peaches and plums are very fine, but the blight has killed many apple and pair tree.

Our beloved and good natured friend of Selma, A. C. Baker, is now employed in taking mens lives, notwithstanding this his friends here greatly enjoyed his visit here last week.

Our friend James Dabose, of Selma, has lately visited relatives here.

Mr. Herbert Woolley is on a visit to "old folks at home."

Mrs. McCary is on a visit to her daughters, Mrs N. A. Goodwin.

Mr. Will Garner is home again for a few days.

Mr. E. A. Blalock has returned.

Mr. Howison is looking after his interest here.

The railroad tents are spread again here; many hands are employed; our town presents quite a business like look; there are no idlers and consequently no mischief is done. The engineer, Mr Hanwin, has moved in with his family and our road is moving right on.

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East Chilton Notes.

On the afternoon of May 9, Mr. and Mrs. T. L. Robinson gave a most unique song service at their residence, Complimentary to Miss Janie Oden and Mrs. Fannie Taylor. The house was filled with pleasant guests, and the evening was spent in joyful intercourse, instrumental and vocal music. A pleasant feature was the handsome new organ. At a late hour the gathering dispensed expressing themselves as having had a mots delightful occasion.

The songs "Why don't you speak for yourself John" and "I loved you better than you knew" are the rage here now.

Rev. — Rich will preach at the methodist church here on the third Sunday in this month at 11 o'clock. There will be a Sunday-school convention at Corinth on the same day. However we expect to attend both.

Mr. T. C. McKinney and wife visited Energy Sunday.

Mrs. Ternan has a pomegranate tree that surpasses anything in profusion of bloom we have ever seen.

Miss Janie Oden and Miss Minnie McKenney contemplate visiting the beautiful hills next Saturday afternoon where the rarest and most beautiful flowers can be seen.

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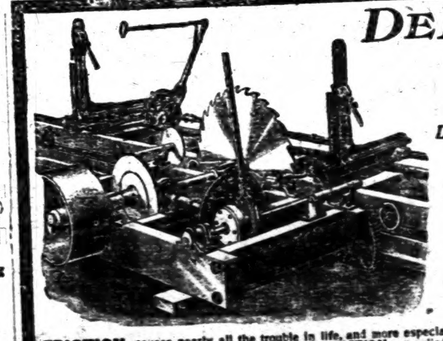

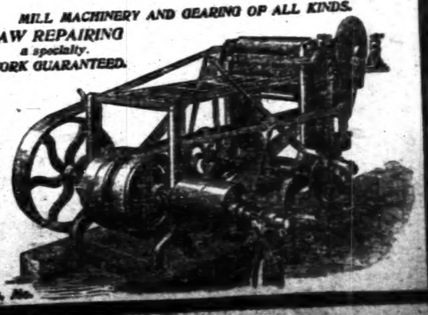

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CAPITOL NEWS.

Members of the Bimetallic Commission Sail.

TARIFF COMMISSION WANTED

Senator Cullom Believes that a Permanent Tariff Commission Composed of Experts Would Results in Much Good to the Country.

James M. Tyner, of Indiana, has been appointed Assistant Attorney General for the Postoffice Department Mr. Tyner at once entered on the discharge of his duties.

Dr. J. H. Hollander has been appointed Secretary of the International Bimetallic Conference Commission. He is Professor of Economics at the Johns Hopkins University and a French and German scholar.

The first experimental exportation of butter from this country was made Wednesday from New York City when the Government, through an agent, sent by the agricultural department shipped three-quarters of a ton of selected butter for sale in Europe.

C. H. J. Taylor, colored, Recorder of Deeds for the District of Columbia, called at the White House one day last week and it is understood that his resignation will be tendered and that his successor will be Ex-Representative Cheatham, also colored, of North Carolina. Taylor is from Kansas City.

Commissioner of Pensions Evans has discovered a decision rendered by the Supreme Court some years ago, in which it is held that pension examining surgeons are not employes of the Government, hence cannot come within the pale of the civil service. There are about six hundred boards of these examiners, nearly every doctor of them Democrats. As fast as Mr. Evans can do the work they will give way to Republicans.

Ex-Vice President Adlai E. Stevenson, Gen. J. H. Payne and United States Senator Edward O. Wolcott, who were recently appointed by President McKinley as a commission to confer with the heads of European Governments relative to the holding of an international bimetallic conference, sailed for Havre on the French liner La Touraine Saturday. Before their departure Mr. Stevenson said that the commission would go directly to Paris and after connection with the expedition warrants, would visit London, Berlin, Vienna and the capitals of the other European Governments. He expected that much good would be accomplished by the commission and did not anticipate any trouble in inducing the Governments to appoint delegates to the contemplated conference.

The Senate has agreed to an amendment to the sundry civil bill, revoking the order of President Cleveland made on February 22, last, establishing forest reservations aggregating 17,000,000 acres. The debate brought out much criticism of Mr. Cleveland's order, Senators Pettigrew, Wilson, Turner, Rawlins and White speaking against it. Mr. Gray, of Delaware, defended the course of the President, pointing out that it was the result of an inquiry authorized by Congress and conducted by the National Academy of Science. Mr. Allison endeavored to have the amendment restricted so as to leave the question of revocation to the President, but he was defeated on an aye and nay vote—14 to 32. Mr. Gorman made a point of order against the amendment, but this being submitted to the Senate, was defeated—23 to 25. The amendment was then agreed to without division.

Rev. Silas Myers, of Simpson county, Mississippi, is in Washington looking after the bill to pension the ex-slaves. The bill was introduced by Senator Thurston some years ago, and created a great furore among the ex-slaves in the Southern States, particularly those in Mississippi and Louisiana. Because of the credulity of the Southern negroes, many sharpers and schemers took advantage of them and have worked all sorts of devices to extort money from them. Rev. Myers brings with him the signatures of over 6,000 Mississippi ex-slaves who have sent him here to investigate the matter and to see what can be done. He is indorsed by the colored press of the South and proposes to state his business before Congress in a few days. He is a remarkable negro of the old slave class; is 79 years old, and was a slave forty-seven years. He is black, tall, eloquent and full of reminiscences.

In reply to inquiries as to his views on a permanent tariff commission, Senator Cullom has written the following letter:

Washington, D. C., May 6.

Mr. Samuel B. Archer, Secretary the Tariff Commission League, Newark, N. J.:

My Dear Sir: You have asked me two or three times whether I have been and am now in favor of a permanent tariff commission. I have for many years thought that there ought to be some means devised by which we could avoid these constant and extreme changes in tariff legislation—first going far in the direction of a high tariff and on the occasion of a change in politics going as far the other way.

I believe that through the judicious agency of a permanent tariff commission composed of experts, statisticians and business men, such changes could be made from year to year by Congress as might be indicated and clearly shown to be wise.

This would save the necessity of requiring a change of the whole tariff system by whatever party came into power.

Certainly we cannot continue indefinitely as we have been doing with reference to that subject, because the business of the country will not tolerate it. I hope sincerely that this Congress may provide for some kind of a commission which will aid in changing the situation and should be glad if an amendment of the kind indicated were to be incorporated in the bill now before the Senate known as the Dingley bill. Very truly yours,

S. M. CULLOM.

CONDENSED TELEGRAMS.

The Arkansas Senate has killed the bill forbidding candidates to treat.

Alexander Bechhofer, publisher of the Baltimore Herald, died last Friday morning after a lingering illness.

Dr. William McSwine, member of the Mississippi Legislature from Grenada county, is dead.

Mrs. Darling, of Rogers, Ark., entertained one of her visitors by slipping a bullet between his ribs. Now she is held for attempting to do murder.

The Transvaal Government has repealed the immigration law. Mr. Coster, Transvaal Attorney General, resigned because such action was taken.

Editors of the El Corlinto Americano, a paper in sympathy with Cubans at Mexico City, are under arrest charged with insulting a friendly nation.

Robert Collins, aged 14, and his brother Edward, aged 17, were playing in the woods near Christianburg, Va., when the former was shot and killed accidentally by the latter.

The Louisville & Nashville Railroad has begun the erection of a grain elevator with a capacity of 500,000 bushels near their new docks in Pensacola, Fla. The elevator will be completed by October 1.

N. W. Nelson, President of the Metropolitan Bank of Richmond, Va., was found dead in his bath room Saturday morning with the gas turned on. He had been a great sufferer for some time and it is believed ended his life to get rid of his pain. Mr. Nelson was 77 years old.

The Comte de Bouthelier de Chavigny, whose residence is at Richelieu, fifteen miles from Montreal, has been sadly bereft by the Bazaar De Charitie fire in Paris. Among the victims of that terrible catastrophe were the Comte's mother, sister, two aunts and several of his mother's distant relatives.

The revolution in Ecuador, according to all advices received, seems to be in the nature of a holy war. Among the leaders of the rebels are many priests. The uprising, which started in the provinces of Canar and Chimborazo, while not as serious as was thought at first, is still causing some apprehensions.

E. Kellogg Beach, a retired capitalist, committed suicide in Chicago Saturday in the bath house of his home, 510 North State street, by shooting himself in the mouth. Despondency over ill health is supposed to have been the cause. Mr. Beach was a graduate of West Point. His fortune is estimated as about $1,500,000.

A dispatch to the London Daily Mail from Rome says the pact of the powers constituting the triple alliance was renewed Thursday, for a period of six years. The right to withdraw, under the terms of the original agreement, expired on May 6, and Germany has succeeded in persuading Italy not to exercise the right of withdrawal.

President Charles W. Spalding, of the defunct Globe Savings Bank, Chicago, was brought into court the other day to plead to twenty-nine indictments against him, mostly charges of embezzlement. He entered a plea of not guilty to each of the indictments, and was then sent back to his cell in the county jail. He has not yet been able to secure bondsmen in the sum of $300,000.

One day last week the Chicago grand jury returned seven indictments against Dwight W. Andrews, ex-State Grain Inspector, and Benjamin F. Jenkins, ex-cashier of the State Grain Inspector's office, both being accused of embezzling State funds. Andrews is accused of embezzling a total of $11,450 and his bonds are fixed at $9,500. Jenkins is charged with taking $3,200. His bond is fixed at $9,000. Neither has been arrested.

The Government gauge Natchez, Miss., Saturday, showed a rise of half a tenth in the river at that point. Several parties who have private gauges say the Government gauge is not reliable at the present stage in an eddy at the corner of the wharf and that the river has shown a slight decline for several days. The weather was squally with showers Saturday, but so far as heard from no damage to the levees resulted. The water behind the Louisiana levees rose only one and one-half inches Saturday, but already a large portion of Concordia parish is under water and each inch of rise means a greater spread of the overflow.

TURKEY'S TERMS.

According to This Report the Sultan Wants the Earth.

It is reported in Vienna that Turkey's terms of peace with Greece include payment of an indemnity of 300,000 pounds ($15,000,000), a rearrangement of the Greek frontier, the annulling of the treaties favoring the Greeks, the cession of the Greek fleet to Turkey and a settlement of the Cretan questions.

Spain is not going to recall 30,000 troops from Cuba. When the rainy, sickly season comes these 30,000 may go to join their brethren in the sweet by and by.

FIRE AT SEA.

Mallory Line Steamship Leona Partially Destroyed.

BLAZE OCCURRED AT NIGHT.

Thirteen Passengers and Three of the Crew Meet a Horrible Fate.—Frantic Efforts Were Made to Save Those in the Steerage.—Origin Unknown.

A telegram from New York saye the Mallory Line steamer Leona, which left her pier on Saturday, bound for Galveston, put back and arrived in port Sunday night with sixteen corpses on board. The dead were thirteen steerage passengers and three members of the crew, who succumbed to a terrible fire which occurred off the Delaware coast at an early hour Sunday morning. The terrible horror of the story can hardly be told. Those who are dead were penned up below decks, and although frantic efforts were made by the officers of the vessel to save them, the fire had gained such terrific headway before the danger was discovered that all escape was cut off.

The steamer carried in her cargo many bales of cotton bagging. It is not known how the fire originated, but when it was discovered it burst forth with such fury that it was impossible to reach the steerage. Even the steerage passengers were apparently unmindful of the danger, else the smoke and flames had not reached them. The saloon passengers were first aroused and in such a manner as to occasion little alarm. When it became apparent that the fire had cut off the steerage the captain and his men poured great quantities of water down the ventilators and the most frantic efforts were made for the escape of those penned up. In this way eight of the steerage passengers escaped.

A Passenger's Story.

Among the passengers was S. V. Winslow, of Rutherford, N. J. On his return to this city late Sunday night Mr. Winslow told the following graphic story of the fire:

"We left the pier at 3 o'clock Saturday afternoon with clear skies and beautiful weather. We passed through making excellent time, the chief engineer congratulating himself that all was well and even making the remark to one of his assistants that he could not believe this good luck could continue, for the trip had started under such favorable auspices.

"Sandy Hook was passed and the lights of the Jersey shore were still visible when we went to bed. By the time we passed Barnegat light at 10 o'clock all the passengers were in bed. The passengers in the steerage had also retired to their bunks.

"The watch going off at 12 o'clock reported everything well. There was no suspicion of any fire or other trouble. The sea was very smooth and there was no wind. The moon was shining brightly.

"First Mate Wallace was pacing the bridge at 2 a. m. when he thought he smelled smoke coming from the forecastle. He went down the forward companionway and opened the door to the steerage. The moment he did this there was

A Burst of Flame

which burned his face. Wallace turned and ran on deck and cried the alarm of fire to the forward watch, telling him to waken the steward and have all the passengers aroused as quickly as possible without creating any excitement. The steward did this in a quiet manner, going to each stateroom and waking the occupants.

"He said in a calm tone that there was a small fire in the forward part of the ship, and it might be advisable for the passengers to get their things together. It might be possible, he added, that the ship would have eventually to be abandoned.

"There was no excitement among the saloon passengers. Most of them packed their luggage and carried it from their staterooms into the main saloon and remained there, after the officers assured them that there was no immediate danger; they took matters quietly.

"The steward made frequent trips forward and came back with reports of the progress of the flames. He said the fire was confined below decks, and as the flames did not rise very high the passengers did not fully realize their peril.

"Captain Wilder

Rushed on Deck

at the fire alarm, clad only in an undershirt and trousers. He assumed command and at once ordered the crew to rescue the steerage passengers. On the same deck with the steerage, on the port side of the ship, a large quantity of cotton bagging was stored, separated from the steerage passengers by a board partition.

"The main deck was almost completely filled with freight, cutting off all exit from the steerage to the after part of the ship. The only way out from the steerage was up the forward companion way.

"The crew, on the captain's orders, rushed for the companion way and attempted to descend. They were driven back by dense volumes of smoke, and flames quickly followed. The smoke and flames also came up through the ventilators, and it was apparent that below decks was a roaring furnace.

"Then it dawned on the officers and crew that the unfortunate people in the steerage were probably burning to death. Capt. Wilder saw his crew driven back from the companion way and the realization of the horror below made him desperate.

"He rushed to the stairs and attempted to go below. He did not go down more than a dozen steps when the increasing smoke and the flames shooting up around him drove him back.

"He stepped back to the shelter of the pilot house

His Face Was Scorched.

He was soon turned off. He stood there dazed and overcome for a moment. Then he exclaimed: 'My God, no man can go through there and come out alive.'

"When the steward aroused me I jumped up hastily and dressed. I ran forward to see how extensive the fire was. The captain was just coming out of the companion way after his fruitless effort to go below. I stood by and tried to look down the hole, but the heat and smoke were so great that I was driven back.

"When I looked down into that horrible hole the thought came over me like it had over the captain and crew that there were helpless people down below who were probably burning to death.

"I tried to peer through the smoke to see if the steerage passengers were running around below, and I hoped we would be able to reach them in some way.

"I listened for sounds, but could hear nothing save the roar of the flames as they grew steadily in volume below and rolled round and round in the narrow quarters. There was not a scream, not a groan, and no signs of life below.

"On deck there were only the hoarse shouts of the captain and the hurry and bustle of the crew as they rushed about laying lines of hose and pouring streams of water down the companion way and through the open ventilators.

"Only a slight wind was blowing from the south, and that carried the volumes of smoke aft over the full length of the ship and enveloped her in a shroud of choking black, until the captain gave orders to change the course completely, so the smoke would be blown over the bow. The speed of the ship was first slackened, then the order was given to keep up bare-steerage way.

"I stood in the lee of the pit of the house watching the officers and crew making futile efforts to reach the steerage. The horror of the situation was at first paralyzing. It seemed as though the men and women whom I had seen go into the steerage the day before were being cremated beneath my feet.

"The deck was getting blistering hot. The flames began creeping higher and higher, through every outlet from beneath the deck. The pouring of water down the companionway and through the ventilators had no effect save to send up the smoke in great puffs and cause angry spurts of fire to dart menacingly above.

"When the news of the fire reached the forward part of the ship where the stokers were feeding the boilers, they deserted their posts and ran to the deck, eighteen of them in all. They clambered into the second boat on the port side and began cutting it away. First Officer Wallace and Engineer Taylor were after them in a moment.

"'Get out of that boat,' thundered Wallace. The stokers refused to obey, and went on cutting away the lashings of the boat.

"'Come out of that boat,' roared Taylor. Then he added, reaching with his hand for a revolver, 'I will shoot the man who cuts away the boat.'

"The Spaniards looked at the chief engineer and then sullenly obeyed.

"During the excitement of the first hour we did not know any one who had gotten out of the steerage alive, but later we found that eight of them managed to get out.

"The fire burst up through cracks about the pilot house and then into the house itself. The quartermaster stuck to the wheel until the flames almost enveloped him. Captain Wilder ordered signal lights of distress burned and in a very few minutes there flashed up in the darkness far to the north an answering signal. It came from the City of Augusta, of the Savannah Line, which came alongside about daylight."

NEW INDUSTRIES.

The Progress in the South During the Past Week.

Among the most important new industries for the past week the Chattanooga Tradesman reports the following: The Peninsula Brick Company, capital 50,000, Wheeling, W. Va.; the Columbia Compress and Warehouse Company, capital 100,000, Shreveport, La.; electric light plants at Owensville, Ky., and Palestine, Tex.; a large roller flouring mill at Coddle, N. C.; a $25,000 cotton seed oil mill and fertilizer factory at Griffin, Ga., and the Wortham Cotton Oil Mill Company, capital $25,000, at Wortham, Tex. A sugar mill will be built near Plaquemine, La.; a $200,000 cotton mill at Port Arthur, Tex.; the Acme Box Company, capital $50,000 has been chartered at Wheeling, W. Va., and other woodworking plants will be established at Warm Springs, Ala., and Elizabeth and Sanford, N. C.

Only One Year.

A special from Washington, Ga., says: Bob Cannon, a penitentiary guard, was found guilty Saturday in Wilkes Superior Court of voluntary manslaughter and sentenced to one year in the penitentiary or to pay a fine of $500, for whipping a negro convict to death.

The convict, Frank McCrary, was over 60 years of age, and the crime was a most brutal one. Cannon was defended by Hon. Thomas E. Watson.

Henry McLaughlin, of Pensacola, Fla.; J. S. Foster and L. B. Musgrove, of Jasper, and other incorporators of the Pensacola, Alabama & Northern Railroad, met in Birmingham the other day and formerly organized. A charter was recently granted for the construction of this road from Pensacola via Birminghamto a point in Walker county, near Jasper. The new company already owns terminals at Pensacola and thirty-five miles of road out from that place. Mr. McLaughlin, who is at the head of the enterprise, was formerly chief engineer of the Missouri Pacific system. It is stated that sufficient money to build the road as far as Selma has been secured, and that it is proposed to sell bonds to obtain the extra amount needed.

Traveling with Profit.

That "the dunce that goes to Rome" is not always the superior of "the dunce that stays at home" is shown by the following anecdote from Mr. A. J. C. Hare's "The Story of My Life."

Gibson, the eminent English sculptor, used to relate with great gusto something which happened to him when he was traveling by diligence before the time of railways.

He had got as far as the Mont Cenis, and while crossing it, entered into conversation with his fellow-traveler—an Englishman, not an American. Gibson asked where he had been, and he mentioned several places, and then said: "There was one town I saw which I thought curious, the name of which I cannot for the life of me remember, but I know it began with an R."

"Was it Ronciglione," said Gibson, "or perhaps Radicofani?" thinking of all the unimportant places beginning with R.

"No, no; it was a much shorter name—a one-syllable name. I remember we entered it by a gate near a very big church with lots of pillars in front of it, and there was a sort of square with two fountains."

"You cannot possibly mean Rome?"

"Oh, yes, Rome—that was the name of the place."

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IS PAYING OUT GOLD.

PRESIDENT M'KINLEY STULTIFIES HIMSELF EVERY DAY.

In 1878 He Voted for the Stanley Matthews Resolution, but as the Tool of Plutocracy He Ignores Its Just Provisions—Payable in Silver.

Whereas, By the act entitled "An act to strengthen the public credit," approved March 18, 1869, it was proclaimed and declared that the faith of the United States was thereby solemnly pledged to the payment, in coin or the equivalent, of all the interest-bearing obligations of the United States, except in cases where the law authorizing the issue of such obligations had expressly provided that the same might be paid in lawful money or other currency than gold and silver; and,

Whereas, All the bonds of the United States authorized to be issued by the act entitled "An act to authorize the refunding of the national debt," approved July 14, 1870, by the terms of said act were declared to be redeemable in coin of the then present standard value, bearing interest payable semi-annually in such coin; and,

Whereas, All bonds of the United States authorized to be issued under the act entitled "An act to provide for the resumption of specie payments," approved July 14, 1875, are required to be of the description of bonds of the United States described in the said act of congress approved July 14, 1870, entitled "An act to authorize the refunding of the national debt;" and,

Whereas, At the date of the passage of said act of congress last aforesaid, to wit, the 14th day of July, 1870, the coin of the United States of standard value of that date included silver dollars of the weight of 412½ grains each, declared by the act approved January 18, 1837, entitled "An act supplementary to the act entitled "An act establishing a mint and regulating the coins of the United States," to be a legal tender of payment according to their nominal value for any sums whatever; therefore,

Resolved by the Senate (the House of Representatives concurring therein), That all the bonds, issued by the United States, issued or authorized to be issued under the said act of congress hereinbefore recited, are payable, principal and interest, at the option of the government of the United States in silver dollars of the coinage of the United States, containing 412½ grains each of standard silver; and that to restore to its coinage such silver coins as a legal tender in payment of said bonds, principal and interest, is not in violation of the public faith nor in derogation of the rights of the public creditor.—Congressional Record, Volume 7, part 1, Forty-fifth Congress, second session, page 564.

Among those in the senate recorded in the affirmative on the passage of the resolution will be found the names of Allison, Cameron and Jones. The senator from Missouri (Mr. Cockrell) and the senator from Tennessee (Mr. Harris) were paired in favor of the resolution.

In the house of representatives the resolution was concurred in as a whole, the preamble and the resolution being voted upon at the same time, by one vote, and the resolution and preamble were concurred in by the house of representatives on the 28th of January, 1878, by a vote of 189 to 79. Among those voting for that resolution were William McKinley, John G. Carlisle, ex-Secretary of the Treasury Roger Q. Mills, William M. Springer and ex-Secretary of the Treasury Charles Foster of Ohio. There we have the president of the United States and ex-secretary of the treasury declaring that the obligations of the United States are payable in silver coin.

No Rest for the Sinner.

"Why——"

The Canton Figurehead paused to light a $10 cigar.

"Why is it that you are bothered with insomnia on moonlight nights?"

The Cannibal tearfully wiped his amber colored spectacles with a mince skin handkerchief and sadly gazed out of the window.

"Because——"

He turned from the window with a deep shudder.

"Because everything looks so silvery."

And as the clock in a neighboring tower chimed the hour in silvery tones he fled howling to his padded chamber.—Journal of the Knights of Labor.

How Long Will We Submit?

There seems to be a mania for raising official salaries that cannot be accounted for on any reasonable grounds whatever. The salary of the mayor of Chicago was recently raised from $7,000 per year to $10,000, and recently a bill passed the state senate of Illinois raising the salary of election commissioners from $1,500 a year to $2,500, and the salary of chief clerk from $3,500 a year to $5,000; and thus the dance of death goes on. How long will the people submit to such outrages?—Coming Nation.

Why Not Punish Others.

President McKinley must not have read that passage in the constitution that reads, "All men are born equal and alike, and none can enjoy special privileges." If McKinley had read and retained this passage in the constitution, it is more than likely he would not have decided as he did in the case of Joseph R. Dunlop, publisher of the Dispatch. If Dunlop is guilty, we know several other publishers who are also guilty.—The People.

POINTS FROM THE PRESS.

The devastation caused by Gen. Sherman's "march to the sea" covered a territory about sixty miles wide, but the desolation caused by his brother John reaches from ocean to ocean.—Denver Facts.

The wage earners of this nation ask no favor, they ask no class laws, but they do ask that class laws be removed and that they be enabled to work untrammeled.—Montrose Enterprise.

Why do so many politicians love the people so much during an election campaign, and love the money powers so much after the election is over? Because they see the people during election, and the money powers see them after election.—Lancashire Labor Leader.

Yes, the law of supply and demand controls prices, and the trusts control the "supply and demand." See?—People's Paper.

It is told that a prominent politician has gone blind and crazy trying to figure the difference between a Cleveland panic and the McKinley prosperity.—Birmingham State-Herald.

The Republican party has already broken its election promises by putting off the currency reform until the winter season.—Denver Times.

There is something radically wrong in the condition of a rich country like the United States, where there are millions either without employment or employed at miserably low wages.—Paterson Labor Standard.

Never in our history has so tempting an opportunity to secure government ownership of railways been presented to the people as is presented now.—Twentieth Century.

Last fall the "prosperity" and "confidence" papers pictured to their readers a large key which was to unlock the factories and let the workingmen in providing Confidence McKinley should be elected. That key possibly didn't fit the locks.—Grand Rapids Workman.

Mr. Cleveland's descent upon New Jersey emphasizes the solemn truth that nowhere else does the green goods man find easier victims.—Rocky Mountain News.

All this talk about an international monetary agreement is as much a farce as would be a proposition for an international tariff law. The silver question is one of American production and industry. Prosperity in one-half the country depends largely on the commercial price of the product of our silver mines.—Chicago Express.

STARVATION IN SIGHT?

Never With Equitable Distribution of the Products of Labor.

A computation made by a statistician recently shows that if the population of the world, now estimated at 1,468 millions, increases in the same ratio as heretofore, 5,994 millions of people will be the limit the earth can provide food for. This limit will be reached in 182 years—in the year 2,079. From this on, the statistician avers, human beings would perish by the millions for want of food. Similar statements have been made time and again, says the Coming Nation, not only in regard to the food supply, but also that of the raw materials necessary for raiment, shelter and articles of general use. Happily, they never coincided. So far this terrestrial globe has provided ample food to insure the human race against starvation; and clothes and shelter also have not been lacking. Contrary to all such arguments new sources of the necessaries of life have constantly been discovered, even to such an extent as to satisfy the most pretentious wants of man. But in spite of the fact that the human race has become wealthier in every decade, misery and distress became more general and widespread; because all the riches that human ingenuity and labor have discovered and wrought from mother earth has accumulated and been beneficial to the few only.

Forearmed.

Mr. Andrew Carnegie sat thoughtfully upon his horse, smoking cigars and founding libraries as he cantered down the road. Suddenly George J. Gould darted out from a clump of bushes.

"The government is going to seize your armor making plant!" he cried.

Mr. Carnegie reigned in his fiery steed.

"You forget," he answered "that I have already seized the government."

With a gay laugh he waved in Mr. Gould's eyes the mortgage he holds on the McKinley administration, and then, giving spurs to his horse, he founded another free public library.—Twentieth Century.

The Only Solution.

"Greater New York" has a population of 3,100,000, but is crying like a whipped child because it has "lost 50 per cent of the northwestern grain trade" through railroad discrimination. And the World says, "someway of stopping this conspiracy must be devised." To be sure. New York with its 3,000,000 people is a blubbering booby in the hands of the railroad despot. How would government ownership do for the "someway," neighbor World?—Farm, Stock and Home.

We Will Wait in Vain.

The new era of prosperity is a little slow in making its appearance, even with the advance agent firmly seated in the executive chair at Washington.—Providence Journal.

INNOCENCE ABROAD.

PROBABLE RECEPTION OF THE COMMISSION.

The International Bimetallist Is the Man Who Is Willing to Wait Indefinitely for Bimetallism—Pleasure Combined with Business.

Characters—Adlai E. Stevenson, an Expert on the Money Question; Senator Wolcott, a Bimetallist from Bimetallismville; Mr. Paine, an Incarnation of Financial Lore; Baron Rothschild, the Original Friend of Silver; The Servant, Non-committal on the coinage Question.

Scene—The London Palace of Baron Rothschild. Enter Messrs. S., W. and P. They ring the Baron's door bell and The Servant appears.

Mr. Stevenson—Will you kindly tell Baron Rothschild that we are President McKinley's international bimetallic commission, and that we would like to talk the money question over with him this evening?

The Servant—Well, now look here! Do you suppose I ain't got nothin' else to do but to answer the door bell for international bimetallists? No sooner do I begin to wash me dishes than an international bimetallist rings the door bell. Anyhow, I believe the Baron's in bed. You'd better go away.

(Agitated conference of Messrs. S., W. and P.)

Mr. Stevenson—What's to be done?

Senator Wolcott—I move we appropriate a five-pound note to pay this girl to wake the Baron.

Mr. Paine—Second the motion. It can be charged to the $25,000 appropriation of congress.

(The money is slipped into The Servant's hand. She vanishes and soon reappears.)

The Servant—The Baron says yous is ter walk up.

(Messrs. S., W. and P. walk up to the Baron's room. They prostrate themselves before the great man, who receives them kindly.)

Senator Wolcott—Well, Baron, President McKinley has sent us to obtain an agreement of the powers to free coinage. You know the United States has got to get the consent of Europe before free coinage can be established in our country. Will you help the land of the free in this matter?

Baron Rothschild—Vill I helb der lant ov der vree in dees liddle madder? Vy, of course I vill. You haf gone do der right shob, mine frients. Der Unidet Sdades has mine abbroval. I am an indernational pimedallist mineself, ain'd id?

Mr. Paine—How did you come to be an international bimetallist, Baron?

Baron Rothschild—I vas born an indernational pimedallist, mine frient.

Senator Wolcott—What are the prospects for silver, Baron?

Baron Rothschild—Well, mine frients, id's dese vay. In der Unidet Sdates dese ees doo much achidashun off der seelver kewestyun. Dere is doo much Pryanism. Vot der Unidet Sdades vants der to ees do sdob dees achidashun unt leaf der seelver kewestyun in mine hants.

Mr. Paine—How long would it take you to settle it, Baron?

Baron Rothschild—I dell you pedder afder der negst bresitenshul elegshun, mine frent. You know ass well ass I dot indernational pimedallism iss not so queek righdt away so soon almost. But vat vill yer haf, gents?

Messrs. S., W. and P.—Don't mind if I do.

(The Servant brings in bottles and glasses, and the conference imbibes.)

Baron Rothschild—Now, mine frients, vot is Bresitend MeekGeenley goin' ter to aboud id in gase you don'd meed mit engouragement?

Senator Wolcott—I really don't know.

Baron Rothschild—Vill he go vree seelver goinage all py him lonesome if Yewrub does not go in for id?

Mr. Stevenson—Give it up, Baron.

Baron Rothschild—Iss Bresident MeekGeenley an indernational pimedallist?

Senator Wolcott—He is.

Baron Rothschild—Thang Got! Ven id gomes do valding ver vree goinage, an indernational pimedallist dakes der gake.

Mr. Stevenson—But suppose Mr. McKinley won't wait?

Baron Rothschild—Mine frient, an indernational pimedallist is a man dot's villing do vait vor vree goinage. Ven a man iss not villing do vait vor vree goinage he gan't pe an indernational pimedallist. De only reason vree goinage is tancherous iss dot some beople vant id righd away. Goot nighd.

(Messrs. S., W. and P. are shown out by the Servant.)

Senator Wolcott—I move we give this servant ten pounds to show us up to the Baron the next time we come. We can charge the same to the appropriation, you know.

Mr. Paine—Second the motion.

(The money is paid over to the Servant.)

The Servant Girl—Is yous fellers really international bimetallists?

Mr. Stevenson—We are.

The Servant—Well, a good many international bimetallists ring this here door bell in a day, but youse is the first with money to burn. If they was all like yous I'd be an international bimetallist meself.

(The Servant closes the front door upon Messrs. S., W. and P.)—Twentieth Century.

Give Us Growth.

Government has been a fossil; it should be a plant.—Emerson.

INVENTION DID IT.

But Has the Laborer Received Any of the Benefits?

In the manufacture of boots and shoes the work of 500 operatives is now done by 100.

In making bread boxes three workers can do the work of thirteen box-makers by old methods.

In cutting out clothing and cloth caps with dies one worker does the work of three by old methods.

In leather manufacture modern methods have reduced the necessary number of workers from 5 to 50 per cent.

A carpet measuring and brushing machine with one operator will do the work of 15 men by the old methods.

In the manufacture of flour modern improvements save 75 per cent of the manual labor that once was necessary.

In making tin cans one man and a boy with modern appliances can do the work of ten workers by the old process.

By the use of coal-mining machines 160 miners in a month can mine as much coal in the same time as 500 miners by the old method.

One boy by machinery in turning woodwork and materials for musical instruments performs the work of 25 men by the old methods.

The horse power of steam used in the United States on railways, steamers and in factories and mines was in 1888 12,100,000, against 1,610,000 in 1850.

In the manufacture of brick improved devices save one-tenth of the labor, and in the manufacture of fire brick 40 per cent of the manual labor is displaced.

In stave-dressing, twelve co-laborers with a machine, can dress 12,000 staves in the same time that the same number of workers by hand could dress 2,500 staves.

In nailing on shoe heels, one worker and a boy, with machinery, can heel 300 pair of shoes per day. It would require five workers to do the same by hand.

In the manufacture of carriages it used to take one man 35 days to make a carriage. It is now made, by the aid of machinery, with the work of one man, in twelve days.

In the cotton mills in the United States, the manual labor has been reduced about 50 per cent. Now one weaver manages from two to ten looms where one loom was formerly tended by one worker.

WHAT WOULD YOU DO?

Penniless and Friendless You Would Become a Tramp.

If you are suddenly deprived of everything in the world what would you do? Hunt for work? Every tramp has done so, and you would do as he did when the cravings of hunger became unbearable; you would approach some other human being and shamefacedly ask for assistance. And, after getting it, you would continue your search for employment, again recourse to charity when your physical nature thundered its demands. This course would continue from day to day and as the days grew into weeks and you grew dirty and unkempt, your face unshaved and spirits depressed by continual rebuffs, you would finally become one of those nomads, who wouldn't work if they could get it. All that prevents you from being in that condition now, gentle reader, is that circumstances have favored you.—Coming Nation.

Farmers After the Big Trusts.

The latest thing in trusts is the Agriculturists' National Protective Association. Its ultimate object is the control and marketing of all farm products and farm animals, and the farmers, it is said, are taking to it with greater avidity than they have ever taken to anything before in the history of this country. Organizers are at work in nearly every county in all the states, and although the movement up to this time has been conducted with the greatest secrecy, it is claimed that the membership already reaches over a million. The plan is to raise wheat in one locality, corn in another, oats in a third, etc., and to erect warehouses, from which goods will be shipped under the direction of the national society. A scale for the division of profits is now under consideration by the national board of finance, and the method of distribution will be somewhat after the socialistic plan, everything passing through the hands of a sovereign body. More and more is the gospel of the unity of forces commending itself to all classes of people. Trusts and monopolies—evils, no doubt, under existing social and economic conditions—are significant signs of a transition period, transition from the iron age of competition to the golden age of co-operation. It is true that industrial combination is in line with evolution, and, therefore, in principle, wise and good; but what we want is not combinations for the benefit of the few, but combination for the benefit of the many. In the truly Christian commonwealth, which is "coming by and by," the manufacturer and the wage-earner, the farmer and the railroads, will all combine to form the biggest and most righteous "trust" the world has ever seen for every citizen will be "in it." A government actually by the people, for the people and of the people.—Union Signal.

No Special Privileges.

The constitution endows the government with the sole and exclusive right to create money. This has been so decided by the Supreme Court of the United States. The law makes it a crime for any other power to create money. The spirit of this law is violated in the issuing of bank currency. The states are denied the right to make and issue paper money, then why should that power be delegated to the banks?—Denver Facts.

PREVES TAKEN.

Sultan's Force Now Ready to Capitulate.

TURKEY'S DEMANDS HEAVY.

Grecian Forces Have Been Bombarding Nikepolis.—Sixteen Million Pounds Is What Turkey Wants as Indemnity.—Second Batch of Troops Recalled.

Constantinople, May 15.—The Sultan acting upon the advice of Emperor William, has declared to the French Ambassador that he cannot agree to grant an armistice until the basis of peace has been decided upon and approved by him, but the Sultan will be in a position to discuss mediation after the Great Bairam festival, which began Sunday and ends Sunday night.

Constantinople, May 15.—The sum of sixteen million pounds (Turkish) is mentioned here as the amount of the indemnity which Turkey will demand from Greece. Placards have been posted in the Stamboul quarter protesting against the shedding of Mussulman blood on the ground that the sacrifices imposed upon Turkey by the war are out of proportion to the advantages she can gain.

Athens, May, 15.—A private dispatch from Arta says that the Tukish garrison at Prevesa, at the northern entrance of the gulf of Arta, which has been besieged by the Greek land and sea forces, almost from the outbreak of the war, has sent the Greek Archbishop and five nobilities of Prevesa to the commander of the Greek besieging army with a message saying that the Turkish force is ready to capitulate to the regular forces of Greece.

St. Petersburg, May 15.—The important semi-official announcement is made that in well-informed Russian quarters (evidently the foreign office here) the belief prevails that it will be difficult, if not impossible, to prevent the forces of the Sultan of Turkey from continuing the occupation of Thessaly after peace between Turkey and Greece shall have been concluded. This declaration may possibly be only put forward as a feeler, leading up to a later intimation that Russia may not be opposed to the permanent annexation of Thessaly to the Turkish Empire.

Athens, May 15.—The Greeks have been bombarding Nikopolis since early this morning. The Government has addressed a note to the ministers of the powers saying that the Turks by fortifying Griboro are responsible for the operations in Epirus. The note accuses the porte of inducing small vessels to commit piracy upon the Greek ships.

A second batch of troops has been recalled from Crete, and it is announced that the third and last detachment will soon be withdrawn.

The aids to the crown prince recalled from Thessaly upon their arrival at Pierus were received with ironical cheers.

In Friday's battle at Philippidia, 650 men were killed and twenty-eight officers wounded.

It is reported here the loss of prestige on the part of France at Constantinople and the German influence there is causing considerable anger.

DURANT SEEKS A PARDON.

Joe Rosenberg Declares That He Killed Blanche Lamont.

A telegram from San Francisco, Cal., dated May 14, says: Theodore Durant, through his attorneys, will ask Governor Budd to pardon him on the ground that the real murderer of Blanche Lamont has at last confessed his crime.

The lawyers declare that they have not been hoaxed, nor is it their purpose to impose upon the Executive.

They insist that in the person of John Rosenberg, a convict at San Quentien prison, they have discovered the man who is guilty of the horrors of the Emanuel Church.

John Rosenberg has made a sworn confession before a Notary Public and in the presence of several witnesses that he killed Blanche Lamont at the instigation of a stranger, in consideration of the payment of $700 for his bloody work. It is with this sensation that the attorneys will strengthen their case at Sacremento.

The story and its details is one of the most remarkable that has developed in the long case.

Rosenberg is a Russian sailor, and arrived in this city on a sailing vessel from Hamburg, Germany, during the last week of March, 1895. He is now serving a term for horse-stealing, and appears to be sane.

The body of John Woods, who was murdered near Selma two weeks ago, was exhumed Saturday and the pistol ball extracted. It was found that the ball entered the forehead and ranged backward and upward. The attorneys for Bettie Harris, now under bond for the murder, had the investigation made and propose to show that the ball came from Haword Zimmerman's pistol and that it could not have been fired by the woman in the position they testified she occupied with relation to Woods when the fatal shot was fired. Zimmerman is prominently connected and great interest centers in the case.

WEEKLY TRADE REVIEW.

Two Hundred and Fifty Failures for the Past Week.

Bradstreet's review for the past week says: The unexpected falling off in the request for staple goods within a month results in a period of comparative calm at a time when a general revival in demand has been looked for. Wholesalers report that the volume of business consists of filling in orders, even Chicago not claiming more than to have held its own in volume of goods distributed. Interior merchants continue to buy for nearby wants only, and in many directions farmers are too busy with field work to supply their wants at the country stores.

The continued subsistence in the lower Mississippi Valley have encouraged wholesale merchants in that region, grocers report a large distribution of canned goods west and southwest and the extreme depression in pig iron prices is followed by large western purchases. Wholesale dealers announce an increase in the demand for groceries and hardware at Duluth, St. Paul, Minneapolis, Kansas City, and Memphis. Exports of wheat (flour included as wheat) from both coasts of the United States and from Montreal this week amount to 2,483,875 bushels, as compared with 1,799,000 bushels last week, 1,903,000 in the week a year ago, 2,397,000 bushels in the week two years ago, 2,240,000 bushels three years ago and as contrasted with 3,885,000 bushels in the like week of 1893.

Exports of Indian corn amount to 3,096,834 bushels, compared with 3,127,000 bushels in the week two years ago, 1,111,000 bushels three years ago, and as contrasted with 1,247,000 bushels in the corresponding week of 1893.

There were 250 business failures reported throughout the United States this week, compared with 228 last week, 265 in the corresponding week one year ago, and 210 two years ago, 186 three years ago and as compared with 255 in the like period of 1893.

There are 31 failures reported from the Canadian Dominion this week, against 39 last week, 34 in the week a year ago, 28 two years ago and as contrasted with 25 in the like week of 1894.

REV. MR. SJOBLOMA

Tells of the Atrocities Committed in the Upper Congo.

A telegram from London says: A representative of the Associated Press had an interview with Rev. Mr. Sjobloma, of the American Baptist mission in the upper Congo, who has just returned to London. He said:

"When I left in February, matters in the upper Congo were as bad as ever. The commission which the King of the Belgians appointed to inquire into the atrocities committed, the victims being natives, has had almost no result.

"The officials are indisposed to act on missionary evidence and only a few cases of barbarity were punished. The iniquitious rubber traffic continues. When the natives are unable to obtain rubber, the state troops burn the villages, murder the natives and cut off their heads, which are afterwards smoked and sent to the state officials. Parts of the Equatorsville district are in a state of open warfare."

It is understood that the statements of the Rev. Sjobloma will be made the subject of a question in the House of Commons.

LEXINGTON'S COURT HOUSE BURNED.

A Number of Valuable Portraits Were Destroyed by the Flames

Fire broke out in the attic of the courthouse in Lexington, Ky., Friday, last, at 9:45 a. m., and in a few minutes the upper story and dome were in flames. Hart's study, "Woman Triumphant," bought by the Lexington women for $5,000, is in the rotunda. The records were saved.

When the fire was gotten under control it was found that the first floor and basement were partially saved from destruction by fire, but were deluged by water. In addition to the many valuable paintings in the court rooms were lost. These were portraits of Henry Clay, Richard Menfee, William T. Barry, Judge Robertson, Thomas F. Marshall and other famous Kentuckians, painted by Healy, Sully and other noted artists. The loss on the building is $60,000; insurance $40,000.

AMNESTY TO CUBA

Will Become Effective on the King's Eleventh Birthday.

The Queen Regent of Spain having intimated a desire to grant amnesty to Cuba on the King's eleventh birthday, the Minister of War, Gen. Azcarraga, consulted Captain-General Weyler, who agreed that it will be feasible except in the case of dynamiters. Amnesty, therefore, will be extended to many suspects, autonomists and separatists who have been expelled from Cuba or who are now confined in Spanish fortresses, provided they belonged in the provinces of Havana, Matanzas, Santa Clara or Pinar del Rio, all of which are regarded as pacified.

Frightful Railway Disaster.

A telegram from St. Petersburg states that a terrible railway disaster befell a military train last Thursday evening between Rockenhof and Liva on the Valk-Jurgy line. Sixteen cars were smashed. Two officers and nearly one hundred soldiers were killed and sixty others seriously injured.

A MINE HORROR.

Ten Men and Boys Killed and As Many Seriously Injured.

MANY HORRIBLY MANGLED.

Without Warning the Tipple Gave Way and a Score of Human Beings were Precipitated From a Dizzy Height. Details of the Disaster.

A telegram from Florence, Ala., to the Chattanooga, Tenn., says: The disaster which occurred at the ore mines of Pinkney, Tenn., at 3 o'clock Thursday afternoon was one of he most distressing in the history of the State. Ten white men and boys were killed outright by the collapse of the new tipple or ore dump, and ten others are seriously injured, five of whom, it is thought, cannot possibly recover. The dump was a new one and was considered perfectly safe. The men and boys were on top of the dump when it collapsed suddenly and without warning the framework gave way and the score of human beings were precipitated from the dizzy height, amid the mass of falling and rent timbers, to the ground below. It seems miraculous that any of the victims escaped with their lives. After the catastrophe the scene beggared description. Twenty men and boys were mingled together in an almost inextricable mass of debris. Ten lives went out instantly, the unfortunate victims being crushed and bruised and mangled in a horrifying manner, and their bodies lay buried in the ruins.

Those fortunate enough to escape with their lives received shocking injuries. Several were pinned beneath the timbers and moaned piteously for help. At least five of the injured will die, but their names cannot be given, as the surgeons who attended them refused to divulge their names. It is impossible to get a detailed statement of the injuries of each of the wounded, but the injuries consist of broken legs and arms, crushed hips, fractured skulls and internal injuries. Many of the injured are frightfully mangled.

The scene of the disaster, with the bodies of men and boys pinioned helplessly to the ground and terribly mangled, presented a spectacle that appalled all who witnessed it.

One young man on top of the fated tipple, who foresaw the danger, jumped twenty or more feet to a tree, receiving only slight scratches.

Another young man jumped to the ground, turning over several times in his descent, and alighting on his feet. He escaped with sprained ankles.

Soon after the collapse of the tipple and after a crowd of horrified spectators had gathered they witnessed a scene so piteous and touching that it will haunt each of them to their dying day.

James Brown, engineer of the mines, with his 11-year-old son, a bright and promising lad, were among the ill-fated victims. Both were fatally injured. The father, with an outburst of paternal affection that might have been kindled by celestial fires, and forgetting his own agonies, while the dews of death were settling on his brow, tenderly reached out and drew to him his dying son and pressed upon his lips a passionate kiss. Then, overcome with their awful injuries, father and son sank together into the eternal embrace of death. Strong men wept at the piteous spectacle.

The mines where the disaster occurred are situated at Pinkney, Tenn., about twenty-five miles from Florence.

The dump or tipple was a new one, having only been in use for three weeks. Before it was put in operation the dump was subjected to a very severe test, with twenty heavy cars of ore upon it.

It is understood that a thorough investigation will be made to ascertain if the dump was necessarily unsafe from the time it was built.

The victims of the disaster were removed from the debris as soon as possible by willing hands. The injured are being well cared for. The bodies of the dead have been prepared for burial.

Joel Pennington leaves a wife and four children. Cal Kilburn a wife and three children. Will Kilburn, single; James Brown, wife and one child; George Brown, his 11-yearold son; Al Harris, wife and one child; Landon Harris, single; Richard Hardwick, single; Mat Crow, wife and one child; James Crow, wife and five children.

The men were all sturdy and able bodied, and were among the best workmen in that section.

FROZEN EUROPE

Sheep and Game Perishing From the Intense Cold.

A telegram from London says heavy snowfalls and severe frosts continue in all parts of Austria and Hungary. There have been avalanches in the Austrian Tyrol and the Saozkammergut. In some parts of Styria and in Silesia and Teschen the people are sledging. Great damage has been done everywhere to crops, vines and fruits. The branches are breaking with the weight of the snow, which is three feet deep on the mountains of Carintia. Telegraphic and telephonic communication is interrupted. Sheep and game are perishing. There have been earthquake shocks near Graz, Fiume and elsewhere. A large quantity of snow has fallen in the Italian province of Udine.

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If the cotton trust is to carry out the program attributed to them, there is a bad time coming for gins and compresses throughout the South.

Heflin, in Cleburne county, is the latest candidate for the fourth district agricultural school. The population of Heflin precinct in 1890 was 1226, that of Clanton 301?.

The moral effect of President M'Kinley's message, and the renewed interest taken in Cuban affairs by congress, will probably help to shorten the struggle for freedom of the Cuban patriots.

With reference to the communication which appears in another column in regard to the establishment at Clanton of the agricultural school for the fourth district, we have much pleasere in announcing that Mrs. A. M. Adams generously offers to make a donation of one hundred dollars in cash, or its equivalent in real estate, towards locating the school here. This is a good commencement, who will be the next to come forward?

Some of our contemporaries are already discussing available candidates for governor next year. Congressman Goodwyn, Hon. M. W. Howard, and Judge Zell Gaston, of Butler, are prominently mentionde. While we think the discussion somewhat premature, and have not the slightest desire to antagonize any of the gentlemen named, we would remind Populists that no man has rendered better service to the party in this State than Hon. S. M. Adams, of Chilton, and if elected he would make a fearless Governor.

The report of the Grand Jury is on the whole highly satisfactory. The number of true bills returned is small, and crime in the county is at a minimum, showing our citizens are a hard-working, law abiding and contented people. The county's finances are in splendid shape, there being nearly $2,000 in the treasury. The bonds of all the county officers, with one exception, were duly approved. Some surprise has been manifested at the report of the Grand Jury in regard to the bond of the county Treasurer, but we are informed Treasurer Duke will have no trouble in executing a new bond. Mr. Dake is making a good official, and we believe is giving satisfaction to all parties.

We note with satisfaction that the concensus of opinion of the reform press in Alabama is against the proposed conference at Nashville July 4. As we have previously remarked we do not believe that a truly representative body of Populists can be gathered together at this time, and are much inclined to the belief that the meeting at Nashville will be very much a one-sided affair. It is remarkable, to say the least, that the chosen leaders of the Populist Party, are to be debarred from participation in the meeting. Surely if they are capable of leading the reform forces, they are not only entitled to, but it is absolutely necessary they should be, counselors and advisors of a national meeting. It looks to us as if some men were anxious to become leaders of the party who can see no hope of ever attaining their desires if the people are unmolested in their choice. We do not wish to be misunderstood in this matter. If a certain number of persons desire to meet at Nashville and enjoy the exposition, well and good, but we think it is not advisable for a limited assemblage to promulgate a new policy for the Peoples' Party, and consequently are adverse to the meeting.

CIRCUIT COURT.

Circuit court re-convened Monday and at once got down to business. Judge Denson was looking remarkably well and the pleasant smile on his countenance boded well for the unfortunates who had to come before him. In fact, the beautiful summer morning seemed to have a good effect on Judge and lawyers alike, all appeared in a genial humor.

MONDAY.

The following cases were tried:

James Gibbons, forgery, capias ordered.

German Crosby, assault to murder, capias ordered.

Cil Whatley and Lula Garner, miscegenation, continued by the State on account of absence of witnesses.

Robert Latham and Paralee Clenner, adultery, nolle prossed.

Jim Ellison, grand larceny, nolle prossed.

Dutch Mims, selling liquor without license, two cases, continued.

Harry White, grand larceny, continued.

George Perry, selling mortgaged property, continued.

Annie Young, grand larceny, continued.

Albert Hard, defaulting witness, discharged.

Bud Lowe, using abusive language, discharged on plea of former conviction.

Ben Dobbs, assault to murder.

James Thacker, using abusive language. This case is on trial as we go to press.

TUESDAY.

As we went to press yesterday evening the case of James Thacker charged with using abusive language was being heard; the result was a fine of $25; defendant confessed judgment. One or two minor cases, of no particular interest, came next, followed by the State vs. William Martin, charged with murder, which has occupied the whole of the day, and is still in progress.

It will be remembered that Martin, about a year ago, shot and killed Sam Arledge, and after being arrested and lodged in jail, made his escape in company with Dutch Crosby. About three months ago was re-arrested and the trial is now taking place. Some forty witnesses have been examined to-day and Solicitor Brewer is now addressing the jury on behalf of the prosecution. Mr. T. A. Curry is conducting the defense.

WEDNESDAY.

When court adjournred Tuesday evening the jury in the Will Martin case had retired to consider their verdict. It was 5:30 o'clock when the twelve good and true men commenced their deliberations and from that hour until 8:30 this morning was consumed in arguing what punishment would fit the crime. The result was on their return to court, a verdict of murder in the second degree with a penalty of fourteen years in the penitentiary. Martin took the matter very coolly, merely remarking "he reckoned he could stand it."

The other cases were:

Wylie Reedy, grand larceny, plead guilty, sentence deferred.

Alec Smith, using abusing language in presence of females, jury and verdict $5, and confessed judgment.

Norman Pilgreen, disturbing religious worship, continued.

Will Jones, disturbing religious worship, not guilty.

Charley M. Busby, disturbing religious worship, not guilty.

Mary Ann Brantley, selling cider, fined $50 and confessed judgment. Upon promising not to repeat the offense, his honor, who has a tender heart, reduced the fine to one dollar.

Dave Williams, disturbing religious worship, plead guilty, fined $20 and confessed judgment.

Pomp Smith, using abusive language, plead guilty, fined $5 and confessed judgment.

Lewis Lane, charged with throwing a missile at a passenger taain, is now on trial.

THURSDAY.

The last day of the spring term of court has been occupied with the Lee Hayes case. A large number of witnesses were examinined on both sides. The jury were out thirty minues and returned a verdictt against the defendant.

The following prisoners were brought up and sentenced:

Lewis Lane, not guilty.

Wm. Jones, 13 months in penitentiary.

Wylie Garner, 3 years in penitentiary.

Dave Carter, 3 years in penitentiary. This prisoner was a colored boy about 14 years old, charged with throwing a stick at a passenger train. His Honor in passng sentence remarked if the prisoner had been of man's age he would have sentenced him to twenty years, but on consideration of the youth of the prisoner he passed a light sentence.

Will Fate, 13 months in penitentiary.

Lewis Love, fine reduced to one cent, which sum was paid by Col. Collier.

Wm. Martin, 14 years in penitentiary.

Wylie Reedy, 3 years in penitentiary.

The docket being cleared court adjourned about 3.30 o'clock this evening.

Political Points.

People's Press Bureau, St. Louis, Mo., May 20, 1897.

A case of much interest to newspaper men was recently tested in Cleveland, Ohio. Louis F. Post, an editorial writer on the Record, having scored a judge, was brought into court and fined $200 and costs for contempt. The case was carried to a higher court, when it was decided that honest newspaper criticism is not contempt.

Dingley, McKinley's worthy successor as a tariff crank, has announced that the real purpose of his tariff bill is to create a surplus by tariff tax, with which to seize and impound the green backs, thus further limiting our money supply and crippling business.

The report of the Secretary of the Treasury for the last fiscal year shows a war debt of about $1,025,000,000, more than it amouted to in 1863, although a sum equal to the principle had been payed as interest besides $1,997,515,000 for pensions.

President McKinley and his advisors are reported to be much worried over the recent attack on the gold reserve.

Senator Wolcott has again gone abroad, ostensibly to work up an interest in international bimetalism. Ex-Vice President Adlai Stevenson has also gone abroad to study the money question and be prepared to refute gold fallacies.

Newspaper gossip has it that W. J. Bryan will spend a year abroad studying the various financial systems of the different countries.

Populists should appreciate the work done by their representatives in both houses of the National Congres. They have not let an opportunity pass to show how populist bellies, if enacted into law, would give relief to many of the abuses of the day. Such work must have its effect in time. One of the last of these instances is the passing of a resolution through the Senate, by Senator Butler, calling upon the state department to furnish information as to the nature and operation of the postal savings bank systems in other countries. This will bring the many excelent points of these institutions before the legislators and later before the people.

E. R. Chapman, whose trial preceded that of Havemeyer and Searls in the Sugar fraud trials, has secured the signature of all of the Senatorial Committee except that of Senator Allen, who refused it as it would easily extricate the corruption of legislators from the dilemma in which they now find themselves.

The Minnesota House of Representatives has memorialized Congress in favor of government ownership of railroads.

Hon. Ignatius Donnelly, of Minnesota, in responce to many mentions of himself as a presidential candidate in 1900, has written an editorial in the Representative, in which he acknowledges the compliment with his usual scholarly diction, but declares himself as not in the race.

The State Convention of the People's Party of Pennsylvania, which will convene June 1 promises to be well attended and a representative gathering.

Editors of papers favoring monetary reform are being organized by congressional districts throughout Nebraska. Those of the Sixth district will meet at Valentine, June 5.

The Populist Territorial committee, of Oklahoma, is called to meet at El Reno, July 13.

Carroll C. Roggs is the Demo-Populist nominee for Supreme Judge in the first judicial district of Illinois.

A Labor Exchange Colony is to be established at Kepner Station, Pennsylvania.

Scrutiny of an extensive exchange list shows that interest in the Farmers Alliance "or something better" is reviving in widely separated localities.

The anti-fusion bill, making it illegal for two political parties to nominate the same candidate needs but the signature of Governor Tanner to make it a law in Illinois. This law will be a stronghold to the Republican party. A.R.

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CORRESPONDENCE.

Clanton, Ala., May, 17, 1897.

Editor Banner:

The location of the Agricultural School for this Congressional district is a matter of no small concern to the people of Clanton and vicinity. I am informed that two other places, Sylacauga and Childersburg, are bidders for the school, with the probability of still another place asking for it.

Clanton could become a bidder for this great school with a feeling of just pride, and with the assurance that no other place in the District could offer better advantages. Situated midway between Birmingham and Montgomery, the great railroad center of the State, we are within easy reach of every point in Alabama. We are near the great coal and iron deposits of middle Alabama, and, in one of the healthiest localities in the world.

It is only a matter of time, when a great school admitting boys and young men will build up in this part of the State. Such a school will make the town that gets it an educational, social and business center. Montevallo has the Polytechnic School for Girls, and near by this second great school should be. Our sisters and daughters are taught in the one, and our brothers and sons should remain at home and get instruction in the other.

No place can offer the natural advantages that Clanton does. Our pure air, good water, healthful location, beautiful shades of natural oak make it one of the most delightful towns south of the Tennessee river, while added to this is the generosity of our people, all combining to make Clanton one of the best towns in the world, and the Best one for such a school as this.

Our business men are well awake to the interests of the community, therefore, we are sure that this matter will have the consideration it deserves and the attention it so justly merits. Yours, etc.,

W. J. Martin.

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BASEBALL AT JEMISON.

Last Saturday a game of ball was played between the Jemison and Calera base ball teams on the former's grounds, which resulted in a complete shut-out for the Calera boys. The leading feature of the game was the home run knocked by Ed Wilkes. The game was played until the third inning, the fourth the Calera boys refusing to take the field, Umpire Reynolds declared the Jemison boys the conquerers. The scores by innings are as follows:

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Jemison:	4	6	3						
Calera:	0	0	0						

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On the 16th inst. Mr. Ed Black matrimonially captured and brought into our thriving town the most beautiful young lady of Stanton, our sister town being very justly celebrated for her bautiful women. May heaven's choicest blessings ever be their portion are the best wishes of their many friends here.

Miss Louisa Clayton's friends are glad to have her with them again.

Mr. Patterson and wife and Mrs. Rice have been visiting Mrs. Dyer of Stanton.

Mr. John Caine, of Strasburg has been visiting friends here, we hope on a tour of inspection with idea of locating in our town.

Mr. McKee, of Stanton, has visted Mr. Waller Graham a la bicycle, a sure sign that we are catching up with the times.

Mr. Thomas DuBose and family have been on a visit to John Caine of Strasburg.

Since the last rain, mornings have been chilly but not enough to seriously injure our young crops in his locality.

Many house keepers are now ready to hospitably receive preachers, teachers, public speakers (on our side in politics) and other celebrities, broilers, green peas and strawberries are here again.

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Turn-Round Topics.

Yes, pomegranates are now in full bloom; and that ain't all about them—a certain young man wore one for a button-hole "boquet." last Sunday; and that ain't all..a certain young lady succeeded at last in obtaining the same.

We had a nice little rain last week and potato draws were set out in a hurry.

Thank you "Mamma's Pet" Mr Walter says he will come again some time, if his papa will let him have the horse and buggy.

Mr. Allen went to Bozeman Monday evening.

Fire seemed to be very pleasant company last sunday.

Plums are beginning to ripen as is also dew berries

Dont forget the annual May singing at Canaan the fifth Sunday.

P. H. Connell, went to Clanton last week to see Dr. Shackleford, and by the way, had his "beauty" struck. Look out girls you know what that means!

J. C. Pattillo who is taking a business course in Draughan's Practical Business College in Nashville, Tenn., says he will get through and will be at home by the second Sunday in June. He has many friends here who will give him a most hearty welcome.

Uncle Jessie Jones, who has suffered untold misery with his eyes, we are glad to report is getting better every day. He has been and is treated by a most successful eye doctor of Montgomery.

The visitors who attended the Sunday-school convention Sunday, I will name them below, and if I should skip any one they will please give me credit on the part of. Those from Verbena were Mr. Judson Strock and Prof. L. E. Zoch; Coopers, Messrs. Grant, Smith and Mitchell, from Salem; Messrs N. J. W. A. and L. Calloway and E. and M. Gulledge ;from Friendship Long, Gentry; and from Hardy, Plain, Hardy and family, Taylor and family, Jacks and McKinneys; from Clanton John Oates and sister Miss Sallie; and from East Chilton, Newton Cooper and sevetal others.

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TOWN ITEMS

Commissioners' Court meets second Monday in February, first Monday in April, second Monday in May, second Monday in July, second Monday in August and first Monday in November.

We are glad to see Judge Call sufficiently recovered to be able to go out for a drive.

Jas. M. Calloway, of Weogufka, visited his brother-in-law, Solicitor Smith, Saturday.

The new brick storehouse being built for W. L. Sampey is now up to the second floor. Mr. Duke is the man to push work along.

Mrs. W. A. Middleton has returned home after a visit to friends in Montgomery county.

W. A. Sims, of Calera, was in town Monday morning.

Oliver Adams, of Jemison, was amongst our visitors Monday.

Prints fast. Go to G. H. Green Clanton.

The honored parents of Rev. T. J. Haynie, of this place, spend a few days with him in our city.

Dr. J. L. Cox came up from Verbena Friday and spent the day at home here.

Under the hustle of the week the streets look quiet this morning.

Dr. J. A. Matthews is cutting a shine with his handsome new buggy.

J. W. Middlebrooks, of Kinchen, was in town Thursday.

J. R. Caine, of Strasburg was in town Friday.

Miss Geneva Jones, and sister, Mrs. Speer, of Mulberry, were in town Saturday morning and went south on the accomodation to pay a visit to Wetumpka.

Marshal J. A. Dudley is still at the capitol city, where he has been attending Federal court, the last two weeks.

Sheriff Cooley and ex-sheriff Moore Friday at South Calera arrested Charley Busby, Norman Pilgreen and Willie Jones on the charge of disturbing religious worship. They all made bond.

Col. Robt. H. Knox went to Montgomery again this morning.

Save your money and trade with G. H. Green, Clanton. Special inducements for court week.

Rev. R. M. Honeycutt preached to a good congregation at the Baptist church Saturday. The reverend gentleman laso filled the pulpit on Sunday, the pastor, Rev. F. M. Woods, having been granted leave of absence to attend the Southern Baptist convention at Wilmington, N. C.

Rev. J. L. Busby, of Calera, was in town yesterday.

Whit Gullahorn, after spending some time with relatives in Bessemer, returned home Sunday evening accompanied by Will Marsh.

Sam Dunlap is again among friends in our city.

Durward Foshee, of Birmingham, is visiting his parents here.

Harvey Brown was down to see his family who is visiting the family of Hugh Foshee.

Mrs Martin, of Atlanta, with two sons and a charming daughter, are visiting relatives in our city.

Tom Brown, of Birmingham, was in Clanton Sunday.

If the city marshall was not a tall man he would find some difficulty in stepping up on the side walk at the foot of Main street. A little work to the steps there would be much appreciated by the ladies.

Will Bandy, of Jemison, is visiting friends and relatives here this week.

Seaborn Jones, of Lily, was in the city Tuesday.

Prof. R. E. R. Hicks is spending a few days with J. P. Gore.

Miss Fannie Rasberry, of Mulberry, was a pleasant visitor to our city Tuesday.

Dr. Givhan, of Jemison, is attending court here to day.

Mr. E. W. Blalack, of Maplesville, was in town to-day.

Prof. Watts Moore, of Mt. Creek is in town.

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Marriage licenses have been granted this week by the Probate Judge to the following persons.

Mr. J. H. Green and Miss M. A. Burnett.

Colored. George Lassiter and Tilla Williams.

Mr. W. E. Jones, of Oakmulgee gave us a visit while at court.

The BANNER office is the only Job Printing establishment in Chilton and Coosa counties. We give you best work at lower prices than you can get elsewhere. Give us a trial.

Prof. C. C. Slaton, of Jemison, is a pleasant visitor here to-day.

Charlie Reynolds, one of Jemison's most popular merchants, is in the city to day.

F. W. Denty and V. H. Vines have gone on a visit to friends at Vincent, Shelby county.

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Program Preachers' Institute Mulberry Association

To be held with Providence church six miles north west of Jemison, commencing on Friday before the fifth Sunday in May A. D. 1897.

9:30 a.m. Devotional exercises.

10 O'clock, a.m. organization.

11 Sermon by Rev. G. S. Anderson.

1 p.m. Subject for discussion, duties of baptist preachers one to another.

2 Subject. Is foot-washing a church ordinanc, discussed by Rev. G. S. Anderson, Rev. G. W. Freeman, and others.

3 Is the missionary spirit in accord with the teachings of the New Testment.

S. M. Adams } Committee
R. H. Long }

SUNDAY-SCHOOL CONVENTION.

Saturday—9 a.m. Prayer by J. J. Lowery. Welcome address by John Martin. Calling the roll.

11 Introductory sermon by Sutten Smitherman. Recess for dinner.

Subjects for discussion.

1st. Is the Sunday-school work of the present day the means by which we gain moore knowledge of God's Word? Opened by L. H. Reynolds, followed by H. L. Hicks and others.

2 Is there more information to be gained from God's Word in the Sunday-school or from the pulpit? Discussed by Z. J. Jones, J. I. Martin.

3 Is it right for members of a Sunday-school to absent themselves from their own school to attend other churches? Opened by D. Z. Woolley, followed by J. P. Jentry and others.

Sunday 9 a.m. Sunday-school mass-meeting conducted by Alex Glasscock.

11 Preaching by Bro. Nelson of Shelby county. Followed by S. M. Adams. Ministers especially invited to attend.

W. H. Shaw }
J. A. Lowrey } Committee.
W. A. Sims }

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The Best Remedy for Rheumatism.

From the Fairhaven (N.Y.) Register

Mr. James Rowland of this village, states that for twenty-five years his wife has been a sufferer from rheumatism. A few nights ago she was in such pain that she was nearly crazy. She sent Mr. Rowland for the doctor, but he had read of Chamberlain's Pain Balm and instead of going for the physician he went to the store and secured a bottle of it. His wife did not approve of Mr. Rowland's purchase at first, but nevertheless applied the Balm thoroughly and in an hour's time was able to go to sleep. She now applies it whenever she feels an ache or a pain and finds that it always gives relief. He says that no medicine which she had ever used did her as much good. The 25 and 50 cent sizes for sale by J. S. Johnson, Druggist.

Sheriff's Sale.

By virtue of an execution issued out of the circuit court of Montgomery county and State of Alabama, and to me directed, whereby I am commanded to make the amount of a certain judgment recently obtained against J. M. Hanlin, out of the goods, chattels, lands and tenements of the said J. M. Hanlin, I have levied on the following property, to-wit:

One 50 saw Pratt Gin, patented July 15, 1873; one Pratt Feeder and one Pratt Condenser; one Nance Cotton Press, and all Implements and Fixtures connected therewith; one Mill Spindle; one Band Pulley; one set of mill rocks, hopper and rim; one set U. S. standard scales; one sink.

Therefore, according to said command I shall expose for sale, at Public Auction, all the right, title and interest of the above named J. M. Hanlin in and to the above described property, on MONDAY, the 31st day of May, 1897, during the legal hours of sale, at Coopers Station, in Chilton County Alabama.

Dated at Clanton, Ala., this 14th day of May, 1897.

J. T. COOLEY,
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City Court.

W. L. SAMPEY, Mayor.

This afternoon John Houston (colored) was arrested by Deputy Marshal S. J. Brock for cursing in the presence of females. John now wishes he had been more polite before the ladies, as indulgence in profanity is a costly amusement. He was carried before Mayor Sampey and after hearing the evidence his Honor decided that John had "cussed" one dollar's worth and the costs. The money was paid, and the culprit departed with his tongue carefully curled up so that it would not readily again get him into trouble.

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American Tires in England.

American single-tube tires are doing no better in Europe in 1897 than European single tubers have done in previous years. In England, the riders will more than ever insist upon double-tube tires, judging by the following from The Cyclist, the great English cycling authority:

"The single-tube tires fitted to American machines imported this season are now beginning to fail; indeed, a lot of them have already done so. Novices should take the utmost care in buying any of the second hand American machines at present so extensively advertised for sale, to observe that the tyres, if of the single-tube description, are in thoroughly good order. The importance of this was brought home to us by hearing of a friend who had been victimized by what he considered was a bargain in a second-hand Yankee mount. The tyres were absolutely porous and done for, failing to hold air for more than a few hours when ridden. Even if as good as new when bought, it will not be long before the single-tubers go hopelessly wrong, at least such is our experience."

In line with the above statements, a dealer in El Paso, Texas, gives his method of handling single-tube tires: "After eight years' experience in seven different states, I find the only sure way to repair leaking single-tube tires is to cut them open, punch lace holes, put inside, plenty of soap tone, shake it out, then draw in a Morgan & Wright inner-tube, lace up, cement to rim and pump up." Practically making them into double-tube tires.

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SUNDAY-SCHOOL CONVENTION.

The first interdenominational Sunday-school convention for beat 5 was held on 16 inst. at Corinth Baptist church.

The convention was opened by a song service, led by R. M. May, at 9 a.m.: after which order was called by the President, J. Strock, and prayer by Rev. J. L. Long. Brother N. J. Calloway was elected Secretary, and a discussion of the question of the day was opened. Those present who partook in the discussions were: Rev. J. L. Long, N. J. Calloway, A. Baker, Rev. E. L. Manning, Judson Strock, Prof. L. E. Zock and R. M. May.

The questions were ably discussed and the interest was manifested by the good attention given by the audience. It was decided by the convention that Evergreen Sunday-schools can be maintained in the country in comfortable houses. The importance of Sunday-schools or Bible-schools to the church, was ably discussed by brethren Long, Calloway and Baker.

The regular program was closed by a discussion of the question, "How can we keep our young men and women in the Sunday-school," in which it was recommended that it would take much effort on the part of Superintendents and teachers, but that should not be spared.

Long service was conducted by R. M. May and R. T. Grant respectively, which insured a success.

Closed with prayer by Rev. J. L. Long.

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NOTICE.

The Confederate Pension board of Chilton county will meet in Clanton on the 1st Monday in June, 1897, to consider applications of those desiring to share in the fund provided by the State for their relief.

H. W. CAFFEY, Pres. B'd

May 18, 1897.

NOTICE.

All persons who became members of the Chilton county Farmers Mutual Insurance Association of Alabama, are hereby requested to meet in Clanton on June 1, and 10 o'clock, a.m., for the purpose of organizing Chilton county. J. H. Newton, State Director, and Col. J. D. Barron, President, will be present. Several persons will address the meeting. Public invited.

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We are requested to annonnce to the people, especially those who are lovers of music, that the annual all-day singing, always held at Canaan on the last Sunday in May will be held at Canaan church one mile east of Mountain Creek the 5th Sunday in May with a basket dinner. It will be conducted by the leading singers of the day and at 12 o'clock there will be an address delivered on the origin of music and its progress up to the present time. Every body come.

The Westfield (Ind.) News prints the following in regard to an old resident of that place: "Frank McAvoy, for many years in the employ of the L., N. A. & C. Ry. here says: 'I have used Chamberlain's Colic, Cholera and Diarhœa Remedy for ten years or longer—am never without it in my family. I consider it the best remedy of the kind manufactured. I take pleasure in recommending it.' It is a specific for all bowel disorders. For sale by J. S. Johnson, Druggist.

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Rev. E. L. Moore, of Montgomery county, will preach at Pleasant Grove the fifth Sunday in May

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Read carefully this testimonial found below, also letters from those who have been cured of other diseases, and remember that "5 Drops" has and can never fail to quickly relieve and permanently cure. Sept. 9, 1896.

DEAR SIRS: Your bottle of "5 Drops" received. It was for an old friend, Mr. Wm. Edwards, of Washingtown, Va. He has had Neuralgia in his chest, suffering a great deal of pain, so much so that it affected his heart and he could not sleep on account of a smothered feeling. He has been under the care of the most eminent physicians, but found no relief until I gave him a dose of "5 Drops." The very first night he rested well, and has ever since and is gaining daily. I myself am 67 years old and began taking your medicine last April for Rheumatism, which I have had for 40 years, also for a weak heart. Since taking "5 Drops" the Rheumatism has all disappeared, the stiffness is gone from my joints, and my heart never misses a beat. I am to-day a well, strong woman, and I owe it to "5 Drops." I only wish I could sound my bugle of praise loud enough to be heard all over the world, and could convince every one that "5 Drops" is all you claim it to be and more.

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34 YEARS OF SUFFERING.

DEAR SIRS— JANUARY 2, 1897.

Over 30 years ago I had Typhoid Fever, and barely escaped with my life. It left my system so shattered that I have had ever since, Rheumatism and Throat Trouble, which gave me a terrible Cough. I had been unable to find any relief for these diseases, until I learned of your "5 DROPS", which I commenced taking only two months ago, and my cure has been indeed wonderful. Already my cough has entirely disappeared, and the Rheumatism which for a few years past has threatened to make a cripple of me, is cured, and I am free from pain. This is the most wonderful and the cheapest remedy ever discovered. I am more thankful to you than words can tell and I want everybody to know what "5 DROPS" has done for me. Although I am over 70 years old, I am feeling better than I have in years.

I shall be glad to answer any questions regarding my case from anyone enclosing a two cent stamp. Gratefully yours,

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I find the bottle of "5 DROPS" to be very good and just what you claim. My wife has been suffering with Catarrh and Hay Fever over 16 years. She has tried everything and doctored much, but no cure until she tried "5 DROPS" which completely cured her.

Yours truly REV. L. VON WALD,
March 31, 1896. Milbank, S. D.

NEURALGIA AND SCIATICA.

For twenty long years my wife suffered untold tortures from Sciatica and Neuralgia, and I thank God for the day that your heaven-sent remedy fell into my hands, for it completely cured her. I am a minister of the Gospel, and when I find any who suffer, cannot help but recommend "5 DROPS", for I know it will do more than you claim for it.

REV. F. M. COOPER, Washington Center, Md.

PARALYSIS AND RHEUMATISM

DEAR SIRS: NOVEMBER 9, 1896.

It is with pleasure I speak of your priceless remedy and of the good it has done me. For the last eight years I have been an incurable cripple from paralysis and rheumatism. Just think, for eight years a total cripple, not able to earn a penny, not able to walk or step on the ground without the aid of something to lean on. Heaven bless the man who discovered this remedy, for, thank God, I can walk and go to work. I have only taken two thirds of a bottle, but have not had any pain in my back since I took the first dose, and after the second I walked across the floor, which I have not done in years. I have thrown away my cane and shall never need it again. To any one sending me a two-cent stamp I will send my affidavit. I have another bottle of "5 DROPS" and value it at $1.00 per drop.

Thankfully yours, EDWARD CASTLE.
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DEAR SIRS: SEPTEMBER 24, 1896.

I wish to tell you and suffering humanity how much good "5 DROPS" has done me. On the beginning of this year I took down bedfast with Inflammatory Rheumatism, and I was doctored by as good physicians as this country has, but they could not cure me. On August 4, I began to take "5 DROPS." At that time every joint in my body and my limbs were stiff, so that I could not be moved. Even my tongue was getting so that I could hardly speak so any one could understand me, but to-day, only seven weeks from that time, I am absolutely cured, and thank you and God for my recovery.

Gratefully yours,
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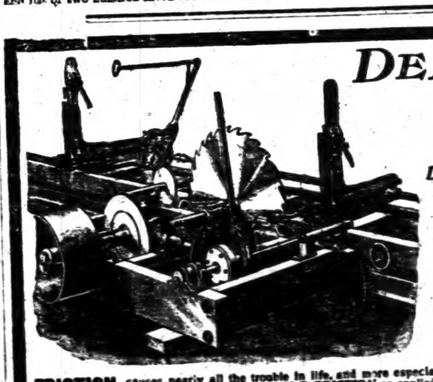

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Doctor Temple, the new Archbishop of Canterbury, is brusque in manners, and has rather a rough tongue; but he is a just man, and as such compels respect. Says an exchange:

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The British Museum announces the recovery of a lost classic, one of the great lyric poets of the earlier period of Greek literature, Bacchylides, nephew of Simonides, the rival of Pindar. The manuscript is papyrus of a fine quality and was recently discovered in Egypt. It comprises from fifteen to twenty poems, varying in length from fourteen to 200 lines, mostly celebrating victories at the Grecian games. It is handsomely written in large uncial characters, but the papyrus has been torn into many fragments, some of which are lost. The manuscript probably dates from the first century before Christ.

Kansas City Times: The people of Missouri and Kansas refuse any longer to submit to the practical confiscation of what they produce and ship as a consequence of the exacting rate charged for carrying their products to market. The time has come for the railroads to meet the people in a spirit of conciliation and on the broad ground of mutual interest.

There is a certain softness of manner which, in either man or woman, adds a charm that almost entirely compensates for lack of beauty.

"Do you pray for your dear teacher often, Tommy?" asked the visitor to the school. "Yeth, thir," replied Tommy the truthful, "whenever thee whipth me I pray for the devil to git her!"—Cincinnati Tribune.

Some further experiments are being made in Germany by Herr Stentzel of Altona with a flying machine similar in principle to poor Otto Lilienthal's machine. Imitation of the flight of a bird is aimed at, and the wings have a spread of about seven yards, and move through an angle of seventy degrees. The machine weighs seventy-five pounds and is driven by an engine worked with compressed carbonic acid gas, invented by Herr Stentzel. It is stated that from one to three horse-power can be obtained from the engine by the use of carbonic acid gas at different pressures up to nine atmospheres, and that it can be so controlled that the machine can be made to fly at varying velocities.

Judge and Jury.

An exchange tells a story of a well-known judge who is noted for his fondness for conveying in his charges to jurors, his own opinions in regard to the merits of the case in hand. Recently, in giving such a charge, he expressed his views very plainly, but to his amazement the jury remained out for some hours.

The judge inquired of the officer what was the matter, and learned from him that one juror was holding out against the other eleven. He sent for the jury at once, and stating to the jurors that he had plainly intimated how the case ought to be decided, said he understood that one juror was standing out against the other eleven. He proceeded to rebuke the juror sharply.

The obstinate juror, as it happened, was a nervous little man, and as soon as the judge was done, he arose and said:

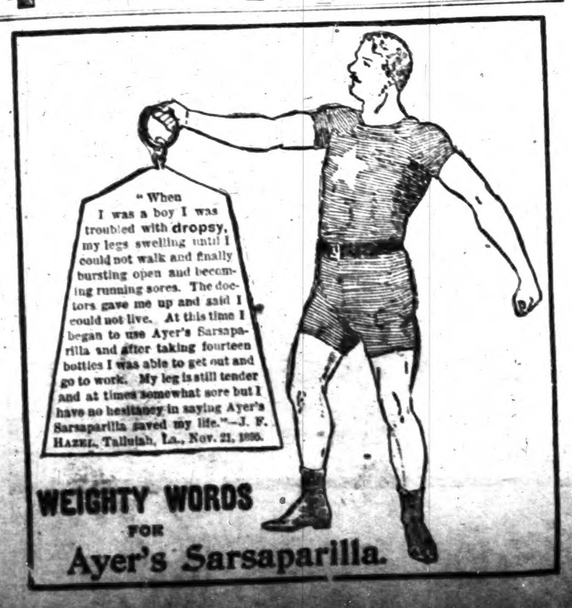
"Your honor, may I say a word?"

"Yes, sir," said the indignant judge; "what have you to say?"

"Well, what I wanted to say is, I am the only fellow that's on your side."

A pecuniar and somewhat pathetic case is that presented by the widow of the late young Alexander Salvini, the actor, who died last December at Florence, Italy. Mrs. Salvini says that the original cause of her husband's illness which ended in death was unfavorable and cruel newspaper criticism in Chicago. Mr. Salvini left the United States about a year ago at the close of his Chicago engagement and went to London, from where he proceeded to Paris. The first symptoms of the illness from which he died appeared at Paris. From there he went to his father's home in Florence, where he remained until his death. He died of tuberculosis of the stomach. Mrs. Salvini says that her husband was very much depressed when he left this country, as the result of Chicago newspaper articles on the subject of his performance in the play of "Othello." She says that his disease would not have proved fatal except for his exhaustion by overwork and his loss of spirits caused by the "roasts" which his Othello received in the Chicago press. The story of Mrs. Salvini to the effect that her husband died of newspaper attacks is somewhat impaired in its credibility by her other statements that his disease was hereditary, having caused the death of his mother. He was not seriously ill until after leaving Paris, the first symptoms occurring there. After that time he failed rapidly until he reached his distinguished father's home in Italy. It is a little curious that an actor in his youth of great accomplishments and greater promise should have it said of him that his death was caused by disease of this origin. It is reported of the poet Keats that he fell into decline and consumption as the result of a physical shock and mental agitation caused by a vituperative critique in one of the reviews. In his case Lord Byron said:

"'Tis strange the mind, that very fiery particle,
Should let itself be snuffed out by an article."



CAPITOL ITEMS.

Public Printer Would Abolish the Civil Service System.

FASTEST VESSEL AFLOAT.

The New Gunboat Nashville Demonstrated on Her Trial Trip That She Is the Speediest of Her Class in the World.—A Bonus of Sixty Thousand Dollars.

The State Department has received information regarding the reported killing of Mr. Alger, the United States Consul at Puerto Cortez, Honduras. The story does not meet with credence, nor the story that a Nicaraguan gunboat fired on an American vessel.

Senator Gallinger introduced a resolution in the Senate last week which was referred to the committee on foreign relations appropriating $50,000 to be expended by the Consul General at Havana for the relief of the suffering American citizens in the Island of Cuba.

The Secretary of the Treasury has received a telegram from the North American Commercial Company, at San Francisco, stating that the schooner General Singlin, one of their vessels, with eleven lives aboard and considerable treasure and merchandise, was seen on May 5th derelict about 100 miles west of Queen Charlotte Island, British Columbia. One body was distinctly seen lashed to the helm.

The Grant and the Rush in their cruise north will also aid in the search.

The record of the court martial in the case of Capt. Henry Romyne, Fifth infantry, recently tried at Fort McPherson, Ga., on charges found on a personal assault upon Lieut. F. M. O'Brien, of his regiment, reached the war department Friday from General Merritt, at New York. The fact that General Merritt found it necessary to send the papers to Washington, is an indication that the court has sentenced Captain Romyne to dismissal from the army. In fact it was said at the department that if he was found guilty of the one charge of conduct unbecoming an officer and a gentleman the court had no recourse in the matter, the sentence being prescribed in the regulations as dismissal.

The fastest vessel of its kind in the world was the verdict accorded by the officers of he trial board at the conclusion of the speed trial of the new gunboat Nashville last week on Long Island Sound. The speed required by the Government was 13.7 knots. The average speed made by the vessel was 16.706 knots, making an excess of speed very near three knots. With a bonus of $20,000 for each excessive knot this means a total of $60,000 for the builders.

The time for the thirty miles run out was one hour, thirty minutes and thirty-six seconds. The elapsed time for the second run was one hour, forty-eight minutes sixteen seconds. The average speed was 16.07 knots. On the run out the speed was 16.79 knots. The home run was a trifle slower, 16.63 knots being the average. The mean speed for the two runs being 16.706. The steering qualities of the vessel were excellent. The helm was put from hard to hard on in twenty-seconds, the ship only keeling three degrees during the time.

Immediately after the conclusion of the run the Nashville started for Newport News, Va., where the engines will be taken apart and examined before the official report is made by the engineers.

The Senate Committee investigating the condition of the civil service resumed its session Monday. Senators Pritchard, Chilton, Elkins, Lodge, and Harris, of Kansas, and Civil Service Commissioner Proctor, Sixth Auditor Howard, Public Printer Palmer and a number of officials of the Government printing office were present. Auditor Howard, who has jurisdiction of the accounts of the postoffice department, presented a statement showing the condition of his office and the politics of the officials. It showed that 50 per cent. of the employes are Republicans and 40 per cent Democrats, balance unknown.

Public Printer Palmer stated in the course of an examination by Senator Lodge, that he believed it would be advantageous to abolish the civil service system and go back to former systems.

Mr. Elkins brought out what he regarded as an inconsistency—that the mechanical force worked eight hours a day, while the clerical force worked six hours at greater pay. The law required seven hours a day of Government clerks, and Mr. Elkins estimated that the Government lost $15,000 to $20,000 a day by short clerical work.

After extended discussion the members of the committee agreed that the public printer had the right to rearrange the lists of skilled labor, omitting stablemen, charwomen, doorkeepers and others heretofore classed as skilled help. Mr. Palmer said if he had this power he proposed to exercise it, but he felt that the civil service commission would interfere with his action.

"Suppose they do,' asked Mr. Elkins, "what can they do to you? They are not above the law. You have as much right to construe a aw as they have. The trouble is everyone is afraid of this commission."

The committee then adjourned until Saturday next.

A Georgia Railroad.

Governor Atkinson has decided that he would sell the Northeastern Railroad of Georgia. The railroad was leased o Ed Richards & Co., who forfeited the lease by defaulting in payment of rental. The date of sale is June 21, and sealed bids will be received up to that time. The minimum price is $287,000. A recent act of the Legislature provides for the sale.

ASKS FOR AID

For the Suffering Americans in Cuba.

MR. BAILEY BLOCKS THE WAY.

An Appropriation of Fifty Thousand Dollars is Urged and the Senate Immediately Acts Favorably Upon It.—The Cuban Question Was Sidetracked.

Washington, May 17.—The President sent in a message to Congress today urging an appropriation for the relief of the desitute Americans in Cuba.

A special meeting of the Cabinet was summoned this morning to consider the matter, and the outline of the message was discussed. Work on the preparaton of the message was begun.

Senator Davis of the Foreign Relations Committee called at the White House while the message was in progress, and was admitted to the Cabinet room at once. The members of the Cabinet present were Sherman, Long, Alger, Gage and McKenna. The President sent out word to politicians and others waiting to talk with him that he could see no one.

one of the members anonunced that When the Cabinet meeting was over one of the members announced that the President would send a message to Congress today.

The Message.

Washington, May 17.—The President today sent the following message to Congress:

To the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States:

"Official information from our Consuls in Cuba establishes the fact that a large number of American citizens in the Island are in a state of destitution, suffering for want of food and medicines. This applies particularly to the rural districts of the central and eastern parts.

"The agricultural classes have been forced from their farms into the nearest towns, where they are without work or money. The local authorities of the several towns, however kindly disposed, are unable to relieve the needs of their own people and are altogether powerless to help our citizens.

"The latest report of Consul General Lee estimates that from six to eight hundred Americans are without money. I have assured him that provision would be made at once to relieve them.

"To that end I recommend that Congress make an appropriation of not less than $50,000 to be immediately available for use under the direction of the Secretary of State.

"It is desirable that part of this sum, which may be appropriated by Congress, should, in the direction of the Secretary of State, also be used for the transportation of American citizens who, desiring to return to the United States, are without means to do so. (Signed)

"WILLIAM McKINLEY.

"Executive Mansion, May 17, 1897."

Passed the Senate.

Washington, May 17.—The Senate Committee on Foreign Relations decided today to report a resolution carrying into effect the President's message in regard to Cuba.

It was immediately considered in the Senate. The resolution appropriating $50,000 for the relief of destitute Americans in Cuba passed without a division.

Bailey Blocked It.

Washington, May 17.—In the House Mr. Hitt of Illinois asked for immediate consideration of a bill to appropriate $50,000 for the relief of the destitute Americans in Cuba, but Mr. Bailey of Texas said that he must object unless an amendment embodying Senator Morgan's resolution for the recognition of the insurgents be added.

Mr. Dingley objected to the amendment, whereupon Mr. Bailey objected to the bill and the Cuban question was sidetracked.

Fruit and Vegetables Damaged.

A dispatch from Auxerre, France, the center of the wine growing district of the department of Yonne, says there was a general and sudden frost a few nights since destroying the crop of vines, fruits and vegetables. The amount of damage done in the department of Yonne is estimated at 20,000,000 francs ($5,000,000). The inhabitants are in consternation.

PEABODY SUMMER SCHOOL OF PEDAGOGY.

To Teachers of Alabama:

The Peabody management, per Dr. J. L. M. Curry, Agent, in connection with Dr. J. O. Turner, State Superintendent of Education, Montgomery, Ala., and the State Normal College authorities, at Troy, Ala., will hold the Ninth Annual Session of the Peabody Summer School of Pedagogy at Troy, Ala., beginning June 1st, and holding four weeks.

The State Normal College is then in session, too, and all the advantages of the college classes will be open to the Summer School Teachers, and the College Model School work may be observed and studied by them, too. This will indeed be a great help to teachers attending and taking advantage.

And the work of the P. S. S. of Pedagogy students having a full credit on the college records, all college advantages of every kind are theirs and these advantages inure to their benefit by receiving from the college a certificate of attendance and work, which will be a strong testimonial in receiving better positions.

The instruction provided is of a high order, and pains are taken in every way to make this a most profitable thing for all teachers attending and working diligently.

The expenses will be but about $8 or $9 for the four weeks board, and all other incidentals are moderate. Write for arrangements and be on hand June 1st, 1897.

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LATE STATE NEWS.

Farmers around Hayden report fine crop conditions.

Butler Brothers have erected a roller process flour mill at Merigold.

The State Cotton Mill at Spelgner is turning out 4000 yards of cloth per day.

The Madison county exhibit is being put in shape at the Nashville Centennial.

A mule belonging to Clem Stallworth near Camden, fell thirty feet to the bottom of a well and was taken out unhurt.

Birmingham is to have a factory for making iron and wire fencing, ornamental iron and wire work, etc. The business is to be conducted by two young Memphis men.

Mr. W. H. Jones, of Bessemer, has been awarded the contract for paving 20,000 square yards of the streets in Meridian, Miss. Nearly every section of the United States was represented.

Dr. A. Y. Hollis, of Sulligent, has received notification of his appointment as Alabama delegate to the American Medical Association's convention at Phiadelphia in June.

In a row in a cross-roads barroom in Marshall county, six miles from Limerock, George Anderson stabbed and instantly killed J. N. Mansfield with a knife. Anderson escaped.

Messrs. Ed and James Richardson, of Nashville, former citizens of Athens, have offered to take care of all Confederate veterans of Limestone county who are not able to pay board, thus being kept away from the reunion.

A new ordinance has recently been passed at Huntsville making it an offense punishable by a fine of not less than $20 for boys to swing on moving trains around the depot. The Memphis & Charleston Railroad Company has caused the arrest of several boys for this offense.

Geneva is now threatened with two railoads. The Central of Georgia is talking of extending a line from Columbia to Geneva, and the Geneva & Northwestern Railroad Company is perfecting arrangements to commence work on a road from Bolling, a point on the Louisville & Nashville south of Montgomery.—Union Springs Herald.

The work of excavation for the foundation of the Indian Head Cotton Mill, at Cordova, is progressing rapidly. A large force of hands are busy day in and day out and contracts have been let for a large number of houses. Work will continue without interruption until the mill is finished and in operation. The mill will probably be in operation in twelve months' time at the latest.

George Bradford, the young negro arrested in Bibb county recently, charged with criminal assault, and who narrowly escaped lynching, has been released, his innocence having been established. It was shown that his confession was made with a rope around his neck and under fear of death. The boy's father was lynched last month for a similar offense. However, his guilt was proven beyond doubt.

The third term of the Seventh District Agricultural School at Albertville, closed last week. The exercises were more largely attended than ever before. There were seven in the graduating class—three young men and four young ladies. The farmers held an institute two days during commencement, which was ably presided over by State Commissioner I. F. Culver, Prof. Earl and Dr. Cary, of Auburn, were also here, and gave beneficial lectures. State Superintendent of Education John O. Turner delivered an able address to the people.

The following are some Alabama postoffice changes: J. F. Bishop, Guntersville, Marshall county, vice J. W. Perkins, removed; M. M. Clayton, Boxar, Macon county, vice J. D. Arnold, removed; Bettie Lilly, Brighton, Jefferson county, vice F. J. Fitzpatrick, resigned; E. B. Thomas, Goodwater, Coosa county, vice D. W. White removed; B. O. McNutt, Oakville, Lawrence county, vice F. M. Cowan, resigned; B. O. Rockford, Coosa county, vice J. W. Bason, removed; Elijah Wadsworth, Winfield, Marion county, vice N. A. Musgrove, removed.

Thomas Kennedy of Huntsville possesses two very old bank notes that were once the property of William Kennedy, an officer in the continental army during the revolutionary war. They are well preserved. The oldest was issued in 1775. It reads as follows:

Six Dollars. No. 6,075.

This bill of six dollars entitles the bearer hereof to receive Gold or Silver at the rate of Four Shillings and Six Pence Sterling per Dollar for the said Bill according to a Resolve of the Provincial Convention of Maryland, held at the city of Annapolis, the seventh day of December, MDCCLXXV.

Signed, J. G. Willett, J. Hunt.

The other bill was issued by the North Carolina State bank, the value of which was $25.

A special from Montgomery says the Board of Compromise came to an arrangement with the Tennessee Coal, Iron & Railway Company whereby the neat sum of $3,000 is added to the treasury. Governor Johnston found, on coming into office, that since the panic year, 1893, the company had not been settling promptly each month for the hire of convicts, but that considerable delay had been the rule. He at once notified the company that he should expect them to pay interest on all sums, the payment of which had been heretofore delayed beyond the day when due, for the full time of its delay, and to make prompt settlements hereafter. There was some difference between the Governor and the company as to the method of calculating the interest. The Governor has been pressing the matter, and yesterday it was adjusted by the Board of Compromise for $3,000.

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President Barnaby, of Hartsville College, Survives a Serious Illness Through the Aid of Dr. Williams' Pink Pills for Pale People.

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PROF. ALVIN P. BARNABY.

A reporter recently called at this famous seat of learning and was shown into the room of the President, Prof. Alvin P. Barnaby. When last seen by the reporter Prof. Barnaby was in delicate health. To-day he was apparently in the best of health. In response to an inquiry the professor said: "Oh, yes, I am much better than for some time. I am now in perfect health; but my recovery was brought about in rather a peculiar way."

"Tell me about it," said the reporter.

"Well, to begin at the beginning," said the professor, "I studied too hard when at school, endeavoring to educate myself for the professions. After completing the common course I came here, and graduated from the theological course. I entered the ministry, and accepted the charge of a United Brethren Church at a small place in Kent County, Mich. Being of an ambitious nature, I applied myself diligently to my work and studies. In time I noticed that my health was failing. My trouble was indigestion, and this with other troubles brought on nervousness.

"My physician prescribed for me for some time, and advised me to take a change of climate. I did as he requested and was some improved. Soon after, I came here as professor in physics and chemistry, and later was financial agent of this college. The change agreed with me, and for awhile my health was better, but my duties were heavy, and again I found my trouble returning. This time it was more severe, and in the winter I became completely prostrated. I tried various medicines and different physicians. Finally, I was able to return to my duties. Last spring I was elected President of the college. Again I had considerable work, and the trouble, which had not been entirely cured, began to affect me, and last fall I collapsed. I had different doctors, but none did me any good. Professor Bowman, who is professor of natural science, told me of his experience with Dr. Williams' Pink Pills for Pale People and urged me to give them a trial, because they had benefited him in a similar case, and I concluded to try them.

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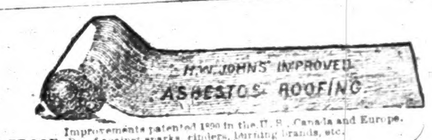

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KING INSULTED.

The Feeling Against the Royal Family is Violent.

NOT A VOICE IN HIS DEFENSE.

It is Reported That the Crown Prince Will Not Dare to Enter Athens for Many Months.—He Was Too Excessively Prudent on the Battle Field.

The popular feeling at Athens against the royal family of Greece does not diminish. The stories of the "excessive prudence" of Crown Prince Constantine at the front have done much to weaken the dynasty.

The correspondent of the Paris Eclair at Athens says: "The people are intensely violent, utterances are heard against the royalties and groups openly discuss them in the streets. Upon the boat from St. Adda I heard a popular poet disclaim insulting verses against the king and not one of the 300 passengers, including officers, raised a voice in defense of him."

The correspondent of the Eclair adds that an ex-minister said to him: "We are republicans, but we have not the men to found a republic, and the dynasty is profiting by the quarrels of the parties which are struggling against each other, not on the programmes, but on questions of personality. The king, the queen and princesses are passing a bad time. When visiting the hospitals the princesses have been requested not to enter some of the wards owing to the intense excitement of the wounded, and in other wards the king was greeted with murmurs, and often with insulting and sarcastic retorts to his questions. The crown prince is the most execrated. Even his frends admit he dare not enter Athens for many months.

CRUISER IS READY.

A special dispatch from Vienna says that the Austrian cruiser Karen Prinzessin Stefanie has been ordered from Salonica to Phalerum, near the Piræus (the port of Athens), to remain at the disposal of the royal family of Greece if required to convey them from that country.

GREEKS WON'T PAY.

Advices from Athens say that the Greek minister for foreign affairs, M. Skouloudis, in conversation with several of the foreign envoys at Athens, has declared that Greece will not pay indemnity to Turkey nor agree to a rectification of the frontier.

WEEKLY TRADE REVIEW.

Bradstreets Report Business Somewhat Improved in Some Sections.

The slight improvement in trade is in the tendency of business to increase at a few cities in the northwest, on the Pacific coast and South Atlantic and gulf states. There is increased buying at Baltimore, Atlanta, Birmingham and at New Orleans, where trade has revived on the announcement that northern Louisiana, Mississippi and Arkansas flooded districts are being placed under cultivation, and that the damage done is less than expected. Advices from California are that the lack of seasonable rains and long continued dry winds have injured the wheat and fruit crops. Larger Western centers report the movement of merchandise slow and trade dull. The season is so far advanced that no general gain is looked for until after fall buying sets in.

The usual industries, notably clothing, iron and steel and manufacturers of woolens are well stocked with raw material, but owing to slowness of orders prices are easier. Masters of cotton goods are at a disadvantage owing to the relatively high price of cotton and the increase in production of products. There is no gain in demand for iron and steel, prices which continue low. The report that steel, nail, wire and bill makers are seeking to form a pool to advance prices is not confirmed.

There were 245 business failures throughout the United States last week, which is not far from what may be called the normal. This total is compared with 251 two weeks ago, 216 in the first week of May, 1896, 206 in the week of 1895, 237 in 1894, and 217 in the comparative week of 1893.

SOUTHERN HOTEL

At Meridian, Miss., Partially Destroyed by Fire.

The Southern Hotel at Meridian, Miss., one of the finest blocks of the kind in the South, was damaged to the extent of $150,000 by fire early last Tuesday morning. The fire broke in the kitchen on the top floor and spread with such rapidity that the firemen had a hard time saving the block from destruction. The hotel was well filled with guests and a wild panic ensued when the alarm was sounded, but so far as known no lives were lost, though there were several narrow escapes. There were a number of stores and offices on the ground floor of the hotel building, all of which suffered great damage from fire and water.

The Southern Hotel carried only $65,000 insurance on the building and $30,000 on the fixtures.

In New York city a man named Gothall is applying for a divorce. Perhaps that is the very reason.

THE JOKERS' BUDGET.

Jests and Yarns Made and Told by Funny Men of the Press.

EXPRESSIVE, TOO.

Bess—Tom tells all he knows.
Maud—The silence must be oppressive.

NOT SURPRISING.

He—I love you better than my life.
She—Considering the life you lead, I cannot say that I am surprised.

POOR LO CATCHES THE CRAZE.

Official—Well, what do you want now?
Indian—Want to change my pony for a bike.

HIS APPEARANCE AGAINST HIM.

Brown—My son has very extravagant ideas.
Stone—He doesn't look as if he had many of them.

A SOCIETY VIEW.

"Well, after all, what did Nansen accomplish by his Arctic expedition?"
"Accomplish? Why, he didn't have to wear a dress suit for fifteen months."

SHE WEPT.

"Don't cry," he entreated. Then he perceived that her handkerchief was edged with the most exquisite lace.
"Don't weep," he said, correcting himself.

COSTLY ANCESTORS.

Parvenu—What will you charge to paint a grandfather for my gallery of ancestors?
Artist—Five hundred dollars.
Parvenu—Five hundred dollars! Why, Mr. Dauber painted me a great-grandfather the other day for $100.

AN ETYMOLOGIST.

Teacher—When a woman's husband dies, Patsy, what's she called?
Patsy—A widder.
Teacher—And when a man's wife dies, what do we call him?
Patsie (after some thought)—A widout her, mum.

THE SMUGGLERS.

Mildmay—Ah, speaking of smugglers? Dark-browed villains, with unkempt locks eh?
Juniper—Oh, no; these were ladies of the highest respectability, handsome in face and form and beautifully dressed.

ACTIVITY IN HIS AFFAIRS.

"Have you made any advances in your business?" asked the young lawyer's friend.
"Yes," was the reply. "Two of them."
"Clients?"
"No, my clerks. They said they needed money, so I advanced them $10 each."

CONCEITED.

Mrs. Jones (to tramp)—No; I gave you a piece of pie the day before yesterday.
The Tramp—Yes, mum, but I couldn't get anything for it. There's no demand at present, mum, for petrified curiosities.

UNAPPRECIATED EFFORTS.

Officer—I found the man yelling and breaking dishes with an axe.
Magistrate—What have you to say for yourself?
Prisoner (humbly)—Your Honor, I was only trying to keep the baby quiet.

HAD ITS ADVANTAGES.

Mr. Booce—I saw a man get run over by the trolley this afternoon, and I heard later that his leg had to be taken off at the knee. Isn't it awful?
Mrs. Booce—Yes, I am sorry for the poor man, but if he happens to have a wife she can keep him at home nights now by hiding his wooden leg.

CIVILITY TO BURN.

Ambitious Mamma—Edith, I noticed last night that Mr. De Rich paid you considerable attention. I hope you showed him a proper amount of civility.
Ingenuous Debutante—Oh yes, mamma, I did! I'm sure he knows he can have me for the asking.

TOO MUCH FOR HER.

Biker—Talking about cattle, we came across a mighty wicked-looking cow when I was out with Miss Blumer the other day.
Wheeler—What did she do?
Biker—Made a bee line for the next county.
Wheeler—What! Deserted you and the tandem?
Biker—No, no, I was referring to the cow.

RESTING EASIER.

Spats—How did the wedding come off at which you were best man?
Socratoots—All right, but poor old Bumpus at the critical moment was in a fever of excitement.
Spats—How is he now?
Socratoots—Oh! convalescent—the honeymoon is over.

NO ROOM FOR DOUBT.

"I used to think," said the man with the melancholy mien, "that many of these gibes at messenger boys were unjust. But I'm afraid that isn't the case."
"What has caused you to change your mind?"
"I've seen one of them practising for hours every day this month to learn to stand still without getting off his bicycle."

A Valuable Estate.

Prince Bismarck has several estates, but that of Friedrichsruh is the largest and most valuable of his landed possessions. It is a memorial of the greatest achievement in the ex-chancellor's life, and was given to him by old Kaiser Wilhelm in 1871 in token of his services in re-establishing the German empire.

The property, whose chief value lies in the magnificent forests with which it is almost entirely covered, is situated in Lauenburg, one of the Elbe duchies of historic memory, on the railway between Berlin and Hamburg. The estate is about 30,000 acres in extent, and over two-thirds of it is forest of pine, oak and beech. From these forests Prince Bismarck draws a large part of his revenue. Almost the entire supply of telegraphic poles used throughout the whole German empire is grown in the woods of Friedrichsruh. The cutting of the one hundred thousandth pole some years ago was celebrated by the tenantry, and the pole was planted on the lawn in front of the house.

It is amid these scenes that the most powerful figure in German history is passing the last of his days.—New Orleans Picayune.

Collecting mail boxes are to be put on the street cars of Des Moines, Iowa.

FIENDS AT WORK

Spanish Guerrillas Set Fire to a Cuban Hospital.

THEY FIRED ON THE INMATES.

The Women Nurses Were All Saved From Instant Death, But no Traces Have Been Found of Them Since.—A New Concentration Order.

A special from Key West, Fla., says: Another Cuban hospital horror is reported from the southern part of Santa Clara province. The hospital consisted of three buildings near the town of Micacarauga. There were about thirty-five wounded insurgents in the buildings, attended by four physicians and several women nurses. The Spanish guerrillas came upon the place at the dead of night and without warning set the place on fire. The physicians and convalescent men about the place rushed to the doors and windows to save the more severely injured of the inmates. The guerrillas fired on them, killing the insurgents, and then as the wounded insurgents staggered or crept to the doors and windows they were ruthlessly shot down. The women nurses were all saved from instant death, but no trace has been found of them since.

A courier brought the news to Santa Clara, from whence it reached the Havana junta. It is said that the scene was one of the utmost horror.

NEW CONCENTRATION ORDER.

A consular report from Cuba, received last week, tells of a new order of concentration. The effect of, it will be to add greatly to the horrors of the situation. The suffering will be increased, and the deaths will be more numerous.

The order, so far as the consul knows, applies to about one-third of the province of Santa Clara. This is a region of sugar estates. Under the original order of concentration the agricultural population was obliged to form camps at the centrals, or grinding plants, of such estates as maintained a Spanish garrison. This permitted the farming population to gather in bodies of from 500 to 1000. By this distribution in small bodies the reconcentrados were able to find some subsistence. The smaller concentration has been attended with less hardship than the larger.

The new order just made by the Spanish authorities abolishes the concentration camps on the sugar estates; it directs that the only point of concentration in the district shall be the cities having municipal organizations; in this district there are but three "municipals," as they are called. To these three points the entire farming population will now be driven.

SPAIN'S FINANCES.

Plans to Raise the Millions Needed by the Impoverished Country.

A telegram from Madrid says Senor J. Nevarro Revorter, minister of finance, in the budget statement to the Cortes estimates the revenue at 853,278,771 pesetas ($164,682,863) and the expenditures at 873,865,877 pesetas ($168,656,114.)

In order to provide revenue to meet the extraordinary budget the minister of finance proposes to raise a loan with the Almaden quicksilver mines as security and to obtain navigation dues to the amount of 12,000,000 pesetas. In order to meet the increased expenditures and the 92,000,000 pesetas required to meet the interest and for redemption of the late loans guaranteed by the customs, a temporary surtax of 10 per cent on all taxes except land has been proposed. By this means it is expected 20,000,000 pesetas will be obtained. The colonial department will contribute 32,000,000, and the balance of 40,000,000 will be raised by a loan on the proposed petroleum monopoly, giving the exclusive privilege of dealing in this product during the next twenty years.

Should the colonial department be unable to pay its share of the increased expenditures it is calculated that a portion of another loan can be obtained by a proposed monopoly on explosives.

SENIOR COUNSEL.

Venezuela Invites the Ex-President to Act as Her Counsel.

A telegram from Washington says: Ex-President Cleveland has been invited by President Crespo to act as senior counsel for Venezuela before the arbitration tribunal which will determine the true divisional line between that country and British Guiana. Mr. Cleveland has taken the offer under advisement, but has not yet given his decision.

The tender was made at Princeton last week by William L. Scruggs, ex-minister to Venezuela, and the principal legal adviser of the Venezuelan government in the boundary dispute. The request was accompanied by a letter from President Presto to Mr. Cleveland in which the latter's eminent services were feelingly and appropriately acknowledged.

Mr. Cleveland hesitates to accept the position. He feels that it might be considered abroad as indelicacy on his part to take the attitude of an advocate in a cause in which he as President assumed a friendly and impartial role toward both parties to the dispute.

HE HITS THEM AGAIN.

BRYAN RESENTS COMPROMISE WITH GOLD BUGS.

The Great Leader Sounds a Note of Warning That Makes Interesting Reading—The Attempt to Boost a Dead Issue to the Front.

William J. Bryan, writing to the New York Journal, says that an agreement between the regular and the bolting gold Democrats would be disastrous to success in 1890. He also urges the continuance of the grand alliance that polled 6,512,931 votes for him in 1896. His advice to the party leaders is interesting to Populists, silver Republicans and Democrats alike. It is as follows:

The regular Democrats in their last national convention declared the money question to be the paramount issue. The bolting Democrats, both in their minority report at Chicago and in their platform at Indianapolis, recognized the money question to be the paramount issue. The regular Democrats announced their unalterable opposition to monometallism, describing it as an un-American and anti-American financial policy.

They demanded the restoration of the free and unlimited coinage of both silver and gold at the present legal ratio of 16 to 1, without waiting for the aid or consent of any other nation. They declared that the silver dollar should be a legal tender equally with gold for all debts, public and private, and insisted that the government should retain the right to redeem coin obligations in either gold or silver. They also expressed themselves as emphatically opposed to a national bank currency.

The gold Democrats indorsed the gold standard, declared against the restoration of bimetallism by the independent action of this nation, and demanded the retirement of the greenbacks and treasury notes.

Those who supported the Chicago platform are now as firmly in favor of the position taken upon the money question as they were during the campaign. If any change has taken place their devotion has been increased rather than diminished.

The adoption of the gold standard by Japan and Peru has increased the strain upon gold and emphasized the warnings uttered by the advocates of free silver during the campaign.

There is nothing to indicate that the leaders among the gold Democrats feel any more kindly toward the regular organization than they did six months ago. In fact, it is only a few days since the most conspicuous bolters met at the Waldorf dinner, and not only paid homage to the golden image which they have set up, but breathed out warnings and slaughter against the greenbacks and treasury notes.

AN ATTEMPT HAS BEEN MADE IN SOME QUARTERS TO PUSH THE TARIFF QUESTION TO THE FRONT, BUT I DO NOT THINK THAT THIS EFFORT CAN BE SUCCESSFUL. THE TARIFF QUESTION IS NO MORE IMPORTANT NOW THAN IT WAS DURING THE CAMPAIGN, AND IT WAS NOT IMPORTANT ENOUGH THEN TO KEEP THE GOLD DEMOCRATS WITHIN THE FOLD.

To be sure, some of the gold Democrats are criticising the Dingley bill, but the moment the Republicans turn their attention to the money question all complaining will cease, and the gold Democrats will be found in the front ranks fighting shoulder to shoulder with the Republican leaders. If the Republicans attempt any further degradation of silver and gold Democrats will be their allies. If they attempt to retire the greenbacks and treasury notes, directly or indirectly, they can rely upon the earnest cooperation of the gold Democrats.

Both the regular Democrats and the gold Democrats know that the money question will be the paramount issue of 1900.

It is folly to expect that either branch of the party will give any material assistance to the representatives of the other branch while this great contest continues. Knowing that they will fight each other three years hence, is it reasonable to suppose that they can be political friends in the meantime?

When that gallant Democrat, Colonel Watt Hardin, was a candidate for governor of Kentucky, two years ago, many gold Democrats would not support him because they feared that his election would strengthen the silver cause, and there is no evidence that the gold Democrats have lost any of their sensitiveness on this subject.

Is it not probable that the silver Democrats will exert themselves to give political position and influence to men who will use their position and influence against bimetallism in the next great battle?

The regular Democrats and the bolters now have separate and distinct party organizations. No matter which is regarded as God and which as Mammon, no one can serve both.

It is as impossible for a person to belong to both Democratic organizations as it is for a person to be both a Democrat and a Republican at the same time.

No Democrat who believes that the gold standard is a conspiracy formed among the money changers for the enslavement of the producer of the wealth can act with the gold Democrats, and no gold Democrat who believes that the restoration of silver will ruin the country can act with the regular Democrats.

If any who now believes in free coinage hereafter becomes converted to the gold standard, it will be an easy matter for him to transfer his allegiance to the bolting organization; if any who now believes in the gold standard becomes convinced of his error, the way is open for his return to the regular organization.

Any attempt at compromise will not only be futile, but will be disastrous to the regular organization.

Bimetallism can only be restored by affirmative action; therefore, any compromise must be at the expense of the advocates of bimetallism.

There can be no permanent peace, nor even a truce, without a cessation of hostilities, and a cessation of hostilities means the preservation of existing conditions. In other words, harmony between the regular Democrats and the bolters means the maintenance of the gold standard as long as that harmony lasts.

Not only does harmony mean the temporary maintenance of the gold standard, but it gives to the gold Democrats a party standing which will make them more potent for evil in the next contest. Much of the harm which they did in 1896 grew out of the fact that they used the Democratic name for the purpose of deception.

If the bolting organization is left alone it will be powerless to deceive by the time we enter upon another national contest. If, however, the two organizations patch up a temporary peace the distinction between them will become to some extent obliterated, and the same fraud can be perpetrated in 1900 which was perpetrated in 1896.

The regular Democrats have everything to lose and nothing to gain by making concessions to those who desire to use the Democratic name without supporting the Democratic principles.

I have only spoken of the difference which exist upon the money question. Next to the money question in importance is the question of trusts. Many of the gold Democrats are so tied up with the trusts and monopolies of the country that even if they were with us they would be an embarrassment rather than an aid to the position taken by the regular Democrats upon the money question, and the question of trusts is in harmony with the doctrine that the government should guarantee equal rights to all and give special privileges to none, and it will not contribute to the ultimate success of the party to attempt to conciliate those whose instincts or business connections lead them to repudiate the fundamental Democratic principle, namely, equality before the law.

THE PARABLE.

Of the Rich Man and the Needle's Eye.

Bishop Potter, of New York, when asked: "What did Jesus mean when he said, 'It is easier for a camel to go through the eye of a needle than for a rich man to enter the Kingdom of Heaven?'" said:

"The growth of wealthy and luxury, wicked, wasteful and wanton as before God, I declare that luxury to be—has been matched here, step by step, by a deadening poverty, which has left whole neighborhoods of people practically without hope and without aspiration.

"Take my word for it, unless you and I and all those who have any gift or stewardship of talents or means of whatever sort, are willing to get up out of our sloth and ease and selfish dilletanteism of service, and get down among the people who are battling amid their poverty and ignorance—young girls for their chastity, young men for their better ideal of righteousness, old and young alike, for one clear ray of the immortal courage and the immortal hope—then verily the church in its stately splendor, its apostolic orders, its venerable ritual, its decorous and dignified conventions, is simply a monstrous and insolent impertinence.

"HENRY CODMAN POTTER."

White Slaves.

The awful poverty that has been laid bare in the mining regions of Pennsylvania ought to forever damn the scoundrelly politicians and labor skates of that state. Nowhere on God's footstool has there been such shameful exploitation tolerated, and if the Pittsburg Dispatch's accounts are reliable the slaves in the south lived in a paradise compared to the miserable existence of the miners of Pennsylvania. But what can be expected in a state where the workers are voted like a lot of cattle for the Republican party and capitalism. Republicans who followed the investigation ought to feel proud of their party and the "protection, prosperity and patriotism" twaddle of their leaders.—Cleveland Citizen.

That Is What We Shall Have.

One of two things is certain. Either the present and recent stagnation of trade, from which millions of people suffer, and suffer cruelly, is due to the currency or to the tariff issue. The majority of the people have decided that the cause of the evil is with the tariff. Reform the tariff at once; reform it, as the people wish, on the protective line. If the result be well, all will be well. If it be not well, we shall have the currency question as the sole issue.—Chicago Inter Ocean.

Some Hope.

The unfortunate young husband sank hopelessly into a chair.

"Do not despair, Alfred," said his brave wife.

"But we are so unfortunate."

"What of it? At least we are not so badly off as the miserable beings who are suffering from McKinley prosperity."—Twentieth Century.

LOOK TO THE FUTURE.

RADICAL MEASURES MUST BE TAKEN SOON.

Or the World Will Experience Worse Industrial Conditions Than Ever Existed in All the Known Ages of Its Previous History.

Nicola Tesla, the great electrical expert, said a short time ago:

"The labor of the future will be done principally by pressing an electric button."

Will the millions of toiling and moiling masses still be expected to work ten hours a day?

This is a question not for the working people but for capitalists and business men.

Suppose existing conditions such as the money stringency, the continued improvement in "labor saving" machinery, the combinations, trusts, etc., continue to increase the idle workmen and prevent them from consuming things that are being produced?

Where is the market for the farmer's crops, the manufacturer's products and how can business prosper? And worst of all what shall we do with our starving workpeople?

Are not these questions worth investigating?

If the trend of affairs continues in the same direction, what is going to become of the country?

If the labor of the future will be done principally by pressing an electric button, will we have one man standing by the buttons and pressing them all day—while a thousand look on and starve, or will we change our system to adapt it to changed conditions?

There are the questions we must answer if we want evolution. If we don't study and solve them it will be revolution.

Which will you choose?—Milwaukee Advance.

THE COAL COMBINE.

Will Shortly Treat the People to Another Squeeze.

The coal combine is planning a little surprise for the public in the shape of an increase of 25 cents per ton in the price of coal. Last year there was an increase of 50 cents per ton, so that we may be thankful to be let off so cheaply this year. A great deal of business sagacity is shown by increasing the price of coal in June. The outcry against the trust will be less violent than it would be during the winter months. Before snow flies again the people will get accustomed to the higher price and the trust can retain its reputation for benevolence. Another benevolent institution masking in the garb of a trust is the gas companies of this city, says the Twentieth Century, of New York. Since they have consolidated the householder, who is not prepared to meet their demands promptly, can at a moment's notice be left in total darkness as far as illuminating gas is concerned. The courtesies which were extended when there was opposition cannot now be looked for. The arrangement must give great satisfaction to the combine, but the public, whom it has literally by the throat, can only continue to groan.

IT IS ALL WRONG.

American Doctrines Must Be Established in this Country.

There is a monopoly of the coinage and circulation of money. The labor, the hand and brain should do, is monopolized by the machine. What the body creates is the pasture for corporate greed. What the individual creates is systematically divided between a few non-producers, and but a small share of the same goes to the individual.

All of these things are promoted by the government, either by direct laws or consent, and is the policy of monopoly. This is all wrong. Justice cannot be fully established, nor the general welfare promoted under such rule. The same is not American doctrine. Its a policy that obtains in monarchies. The people are to blame for this, as they have the power when properly used to prevent the establishment of European doctrines and conditions. They do not use the power properly.—Chicago Federationist.

The Present Social System at Fault.

Said John Stuart Mill: "The very idea of distributive justice, or of any proportionality between success and merit, or between success and exertion, is in the present state of society so chimerical as to be relegated to the regions of romances. * * * If persons are helped in their wordly career by their virtues, so are they, and perhaps quite as often, by their vices; by servility and sycophancy, by hard-hearted and close-fisted selfishness, by the permitted wit and tricks of trade, by gambling speculations, not seldom by downright knavery. * * * In the situation of most people no degree whatever of good conduct can be counted upon for raising them in the world, without the aid of fortunate accidents."

He who loves popularity more than he loves his fellow men will rarely be found in the rank of reformers.

CAPITOL ITEMS.

The Dr. Ruiz Investigation Progressing Slowly.

AMERICANS IN NEED IN CUBA.

Gen. Miles Will Represent the Army at the Ceremonies in Honor of the Sixtieth Anniversary of Queen Victoria's Accession to the British Throne.

The president decided upon the appointment of C. W. Tutte, of Columbia City, Ind., as United States commissioner for Alaska, with headquarters at Sitka.

An egg famine has resulted in Cuba from the war, and United States Vice-Consul Hyatt at Santiago suggests that there is an excellent market for American eggs. The eggs sell in Cuba for about 40 cents a dozen. The duties amount to about 10 cents a dozen.

The discovery of one of the largest coal fields in the world is reported to the state department by the United States consul at Cartagena, Columbia. The fields are in the department of Bolivia in Columbia, eight to twelve miles from the bay of Cispatl, and forty-eight miles from Cartegena. The coal is semi-anthracite and is good steam coal. The fields contain about 300,000,000 tons and comprise 215,000 acres.

A telegram was received at the state department one day last week from Consul General Lee indicating that the number of Americans in need of relief in Cuba is much larger than was supposed at first. The consul general says that the number may reach 1,200. The consul at Mantanzas reports 200 and the consul at Sagua 450. Gen. Lee also cabled the state department that the Spanish authorities have released Ferdinando Govin, an American citizen who had been under arrest, and he will leave the island Thursday.

By direction of the president, Secretary Alger a few days since sent a cable message to Major General Miles, commanding the army, who is now at Constantinople, instructing him to arrange his affairs so as to be in London not later than June 15, to represent the United States army at the ceremonies in honor of the sixtieth anniversary of Queen Victoria's accession to the British throne.

General Miles went to the Levant to make personal observations of the conduct and operations of the armies of Turkey and Greece, and it is understood at the war department that he started from Constantinople this morning to join the Turkish army near the southern border of Thessaly. It is expected that he will be able to complete his regarches at the respective military headquarters in time to enable him to comply with his amended instructions. It has been stated already that the United States navy will be represented at the queen's jubilee by Admiral Miller, of the armored cruiser Brooklyn.

The long and exciting debate on the joint resolution recognizing a state of war in Cuba and directing that strict neutrality be maintained by the United States which passed the senate by the decisive vote of 41 to 14, reads as follows: Resolved, etc., That a condition of public war exists between the government of Spain and the government proclaimed and for some timem maintained by force of arms by the people of Cuba; and, that the United States of America shall maintain strict neutrality between the contending parties, according to each and all the rights of belligerents in the ports and territory of the United States.

Cuban affairs furnished the house last Thursday with a day of bitter partisan debate. The resolution appropriating $50,000 for the relief of American citizen was adopted without a dissenting vote.

The citizens of Detroit have made application to the state department to have the Queen's Own, a British regiment stationed at Toronto, about to visit Windsor on the occasion of the queen's birthday celebration, parade in Detroit with their arms. The request has been granted by the department at the instance of Secretary Alger.

The investigation by Commissioner W. B. Calhoun at Havana, in the matter of the death of of Dr. Ruiz, is not proceeding rapidly. On Thursdal Dr. Congesto, the Spanish consul at Philadelphia, asserted that Dr. Ruiz did not explain that he was an American citizen, and therefore was kept incommunicado for more than seventy-two hours. General Lee, on hearing this, promptly and emphatically stated that on February 6 he sent official notice to Marshal Ahumada, acting captain-general, to the effect that Ruiz was an American citizen and that he demanded his treaty rights. It appears that Senor Congesto ignored this fact.

The investigation will not proceed further until the Spanish representatives have approved the written statement of Consul General Lee as to the desiring to go further than the Spanish deem necessary. There is little hope that facts bearing directly on the death of Dr. Ruiz will be elicited. It is thought however that arrangements will be made for allowing the inquiry to proceed Monday.

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THE Board for selecting a location for the agricultural school for the fourth disirict is now on its tour of inspection. Sylacauga, Childersburg, Columbiana and Heflin are the four towns which have put in a bid for the school. We regret Clanton is not also on the list.

Another spur to the onward march of Clanton is the establishment of a second gin here. With the avowed intention of Mr. W. L. Sampey to lead this part of the country in the price paid for cotton, there is good reason to anticipate a large increase in the quantity brought to this market. Clanton is already one of the best of the minor cotton marts in this section of the cotton belt, and we confidently predict it will soon be close behind Selma.

The savings banks are contemplating a reduction of interest to 3 per cent. That is in fact all that invested money is now worth where its investment is not accompanied by personal indeavor of any kind. When the owers of real estate in this town begins to realize this truth rent will come down and the condition of people will be bettered. Where a man invests his money in business and gives personal attention to the business he is fairly entitled to whatever return he can get out of his enterprise. But in these days mere money, unsupported by endeavor, is not worth more than 3 per cent., and the owners of money will soon have to content themselves with that. Enterprise, genius, skill—all these have their market value. But in their absence mere money must content itself with its own legitimate wage.—N. Y. World.

IF Clanton is not on a boom it is simply from the fact that the conservative character of our citizens is averse to self-laudation. Depending entirely upon our own resources, working upon our own home capital, asking no outside assistance, our citizens are rapidly establishing permanent industrial enterprises and building up our town. Within the last few months, since the incorporation of the town, and the completion of our elegant new court house, the inhabitants of Clanton have more fully appreciated the advantages we possess in location and the requirements of the surrounding country. With true sagacity they perceive that as this section is fast becoming thickly populated, a receiving and distributing point is needed where the farmer can find a market for his produce and purchase his supplies, without having to lose valuable time traveling a long distance for either purpose. Hence, our mercantile stores are increasing in number, while the amount of goods received and the quantity of cotton and country produce, as well as lumber, shipped, is apparent by the busy appearance of the depot.

Two, if not more, of our leading merchants are discussing plans for new and more commodious brick storehouses, while the large and handsome brick store now in course of erection for Mr. W. L. Sampey is nearing completion. A few days ago we announced the building of a new gin house for Mr. C. J. Stewart, and to day we give the news of a saw-mill and lumber yard, work on which has already commenced, by Messrs. McKee & Stanfield. Incidentally, we may be pardoned for mentioning THE BANNER office keeps six pairs of hands busy. To our farmers we would point out that all these industries means a home market for their produce, and we hope to see them multiplied. To the outside world we point with pride to the fact that these are home enterprises and cordially invite the attention of prospective settlers to the numerous advantages offered by Clanton and vicinity.

A New Ginnery at Clanton

C. J. Stewart, of Lomax, has purchased the Adams' lot, and will at once erect a first-class ginnery, which will be completed in time for ginning this season's crop. He will commence building the gin house next week.

Another New Industry.

Messrs. J. F. McKee and J. M. Stanfield have formed a co-partnership for the purpose of operating a saw-mill and lumber yard business in Clanton. The mill and yard will be located near to McKee's gin house. The plant is now being erected on the premises and in a short time will be heard the merry whirr of the saw and the musical steam whistle. The lumber yard will be a great convenience to our citizens, and deserves the patronage of all the surrounding country.

The Weather Bureau weekly crop report says: Cotton has improved steadily under recent warm weather and while stands are poor and it is about two weeks late, it is looking well and is generally clean and many a good cotton crop has been made with a worse start; damage by worms is steadily decreasing and chopping out is being pushed to completion; there is some complaint of damage by lice in southeastern counties. Corn is medium good stand but much improved and growing rapidly and laying by of early planted is becoming general. Spring oates being cut with good yealds in some centarl counties, but rain is needed to complete the crop: wheat continues fine, and millet while good, needs rain, irish potatoes are making good yeld; rain is needed for late strawberries and to head up cabbage and for transplanting sweet potatoes. Caine is very good; melon and cantalope vines while being injured in places by bugs, are very promising; many pair trees have been killed by blight, and peaches are rotting badly.

Electric Bitters.

Electric Bitters is a medicine suited for any season, but perhaps more generally needed, when the languid exhausted feeling prevails, when the liver is torpid and sluggish and the need of a tonic and alterative is felt. A prompt use of this medicine has often averted long and perhaps fatal bilious fevers. No medicine will act more surely in counteracting and freeing the system from the malarial poison. Headache, Indigestion, Constipation, Dizziness yield to Electric Bitters. 50c and $100 per bottle

The export of gold is never a pleasant sign, for it means that we are holding the price of our products too high to attract foreign purchasers: that they are taking our gold because they can buy more with it from others than they can from us, and that we must put down our prices or suffer the export of our gold.

And we have put down prices so often during the past few years only to find our competitors cut prices still lower and gold exports resumed, that we almost despair of putting a stop to gold exports by putting down prices.

The path that we have followed seems hopeless. Yet how can we avoid it? When our competitors cut prices our mutual customers, the British, will be prompt to avail of the reduction; they will buy all they can get at the reduced price, and, of course, buy correspondingly less of us. What is more, we owe the Brithish people something like $200,000,000 a year as interest. If with this $200,000,000 they can buy as much produce, as much grain and cotton in America as they can anywhere else, they will use this interest money to buy our products, and will not call upon us to pay it in gold. They do not want gold for gold's sake; they want gold for what gold will buy, and if it will buy more from us than from other peoples having such produce for sale as they have need of, they will take our products in payment of interest charges in preference to gold.

NOTICE.

The Confederate Pension board of Chilton county will meet in Clanton on the 1st Monday in June, 1897, to consider applications of those desiring to share in the fund provided by the State for their relief.

H. W. CAFFEY, Pres. B'd

May 18, 1897.

Subscribe for THE BANNER.

Political Points.

People's Press Bureau, St. Louis, Mo., May 20, 1897.

Thanks to Senator Allen's refusal to sign a petition for the pardon of Chapman, who had been sentenced to thirty days imprisonment for contempt, in refusing to answer questions put to him by the senatorial committee of investigation into the Sugar Trust scandals that gentleman is now supposed to be languished behind the bars. In reality he is only spending a month of seclution in the most luxurious apartment that could be fitted up at the jail. Trial of Searles and Havermeier was deferred until May 25.

The latest and by far from the least of the critics of the McKinley administration is "pious John Wanamaker." Failure to secure recognition of his merits as a hander of bargains and as a donator to campaign funds may be at the bottom of these strictures, but they make pretty good reading anyhow and have a ring of truth that is unique from a republican source.

Congressman Cochran, of Missouri, has introduced an amended edition of the income tax bill which he claims will be beyond the reach of the Supreme court ruling. He hopes to get it throug during the regular session.

Senator Pettigrew's resolution calling for an investigation of raudulent issue of lands to the Union Pacific Railroad has been adopted.

It is announced with some show of authority that President McKinley is very much displeased with the amended Tariff Bill now before the Senate and will veto the same should it pass the House in its present form.

The records show that fourteen savings banks, with about 29,000 depositors, have failed since McKinley's inauguration. Not a very convincing proof of restored prosperity.

It is reported in official circles that T. V. Powderly, ex-Grand Master Workman of the Knights of Labor, will receive a good appointment under the present administration, for his treachery to the people and the cause of silver in the last campaign.

There is a movement on foot among the Populists and Free Silver Democrats of Pennsylvania to nominate Hon. Jas. C. Sibley for Governor.

John Kane, of the United Mine Workers asserted that nearly one third of Miners of the country are at present out of employment.

The eastern railways are gradually reducing the wages of employes, notwithstanding the ante election promises. Many of the roads are also laying off large numbers of men.

All so called labor mills, before the Pennsylvaniy legislature, were killed at the recent session.

The recent election of Senator Stephen R. Mailory, of Floridr, the succeesor of Call, brings the total membership of the Senate to (93) within one of the full complement, and again gives the silver senator a majority of one vote.

Albet Griffin and Frank Root, veteran newspaper men, have started the independent at Topeka, Kas. It will champion the cause of silver and advocate financial reforms generally.

David Overmeier, of Kansas, is said to be developing strength as a candidate for second place on the silver ticket in 1900. He is a staurch friend of W. J. Bryan.

The daily and weekly Tribune of Pittsburg Kan. recently changed from a republican to a populist free silver organ. This comes in the nature of a surprise as the senior editor, D. C. Flint, has been for years one of the foremost republican politicians of Kansas.

Mrs. Anna L. Diggs, of Kansas, will soon begin a course of lectures in Minnesota, under the auspicies fo the farmers Alliance.

A bill for the creation of a state board of railroad commissioners has been defeated in an extra session of the Arkansas legislature.

A. R.

Are You Thin?

Look about you! See for yourself! Who suffer most from sleeplessness, nervousness, nervous dyspepsia, neuralgia, despondency, general weakness? Who are on the edge of nervous prostration all the time? Those who are thin, Opium, chloral, bromides, headache powders, only make matters worse. Iron and bitters are only stimulants. To be cured, and cured for good, you need a fat-making food. You want new blood, rich blood; and a strong nerve-tonic.

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CORRESPONDENCE.

[We are willing to publish our subscribers views at any time, but it must be distinctly understood we do not hold ourselves responsible for these opinions.—EDITOR.]

EDITOR BANNER: I was pleased to note that one man in Chilton county besides myself is in favor of good roads.

Your Kincheon correspondent seems to charge the commissioners with the bad roads and does not want to blame the apportioner and overseers. Now, I do not know whether or not, he is filling either place, but there is one thing I do know, if the overseers would discharge their duty as defined in the laws of the State, there would be less reason for complaint of bad roads. Your correspondent insists that the commissioners give us some second and first grde roads, which of course would be very acceptable to me, but I long to see a few third grade roads first. We have many fifth or sixth grade roads but no third grade. A third grade road is requered to be opened and worked 15 feet wide, but we go on the road and talk and laugh and tell idle tales and occasionally plow out a ditch on each side of the road with a space between about 7 or 8 feet wide instead of 15 and then dig a few ditches diagonally across it and breaks, and that is the true name for they break vehicles and very nearly break a person's back if their team has on any speed when passing over of them.

We jam our fences in the road so closely that it is dangerous and almost impossable for vehickles to pass each other. The apportioner being kind and tender harted they go before the grand jury and state that the roades are in a tolerably good condition. (Wanting to screen the overseers) The jury knows they are not in a good condition having just traveled over them, but they are very lenient too and report to the court that they find the public roads of the county in tolerably good condition, and court adjourns and all go home satisfied and not a third grade road in the county. Your correspondent says we have men and means to make good roads, that is true but we luck energy and will power. We could have as fine roads as there is anywhere if would use a little more muscular power. Hoping to hear from others on the subject of good roads I desist.

Yours till Gabrel blows.

OBSERVER.

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Jemison.

Mr. John Patton went to Birmingham yesterday on business.

Dr. J. P. Givhan attended the commencement exercises of the Industrial school at Montevallo.

Mr. Thomas Harrison is visiting friends in Montevallo.

Miss Jennie Hand has returned from Anniston, where she has been attending the Southern Female University.

Mr. Will Bandy visited Montevallo this week.

Mrs. Woolley and daughter are visiting friends and relatives at Montevallo.

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East Chilton Notes.

The crops are suffering for need of rain; the oat crop is badly damage; apple trees are shedding their fruit which we think is due to the cool nights and extended dry weather; the peach crop promises to be good up to date.

Joe Allen, of Colorado, has been visiting F. M. Connell and family this week. He will leave the last of May for Tallapoosa, Ga., where he and his brother, Thos. Allen expect to resume business. We wish them suceess and happiness in their Southern home.

F. M. Connell, Sr., and J. F. DuBose visited friends and relatives at Lomax on the 21st inst.

F. M. Connell, Jr., spent the latter part of last week in Birmingham on business.

Misses Willie and Mamie Taylor were the guests of Misses Sallie and Janie DuBose last Sunday.

J. D. Hull, ex-sheriff of Coosa county, has been quite ill at the residence of W. W. Rutland, but was able to be moved home on the 23d. We hope he will overcome his ailments at an early date.

Miss Alice Anderson visited Miss Julia Connell Saturday.

J. F. Traywick is watching the waters of Cargle creek very close so he says, but the writer is under the impression it is some man's daughter that has attracted Mr. Traywick's attention and not the creek.

Aunt Martha Posey and Miss Martha Pyron attended services at Salem last Sunday.

A SUBSCRIBER.

Kincheon.

J. E. Davenport died on the morning of the first inst. and was buried at Shiloh, followed by a host of sorrowing friends. His sister, Mrs. J. T. Williams, was struck by pneumonia at the grave side and lingered until the evening of the 10th when she too gave up this life for the great eternity beyond the tomb.

"Thou art gone to the grave,
But we wish not deplore thee."

The district meeting will be held at Shiloh 5th Sunday in this month and Saturday before. Would be glad to see those pretty faces from Mulberry again; the young ladies we mean.

R. Ehrman's log train runs day and night now. Mr. Vest runs as day engineer, Mr. Marcus at night.

Mrs. Frank Powell of Prattville is visiting her father's family, John Askins.

We are sorry to say Mrs. J. W. Silas is quite sick.

H. W. Atkinson, of San Francisco, Cal., is visiting his parents at this place.

Several of our young people took in the singing at Mt. Pisgah the second Sunday and reported a nice time.

A party of girls and boys went fishing on the pond one evening last week; one of the girls caught a sucker, 5 ft. 6 ins. by actual measurement.

The flowers we mentioned in our last letter were not orange blossoms, but proved to be May hop vines and the bells we thought were wedding bells was nothing but Mr. Durbin's sheep in the old field. The sky is clear again and everything is calm and serene.

The Sunday-school at Davis' schoolhouse is making good progress conducted by that clever gentleman, John Edwards assisted by our friend Jim Mims.

SAME AS BEFORE.

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HOW TO FIND OUT.

Fill a bottle or common glass with urine and let it stand twenty-four hours; a sediment or settling indicates an unhealthy condition of the kidneys. When urine stains linen it is positive evidence of kidney trouble. Too frequent desire to urinate or pain in the back, is also convincing proof that the kidneys and bladder are out of order.

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Program Preacher's Institute Mulberry Association

To be held with Providence church six miles north west of Jemison, commencing on Friday before the fifth Sunday in May,

9:30 a.m. Devotional exercises.

10 O'clock, a.m. organization.

11 Sermon by Rev. G. S. Anderson.

1 p.m. Subject for discussion, duties of baptist preachers one to another.

2 Subject. Is foot-washing a church ordinanc, discussed by Rev. G. S. Anderson, Rev. G. W. Freeman, and others.

3 Is the missionary spirit in accord with the teachings of the New Testament.

S. M. Adams } Committee
R. H. Long }

SUNDAY-SCHOOL CONVENTION.

Saturday—9 a.m. Prayer by J. J. Lowery. Welcome address by John Martin. Calling the roll.

11 Introductory sermon by Sutten Smitherman. Recess for dinner.

Subjects for discussion.

1st. Is the Sunday-school work of the present day the means by which we gain moore knowledge of God's Word? Opened by L. H. Reynolds, followed by H. L. Hicks and others.

2 Is there more information to be gained from God's Word in the Sunday-school or from the pulpit? Discussed by Z. J. Jones, J. I. Martin.

3 Is it right for members of a Sunday-school to absent themselves from their own school to attend other churches? Opened by D. Z. Woolley, followed by J. P. Jentry and others.

Sunday 9 a.m. Sunday-school mass-meeting conducted by Alex Glasscock.

11 Preaching by Bro. Nelson of Shelby county. Followed by S. M. Adams. Ministers especially invited to attend.

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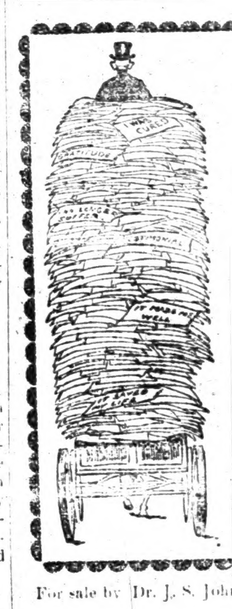

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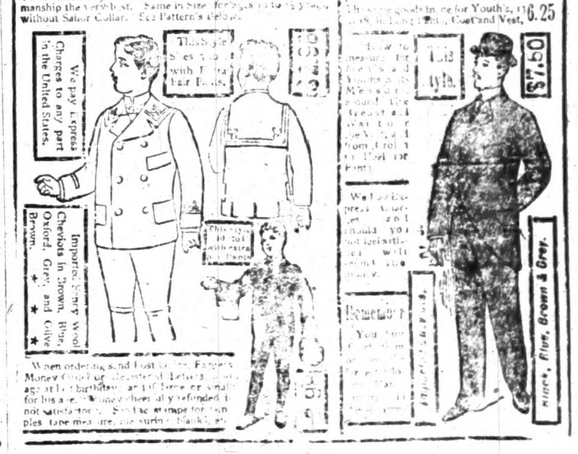

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TOWN ITEMS

County Commissioners' Court meets second Monday in January, first Monday in March, Monday in May, second Monday in August and first Monday in November.

Thomas Dillbey is visiting relatives in this city this week.

[illegible] has returned from [illegible]

Capt. M. Phelps is spending a few days at Bullock's mill this week.

[illegible] reported to be [illegible] business in this city last night while the [illegible] J. P. VanDerveer [illegible] some of the young men were startled [illegible] going in at [illegible] alarm. Messrs. Brooks went to investigate [illegible]

[illegible] services at the Baptist church Sunday was a [illegible] not only [illegible] but all [illegible] Misses [illegible] Evans, [illegible] August. The [illegible] at $7.50 [illegible] Montgomery is [illegible] a good deal [illegible] Monday.

[illegible] went to Jumbo [illegible]

[illegible] Haben, of We[illegible] guest of one of our [illegible] young ladies Sunday.

W. W. Drinkin and wife, of Prattville, were in Clanton Sunday.

Miss Mary Duke is again one of our charming visitors this week.

R. C. McMillion, of Birmingham, visited parents here Sunday.

Mayor Sampey made a business trip to Montgomery Monday.

W. T. Callen went to the capitol city Tuesday.

Miss Mary Moore, of Pinckard, is visiting the family of E. T. Gulahorn.

Mrs. A. E. Evans is visiting friends at Randolph this week.

Dr. W. E. Stewart visited Thorsby Tuesday.

Dr. J. C. Oates leaves next Monday to enter the medical department of Sewanee (Tenn.) college.

Mrs. Gilchrist and daughter, Miss Jessie, are attending the commencement exercises of the Montevallo Industrial school this week.

Mrs. J. W. Johnson, after a pleasant visit to friends and relatives in Birmingham, returned Monday night.

A. J. Gulahorn returned to Jasper Tuesday morning.

W. F. Taylor, of Thorsby, was in the city Tuesday. We are glad to see our new citizens making frequent visits to Clanton.

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Ben H. Wells, of Coopers, was in town Tuesday.

Prof. McMorries, who has been confined to his room for several days with an a tack of sickness, is able to attend school again.

Miss Celestia Dunlap after visiting relatives in our city left Monday for Randolph.

The young people of our town enjoyed a delightful entertainment at the residence of Mrs. W. H. Marcus Monday night.

Mrs. W. M. Wilson went to Montgomery Tuesday.

Mrs. J. P. VanDerveer is on the sick list this day.

V. H. Vines returned home after a visit to Columbiana.

L. H. Stewart, of Birmingham, and family came down to attend Children's Day at the Methodist church Sunday, and Mrs. Stewart and the children will remain here for several weeks.

Miss Bettie Young after visiting relatives here returned to Jumbo Saturday.

M. S. McRee, of Lowndesboro, was in our city Monday and carried back with him Lewis Love, convicted at the last term of circuit court, who will work out his sentence on Mr. McRee's farm.

Squire J. C. Dennis returned Monday from a visit to his brother, Dr. Dennis, in Autauga county.

W. H. Foshee made a trip to Birmingham yesterday.

Miss Mattie Sue Chandler had the misfortune to lose her purse late Monday evening, it contained between $6 and $7.

Durword Foshee is spending a few days with friends at Montevallo.

Mrs. W. J. Martin is suffering from an attack of sickness.

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Marriage licenses have been granted this week by the Probate Judge to the following persons.

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The BANNER office is the only Job Printing establishment in Chilton and Choca counties. We give you best work at lower prices than you can get elsewhere. Give us a trial.

We are sorry to learn Mr. Moses Robinson has been very sick the last few days.

Evans Pinckard is spending a few days in Atlanta.

Don't go barefooted when you can get shoes at T. J. Arnold's for cost.

There will be services in the Episcopal church the fifth Sunday in May at 11 o'clock. All are invited to attend.

W. W. Calloway, of Weogufka, was in town this morning hunting a convict escaped from J. W. Pace's Tallapoosa county farm.

Judge Honeycutt went out this morning to visit Mr. Moses Robinson.

The prisoners sentenced at the circuit court were last night carried down to the State penitentiary at Speigner's.

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W. L. SAMPEY, Mayor.

Fannie Young, Tody Houston and Bloss Milton, three colored females, were arrested Saturday by Marshall Brock, for using profane language on the street. His honor after hearing the evidence discharged all three, there not being enough evidence to convict them.

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The Best Remedy for Rheumatism.

From the Fairhaven (N.Y.) Register. Mr. James Rowland of this village, states that for twenty-five years his wife has been a sufferer from rheumatism. A few nights ago she was in such pain that she was nearly crazy. She sent Mr. Rowland for the doctor, but he had read of Chamberlain's Pain Balm and instead of going for the physician he went to the store and secured a bottle of it. His wife did not approve of Mr. Rowland's purchase at first, but nevertheless applied the Balm thoroughly and in an hour's time was able to go to sleep. She now applies it whenever she feels a ache or a pain and finds that it always gives relief. He says that no medicine which she had ever used did her as much good. For 25 and 50 cent sizes for sale by J. S. Johnson, Druggist.

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We are requested to announce to the people, especially those who are lovers of music, that the annual all-day singing, always held at Canaan on the 1st Sunday in May will be held at Canaan church one mile east of Mountain Creek the 5th Sunday in May, with a basket dinner. It will be conducted by the leading singers of the day and at 12 o'clock there will be an address delivered on the origin of music and its progress up to the present time. Every body come.

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The fourth annual session of the Alabama Chautauqua Assembly will be held in Talladega, June 21st to July 8th. The Alabama Chautauqua was a brilliant success the first year. The interest and attendance have increased each year since the first. The present program is the richest and most varied that has ever been presented. It contains the names of the finest lecturers, musicians and entertainers in America. The printed program, giving full information as to cost of board, railroad fare, etc., will be sent upon application to Rev. S. P. West, Manager, Talladega, Ala.

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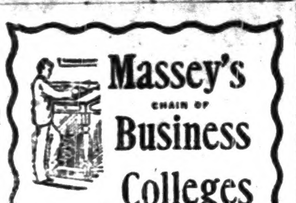

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Non-resident Notice.

THE STATE OF ALABAMA, Chilton County

Mobile & Ohio R.R. Co. vs J. F. Welch } In the Probate Court

To J. F. Welch, who is a non-resident of the State of Alabama, and who lives in the County of Harrison, in the State of Mississippi:

You are hereby given notice that the Mobile and Ohio Railroad Company has filed in this Court a petition in writing asking for an order of condemnation of a certain parcel of land in Section 9, Township 21, Range 12, in this County, and alleged to belong to you; said land is desired by said Company for the purpose of a right of way for a railway there on. It is ordered that Monday, the 28th day of June 1897, be appointed as the day for hearing said application, at which time you can appear and contest same if you see proper so to do.

Given under my hand this, the 24th day of May 1897. R. M. HONEYCUTT, Judge of the Probate Court.

Sheriff's Sale.

By virtue of an execution issued out of the circuit court of Montgomery county and State of Alabama, and to me directed, whereby I am commanded to make the amount of a certain judgment recently obtained against J. M. Hanlin, out of the goods, chattels, lands and tenements of the said J. M. Hanlin, I have levied on the following property, to-wit:

One 50 saw Pratt Gin, patented July 15, 1873; one Pratt Feeder and one Pratt Condenser; one Nance Cotton Press, and all Implements and Fixtures connected therewith; one Mill Spindle; one Band Pulley; one set of mill rocks, hopper and rim; one set U. S. standard scales; one sick.

Therefore, according to said command I shall expose for sale, at Public Auction, all the right, title and interest of the above named J. M. Hanlin in and to the above described property, on MONDAY, the 31st day of May, 1897, during the legal hours of sale, at Coopers Station, in Chilton County, Alabama.

Dated at Clanton, Ala., this 14th day of May, 1897.

J. T. COOLEY, Sheriff Chilton County, Alabama.

NOTICE.

All persons who became members of the Chilton county Farmers Mutual Insurance Association of Alabama, are hereby requested to meet in Clanton on June 1, and 10 o'clock, a.m., for the purpose of organizing Chilton county. J. H. Newton, State Director, and Col. J. D. Barron, President, will be present. Several persons will address the meeting. Public invited.

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American Tires in England.

American single-tube tires are doing so better in Europe in 1897 than European single tubers have done in previous years. In England, the riders will more than ever insist upon double-tube tires, judging by the following from The Cyclist, the great English cycling authority:

"The single-tube tires fitted to American machines imported this season are now beginning to issue, indeed, a lot of them have already done so. Novices should take the utmost care in buying any of the second hand American machines at present so extensively advertised for sale, to observe at the tyres, if of the single-tube description, are in thorough good order. The importance of this was brought home to us by hearing of a friend who had been victimized by what he considered was a bargain in a second-hand Yankee mount. The tyres were absolutely porous and done for, failing to hold air for more than a few hours when ridden. Even if as good as new when bought, it will not be long before the single-tubers go hopelessly wrong, at least such is our experience."

In line with the above statements, a dealer in El Paso, Texas gives his method of handling single-tube tires: "After eight years' experience in seven different states, I find the only sure way to repair leaking single-tube tires is to cut them open, punch lace holes, put inside, plenty of soap tonic, shake it out, then draw in a Morgan & Wright inner tube, lace up, cement to rim and pump up." Practically making them into double-tube tires.

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New Salem.

Mrs. Eliza Robinson is visiting her mother, Mrs. Maddox.

Miss Katie Hill has returned home after a pleasant visit to her sister, Mrs. Piety Crosby.

Misses Lummy and Lula Collins had a nice time Sunday entertaining friends, among whom were Misses Henrietta and Lula Sorrell.

Some of the Salem boys went to Mars Hall Sunday and reported a nice time, but they were very hungry.

We had a very warm prayer-meeting Sunday night.

Miss Cora Hill is visiting friends and relatives; we hope she will return soon.

Mr. and Mrs. Wiley Foshee visited here Sunday. X. Y. Z.

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The Westfield (Ind.) News prints the following in regard to an old resident of that place: "Frank McAvoy, for many years in the employ of the L. N. A. & C. Ry. here says: 'I have used Chamberlain's Colic, Cholera and Diarrhœa Remedy for ten years or longer—am never without it in my family. I consider it the best remedy of the kind manufactured. I take pleasure in recommending it.'" It is a specific for all bowel disorders. For sale by J. S. Johnson, Druggist.

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Rev. E. L. Moore, of Montgomery county, will preach at Pleasant Grove the fifth Sunday in May.

Wanted—An Idea Who can think of some simple thing to patent? Protect your ideas; they may bring you wealth. Write JOHN WEDDERBURN & CO., Patent Attorneys, Washington, D. C., for their $1,800 prize offer, list of two hundred inventions wanted.

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Mr. F. P. Lambert, Judge Supreme Court for many years as the special representative of the Populists and Free Silver Party of the United States, has kindly forwarded the following letter for publication.

Jan 25, 1897.

DEAR SIRS—I am anxious for the sake of the suffering and out of gratitude to you to give my personal endorsement of your wonderful remedy. On the 6th of January 1897, I was in Washington and my suffering caused me an agonizing case of inflammatory rheumatism, so severe and painful in character that within 24 hours my left arm was paralyzed and I was only able to dress with assistance. I secured a bottle of 5 DROPS and took a dose that night according to your printed directions. The following morning I was surprised to find myself somewhat relieved, and after taking treatment I woke the second morning cured. My arm was entirely free from pain, and all swelling and stiffness had disappeared. My cure was so quick and complete as to be remarkable. I have known for some time of the great healing properties of your medicine and have several friends who have been cured by it of Neuralgia, Catarrh and Asthma. Wishing you every success, I remain, Yours truly, [illegible] Bureau of Engraving and Printing, Washington, D.C.

CURES THE INCURABLE.

DEAR SIRS:—I would like to thank you for your great remedy "5 DROPS," and let you what it has done for me. I had been troubled with a weak heart, and for a long time had Catarrh of the head for 20 years. I was so deaf that I could not hear a clock tick and could not move without pain. I was so bad that I could not lie down for two years, and our family physician said I could live but a short time. Five months ago I read in the newspapers about "5 Drops" and decided to try it. This is nothing short of a miracle. I can truly say I have not a single symptom of Catarrh, and I have gained more than is claimed for it. At this time my ears are free from pain, and I have gained in hearing. I have not had any Rheumatism at all and the heart trouble is now gone. I am now 60 years of age, and my eyesight is almost perfect. I have gone to work at my old trade, shoemaking, and can do a full day's work. It is the best of all medicines for a weak heart. I am recommending it to my friends and relatives. I am 70 years of age, and I have used many medicines for Crup and colds but for it has the same effect in each case and I prize it highly for the lives of the child and relatives saved by it. Wishing you success in introducing this great remedy, I remain, Yours respectfully, WM. WILLIAMS, Dublin Ferry P.O., Ind.

Jan. 29, 1896.

We received the following letter from Mr. [illegible] Hallock, of Omaha, Neb., Mr. Hallock has been for many years an active [illegible] Kelleams [illegible]

MR. J. S. WILSON,

DEAR SIR—Your letter of recent date at hand. The testimonial you speak of is genuine. The company who put it out are [illegible] and responsible. I gave it to them, and every word of it is true and proper. I have sold many thousands of bottles of 5 Drops and never heard a word of complaint. I once was deaf so you may judge I know what it can do. I believe that power of hearing can be restored in many cases where it has not been lost too long, and I believe 5 Drops will do it. You can use this as you may think best. I have received many letters like yours, and it is a pleasure to me to recommend it to any and all who write. Tell all your neighbors what I have written about 5 Drops. I know how to sympathize with those who are afflicted, for though I suffered so long, it is now a joyful thought. Since I have felt my power of hearing I have not felt any pain. Dr. S. W. Kellems, my brother, uses 5 Drops in his practice, and joins me in endorsing this great remedy. He says for a case like yours it is a positive cure. Yours truly, WM. W. KELLEMS AND DR. S. W. KELLEMS, Sept. 21, 1896.

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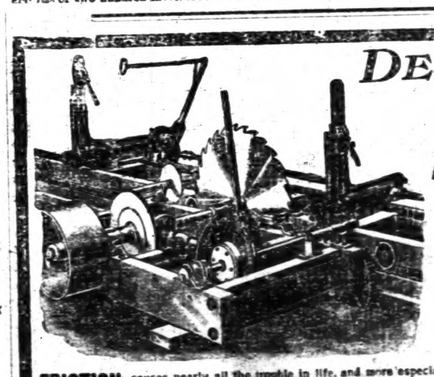

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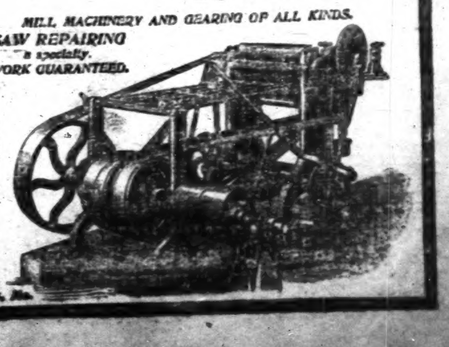

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A band of eager, willing members of the Salvation Army will soon leave New York to go South in order to organize work among the colored people in that section of the country. Atlanta will be the first city visited, and headquarters are to be established there.

Whatever a man honestly believes to be his duty claims his uncompromising and unhesitating allegiance; and every time he disobeys the call of duty he falls a step lower in the scale of character. Like all other powers within us, it is strengthened by exercise and weakened by disuse.

A Burglar's Fate.

Mrs. Brown (in awed whisper)—Sh-h! I hear a burglar in the pantry. I believe he is going to steal the cake I cooked to-day.

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STATE NEWS.

Interesting Paragraphs From Our Own Commonwealth.

SUPPOSED DEAD MAN ALIVE.

Death of Brave Old Confederate Soldier at Selma.—Colored School at Anniston Burned.—After Alabama Oil.—Contribution to Advertise Birmingham.

The citizens of Florence voted against the proposition for the city to issue bonds and purchase the city waterworks.

Charles Hall, colored, killed his wife, Becky Hall, in a corn field near Newbern. He cut her throat and escaped in the confusion.

Dr. C. M. Welden, of Brocton, Mass., has accepted the presidency of Clark's University of Atlanta, one of the largest colored universities in the South.

As the 5 and 3-year-old sons of W. H. Nation were at play at their home in Monroeville, the 5-year-old struck his brother in the head with a sharp hatchet, penetrating the skull. The wound is serious, but not fatal.

The Birmingham City Council has voted to contribute $500 towards a fund which is being raised by the Commercial Club and the corporations of this district to put a traveling agent on the road to advertise Birmingham and to induce industries from the North to locate there. The county has already voted $1,000. The entire sum that it is proposed to raise is $7,000 to $8,000.

D. F. Phillips, agent for the Nebraska Petroleum and Mining Company, has succeeded in securing options on the required 50,000 acres of land in Madison and Limestone counties. Within a short time this company is expecting to begin to bore for oil on these lands. Oil is already known to exist on some of these lands.

J. F. Pitman, residing near Gadsden, has just received news to the effect that his father, Rev. N. W. Pitman, has been found alive and well at Albany, Ga. It was reported that Mr. Pitman had been killed in the seven days' battle of the wilderness, and since that day he has been mourned as dead by all except J. F. Pitman, who believed his father was alive and has been active in the search ever since the war.

Messrs. Frank and Sam Nabers, Dr. Hardee Johnston, Donald Comer and George Morrow, Jr., will leave Birmingham on June 2 for a tour of England. They will take their bicycles along and skim over the smooth English roads. They will call their wheels the Liberty wheel and but up a big eagle in front.

Barber Memorial School for Negro Girls, located at Anniston, Ala., the gift of a woman from the North as a memorial to her dead husband, was destroyed by fire early Saturday morning. There was but a limited water supply and the building was at the mercy of the flames. But little of the furniture was saved and the loss is about $45,000, with insurance of $4500. The origin of the fire is a mystery. The school had been established about eight months and had fifty pupils.

The reports to the Commissioner of Agriculture show that the acreage in cotton will be a slight increase in the State over that of last year, and a decrease in that of corn. The report is made up from replies from all the counties, and is as follows:

The acreage of cotton will be 10 per cent. greater than last year; stands poor; replants not all up; plants looking bad; chopping nearly completed.

The acreage of corn will be 5 per cent. off from last year; stands poor and plants yellow; cut worms are very destructive in some places.

The acreage of oats planted this year is 20 per cent. off from that of last year; the shortage is due to the wet spring, the land being too wet to put the grain in until it was too late to plant; both fall and spring oats are looking well; the fall planting will be ready to harvest in a few days.

A full crop has been planted, and doing well; some complaints of rust; very little wheat is sown in the middle and southwestern counties; what was sown promises to do well.

Gardens are reported to be a little backward, but doing well; the Irish potato crop is the best in several years; sweet potatoes are being put out and the prospects are for a large crop to be planted.

The condition of work stock is poor, owing to scarcity of feed, most of the farmers having most of their feed to buy; there has been no disease reported among the work stock; there number of colts foaled, both horse and mule colts.

Milk cows are reported in fair condition but scarce; good milkers are in demand; beef cattle are poor.

Sheep are reported in good order, with an increase of 5 per cent. and free from disease, the clip wool being good.

The number of hogs is reported 10 per cent off from last year, cholera reported killing a great many; some effort is being made to improve the breed, which is very much needed; the organization of the Swine Breeders' Association of the State is a move in the right direction.

Peaches are reported as dropping, but a fair crop may be expected; pears killing the trees; apples and plums will will be almost a failure, the blight be a full crop.

Col. T. H. Rosser of Dalaston died at the sanitarium in Selma Saturday night in the eightieth year of his lift.

He was born in Fayetteville, N. C., 1818, and moved to Missouri in young manhood. He was a participant in the John Brown insurrection in Kansas and one of his sons was killed by Brown's forces.

At the outbreak of the war he enlisted as a private in the First Missouri regiment and was made lieutenant-colonel, and when he reached there was placed in command of the regiment at once. The same day the union forces from Kansas City gave him battle and he was victorious.

Col. Rosser commanded infantry and artillery forces in the battles of Carthage, Springfield, Lexington and Dry Wood in Missouri, and in the battle of Pea Ridge in Arkansas. He was in command of the Second brigade of Confederate troops in the latter battle and at its close Gen. Sterling Price presented him with his sword, which he has preserved and cherished.

He was commandant at Memphis until the fall of Fort Pillow and was transferred to Alabama just prior to the close of the war.

For many years he has resided on his plantation near Dallaston. He leaves a wife and a large family connection.

SULTAN INTERVIEWED.

The First Interview With Abdul Abdul Since the War.

The New York World publishes an exclusive interview with the sultan of Turkey, the first interview with that ruler ever printed on the war and the terms of peace. It was obtained by Sir Ellis Ashmead Bartlett, member of the English parliament, who dictated it for the World.

When the subject of peace was broached Sir Ellis said:

"Greece and Turkey, your majesty, should be friends, not enemies, as they have common and formidable foes. A continuance of the war will only enfeeble both and benefit the Slavs."

"But, sir," answered the sultan, with a deprecatory wave of the hand, and a faint shrug of the shoulders, "we did not begin the war. Greece ought to have thought of these things before rashly plunging into hostilities without provocation."

Sir Ellis suggested that now that the Ottoman arms have been victorious, the sultan could well afford to display magnanimity by granting terms not too humiliating to Greece.

The sultan replied: "You have said the king of Greece and the Greek government feared public opinion, but there is public opinion in Turkey also which has to be reckoned with. Turkish feeling demands that the Ottoman empire should not thus be wantonly forced to make heavy sacrifices with impunity."

Sir Ellis suggested that Turkey might cede Crete to Greece in exchange for Thessaly and an indemnity, his majesty replying:

"But Cretan Musselmans have been very cruelly and unjustly treated, on which account there is bitter indignation throughout my dominion."

Sir Ellis, who interview King George for the World, said the Greek ruler was anxious for an honorable peace.

The sultan replied:

"Though the fault lies with Greece for what has happened, I, too, would rejoice to see peace re-established between us."

Sir Ellis suggested that Turkey should be given control of the mountain passes of the Thessalanian frontier.

His majesty assented to this by nods of approval, and then asked: "What do you think the Greek government would say to such a proposal?"

As to the final terms of peace Sir Ellis says he believes there will be:

1. An indemnity of £4,000,000, accompanied perhaps by European control of Greek finances.

2. Rectification of the Thessalanian frontier so as to give Turkey complete contro of the mountain passes.

3. Whole or partial abolition of Greek capitulations.

THE MEXICAN GOVERNMENT

Grant Lottery Privileges to Jesse Grant and Associates.

It has leaked out at San Francisco that the concession obtained by Jesse Grant and his associates from the Mexican Government for lands surrounding the famous Hot Springs of Tiajuana, across the boundary line, covers also privilege for running a lottery and gambling device.

It is said that Grant and his associates do not intend to enter the business, but that Eastern people will take control of this feature, while they attend to the development of the colonization and mineral waters.

Who the Eastern people are is not known, but it is learned that the Dwyers are figuring on the purchase of the Ryerson and San Antonio ranches, some miles below Tia Juana, to be used for raising racing stock.

A local real estate man who is handling the matter for Grant and his associates is authority for the statement that the intending purchasers declare that they will build the finest gambling houses in the world at the springs, to cost $2,000,000, to include every game of chance known, with a lottery connection. The deal is to be completed this week.

SCATHING CRITICISM

Of the United States Congress by Several Havana Papers.

The Havana La Constitucional, commenting upon the action of the United States government in appropriating $50,000 for the relief of starving Americans in Cuba, says:

"The right of the United States to do this cannot be called into question. Spain in a similar matter assisted her subjects at Key West for the great fire there some years ago."

El Diaro de la Marina subjects "American jingoes" and the United States Congress to a scathing criticism and expresses confidence that no matter what action the United States and the House of Representatives may take, President McKinley will be able to maintain amicable relations with Spain.

An American named Govin, recently incarcerated as a suspect, has been released.

Judicious advertising pays.

NEWS SUMMARY.

Interesting Items From All Quarters Briefly Noted.

AN AGED MURDERER HANGED.

Little Japan Demands Damage From the Hawaiian Government.—Menelik Preparing to Fight Intruders in Africa.—The World's Greatest Telescope.

Benito Lopez, 70 years old, was hanged in the State prison at Folsom, Cal., for the murder of George Washburn, a wealthy ranch owner.

The strike of the tanners and curriers at Chicago has been officially declared off by the several unions involved. One-half of the 2,000 men involved will secure their old places.

The steamer Belgic, from Honolulu, brings advices that no action has been taken by the Hawaiian government on the demands made by Japan growing out of the recent refusal of the former to allow certain immigrants to land. It is said Japan demands damages.

The doctors sent to India have reported to the academy of sciences that neither Prof. Yersin's nor Prof. Hafkins' serum has been successful in the treatment of the bubonic plague. The commission adds that the danger of the plague reaching Europe is small.

The Rome correspondent of the London Times says: "I learn on the very best authority that Emperor Menelik of Abyssinia is arranging to co-operate with the dervishes against Anglo-Egyptian expeditions into the Soudan."

At Williams Bay, Wis., to the accompaniment of a howling northwest wind and the quaking of many pulleys, the great objective lenses of the Yerkes observatory were fitted in to position last Friday. An hour later the eyepiece was adjusted and the world's greatest telescope became a reality. The sky, however, was too cloudy last night for observation.

President McKinley has finally decided to go to the Nashville exposition next month. He has fixed upon the 12th as the date and will doubtless be accompanied by some members of his cabinet. He will travel over the Southern road, via Asheville, Chattanooga and Knoxville.

From Athens comes the report that the officers appointed to fix the neutral zone on the frontier have completed their work. It is announced that both armies are to fall back and leave a neutral zone 800 metres in width. All of the passes are included in this zone except Phourka, which the Turks hold.

United States Senator Joseph H. Earle, who was elected last January, S. C., died Thursday afternoon at 5:35 o'clock. He was born in Greenville, April 30, 1847. Gov. Ellerbee will have to appoint a successor to serve until the general assembly meets next winter, when it will elect a senator for the unexpired term.

The Tennessee State Bankers' Association last week elected J. M. Keith, of Nashville, president, and adopted resolutions commending to President McKinley the candidacy of J. M. Faxo for the position of treasurer of the United States. Robert Lowry, of Atlanta, president of the American Bankers' Association, addressed the convention, speaking on "Bankers' Associations, State and National."

Near Sugar Grove, Warren county, Pa., a few days since a test well drilled for oil was being shot with a torpedo. There was no flow of oil but natural gas gushed from the casing in great quantities. A spectator wanted to light a cigar and the flame of his match ignited the gas. There was a terrific explosion, which scattered the spectators in all directions. Postmaster Balton, Dr. Kelly, L. W. King and two persons named King were frightfully burned about the head, face and hands. Several others were slightly burned.

At Chicago Ex-Banker Spalding had an hours' talk with his former friend-employe, Miss Sarah Louise Ervin, the other day. Miss Ervin wore a dark colored hat with many red flowers upon it and was attired in a rich, dark costume. She seemed cheerful and smiled frequently during the interview with Spalding. The ex-banker also seemed to be in good spirits. It is believed that Miss Ervin will aid in procuring bondsmen for Spalding in case his bonds are reduced to $50,000.

A telegram from London announces that the new tunnel under the Thames at Blackwall was inaugurated by the prince of Wales Saturday. At the entrance of the tunnel the royal party was met by the duke of Cambridge and the prince of Teck and military and other officials. The procession then proceeded through the tunnel, which was illuminated by three rows of electric lights. At the Greenwich end was a dais upon which the royal party took their places and from which the prince of Wales, in the name of the queen, declared the tunnel open to the public traffic forever. The new tunnel is generally regarded as a triumph of engineering skill.

Another attempt has been made to assassinate President Borda, of Uraguay. The first attempt was made by a boy, who tried to shoot the president; the last by means of a bomb, which was sent to the president from La Plata, Argentine, and which he received recently. The bomb was in a box, so arranged that it would explode when opened. Fortunately suspicion was aroused and the box was turned over to the police and detected.

James B. Eustis, ex-ambassador to France and for twelve years a senator from Louisiana, announces his intention of becoming the head of the law firm of Jones & Govin, of New York city. Mr. Eustis, who will sail for this country June 6, will act at times as counsel for both the French and Austrian governments, and will especially look after the cis-Atlantic legal matters of the French Steamship company.

Wesley Zeletek, of Grant county, Oklahoma, in a fit of jealousy, killed Joe Hajek while he was visiting the girl for whose hand they were rivals. The sheriff arrested Zeletek. On the way to town Zeletek died in great agony beside the sheriff in the buggy, after having confessed that he swallowed strychnine with suicidal intent. Both men were under 22 years of age.

THE DUKE EXCITED.

Tetuan Attacks a Spanish Senator and Then Resigns.

A telegram from Madrid announces that the Duke of Tetuan, minister of foreign affairs, has resigned, as a result of the incident in the Senate last Thursday, when he boxed the ears of Senator Comas.

Senor Canovas, the premier, will take the portfolio ad interim.

The liberal senators have decided to attend no more sessions of the senate until full satisfaction has been accorded to Senator Comas and the Liberal party by the Duke of Tetuan.

The exciting incident which culminated in a free fight was provoked by the statement of the Duke of Tetuan that Senor Segasta's speech the other day to the liberals had contributed to bring about the vote in the American Senate.

Gen. Luis Pando said: "The thing now happening is due to the cowardice and feebleness of the government."

Senor Comas said: "You will discuss that tomorrow.

"We will discuss it," repled the Duke of Tetuan, "but I will accept dictation from nobody."

"Nor I either," retorted Senor Comas at the top of his voice.

At this point the Duke of Tetuan, pale with excitement, boxed both ears of Senor Comas and felled him to the floor. The son of Comas threw himself upon the duke and struck him a heavy blow with his fist. Several senators intervened and a general scuffle ensued, with great confusion, and it was some time before order was restored.

The Duke of Tetuan tendered his resignation immediately after the incident. It is believed he misunderstood the reply of Senator Comas, as he is regarded as an extremely courteous and honorable man.

Senator Comas is a professor in the University of Madrid and is held in high esteem in scholastic and political circles.

The Senate resumed its session the evening, but no reference was made to the incident. It adjourned at 10 o'clock, after which the immediate witnesses deliberated with the seconds of the Duke of Tetuan and Senator Comas for an hour before the seconds decided that under the code duello a duel was unnecessary.

FOUNDED BY JOHN WESLEY.

Christ Church, the Oldest Church in Georgia, Destroyed by Fire.

Christ church, the oldest church of Georgia, founded by John Wesley before he promulgated the Methodist faith, was burned almost to the ground shortly after midnight Saturday. The fire was discovered shortly after 12 o'clock and it spread rapidly. It is supposed to have originated from a gas jet left burning by some member of the choir which held a practice there. It contained all the records of Savannah and practically of Georgia since 1865, most of which are a total loss.

The church cost about $25,000 and about as much more has been spent upon it. The price set upon the building and lot recently was $100,000. It is only partially covered by insurance.

Christ Church, standing on Bull street, fronting Johnson square, is the mother church of the Episcopal communion in Georgia. Christ church parish was founded soon after the settlement of Savannah. The first edifice was begun in 1743, but was not completed until 1750. In 1796 it was destroyed by fire and was rebuilt upon an enlarged plan in 1803. The next year it was partially demolished by a hurricane and was not rebuilt until 1810. In 1838 the corner stone of the present edifice was laid, the old church having been torn down, and the building was completed in 1840. The founder of Christ church was Rev. Henry Herbert, who came over from England with Oglethorpe.

John Wesley was its third rector, and on the site of the present edifice stood the rude chapel in which he ministered as chaplain to the colonists. The late Bishop Stephen Elliott was rector of the church from 1861 until his death in 1866, and in the chancel is a beautiful window to his memory.

SCRIMMAGE AT HOMESTEAD.

Foreign Laborers Attacked by Idle Americans.—Hand-to-Hand Fight.

Enraged that work which they believed should have been given to them instead of imported labor, a half hundred idle men at Homestead Friday night laid siege to large shanties in which were sleeping an equal number of Italians, brought here from Virginia to work on the Homestead and Highland street railway. The attacking party was armed with sticks and stones, and the foreigners, frightened almost to death, fled precipitately from the house. A hand to hand scrimmage followed, during which a number of the Italians were seriously injured. the attacking party then withdrew, and two hours later the Italians returned. A second attack was made on the shanties and attempt to burn them, but this time the foreigners drove their assailants off. Saturday morning the Italians went to work under the protection of officers, but the feeling against them is so strong that further trouble is expected. The imported men are working under contract at 75 cents a day.

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Champion Mean Man of Georgia.

A man in Lumpkin County, Ga., not only sued a person for 18 cents, but tendered a bill for $1 to his sister for a sack of flour and some lard used while she and neighbors were sitting up with the corpse of his father at his house, besides charging his daughter 25 cents for what she ate while visiting him on that occasion.

Contributor—What a surly sort of chap that fellow who writes your jokes is. Editor (sadly)—Yes, he is; and from what he sends me I'm afraid he's been out of humor for a long while.—Answers.

Fuddy—There's Fumble over opposite. He prides himself upon the good things he gets off in conversation. Duddy—Should think he would; they occur so seldom, you know.—Boston Transcript.

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DIPS INTO FINANCE.

A "PROMINENT BUSINESS MAN'S" CONTRIBUTION.

A Confession of Failure—More Hard Times Predicted—Any Farmer Can Give This Gentleman Many Good Pointers.

The following printed circular was mailed to each employe of the Bridge & Beach Manufacturing Company of St. Louis, we are told by the Journal, with his pay envelope, Monday:

From the Stove and Hardware Review, May 6, 1897: A Business Man's Views. In response to a request to give his views on the outlook for the business future, Mr. George H. Holland, vice president and manager of the Bridge & Beach Manufacturing Company, a concern which, as is well known, stands second to none in the stove business for financial strength, replied as follows:

"In my opinion, this year of 1897 will be another 'waiting year.' We should not aggravate the situation by prophesying further tribulation, but, on the other hand, we should not blind ourselves by talking of a reaction and good business outlook being in sight when it is not. The existing conditions are bad; there is little in the immediate future that promises relief, and the only real encouragement we have is that this state of affairs can not last for all time to come. It is true we said this in 1895 and 1896, and when McKinley was elected I was one of those who felt that prosperity was in sight; and we had every reason to believe so. The election was over, the financial question was settled for four years to come, and we were saved from the terrific results of a depreciated silver currency; the tremendous liquidation during 1893, 1894, 1895 and 1896, and the low prices ruling indicated that bottom had been reached and that 1897 would bring prosperity, but since the panic of 1893 the situation has never been correctly analyzed. Our condition has been far worse than we imagined and our recovery is going to take longer than was supposed. The farmer is in trouble; his surplus is gone, and he is encroaching on his capital—mortgaging his farm. The western farmer can get for his corn an average price of fifty 21 cents per bushel, and in many sections less, and for oats, a most important crop with him, 12 to 15 cents. We have not realized the great change electricity is working for him and for the rest of us and the new conditions we must meet. Horses and mules by the thousands have been displaced by electricity. The electric carriages and wagons will soon displace thousands more. Iowa farmers have lost 60 per cent of their hogs by cholera, and in other states have suffered heavily. These conditions must not be ignored. Manufacturers and business men can not prosper unless the farmer prospers. Good crops, especially of wheat and cotton, this year, and proper tariff legislation, will pave the way for better times. I look for further failures, but they will be of concerns who have spread themselves, are badly managed, and whose interest charges on their bonds and mortgages are eating them up. While it rains hard, still the quicker such concerns are liquidated the better. The worst of all is the suffering of mechanics, laborers, clerks and their families, for manufacturers and merchants must reduce their expenses, cut down their force and work shorter time until an increase in their business justifies increasing their help. Not until the farmer can realize a surplus from his crops that will increase his purchasing power will we see business improve. When that will be I know not. Collections are good, but country merchants are buying only from hand to mouth as their needs require. Probably never before have the country merchants been in better shape as far as indebtedness goes. Their stocks are low, and like the rest of us, they are waiting, waiting for the farmer upon whom after all we are depending for prosperity. It took several years of misgovernment, mismanagement and 'kite flying' to get us all into this condition. We can not expect to get out of it in a few months. Every thoughtful man must know. I firmly believe that all business and manufacture depends on the farmer. On him depend the railroads (who are suffering with the rest of us) to move his crops and bring him supplies. Upon him depends the country merchant, and upon the country merchant depends the manufacturer and wholesale merchant, and upon the manufacturer and wholesale merchant depend the thousands of mechanics, clerks, salesmen and laborers in the city, and so on to the end of the chapter. The farmer is in a bad way by economizing on every side. We are feeling the result of his condition. We are a debtor nation; our national, state, county and municipal indebtedness is held all over the world. It will take time and the exercise of more good business sense in our government management than we have been experiencing, to get straightened out. A change for the better will come but not in the immediate future. This is the way it looks to me."

This is quite a remarkable contribution to the current "literature" of the financial question by a successful business man.

Mr. Holland admits that all of his prophesies have been unfulfilled and says that our condition has been worse than imagined and the recovery will take longer than was supposed. One great truth, it seems, has come to him—an illumination from on high—and that is "that all business and manufacture depends on the farmer." He truly says we are a debtor nation and our indebtedness is held all over the world. Did it ever occur to Mr. Holland that so long as we permit our national creditors to fix the prices of our products we will never be anything else but a debtor nation? Will he consult what is called the index-number tables, which show a constantly decreasing range of the prices of average commodities, in which our interest charges abroad are paid, and tell us how we are to cease to be debtors if this continues?

England's annual tribute from America in interest equals at least $400,000,000, which may all be exacted in gold. We do not produce 10 per cent of that quantity of gold which is available for payment, and must pay in commodities at England's price. If Mr. Holland had a note due in his bank, and his bank knew that he could only pay in stoves, what power would Mr. Holland have (assuming that the banker was a "good business man") to enhance the price of his stoves?

There is much truth in Mr. Holland's statement of conditions, but the circular is remarkable in that there is no suggestion of a remedy. He does not tell us to "have confidence;" he breathes no word of hope of better times from tariff legislation; he does not advocate the retirement of the greenbacks. We can infer from his leaflet that there is no remedy unless it be the discovery of a cure for hog cholera. Singularly enough, however, in enumerating causes for conditions he specifies in the same paragraph and as concurring causes the increased capacity for production of wealth by electric devices and the destruction of wealth by hog cholera. Now, Mr. Holland, let us not burst in ignorance. Please, please, tell us whether the increased production of wealth due to invention or the destruction of wealth by hog cholera is the cause of our troubles, or do both conspire to put us in this miserable plight?

Our Cause Is the Cause of the World.

If you dam up the river of progress,
At your peril and cost let it be!
That river must seaward, despite you,
'Twill break down your dams and be free!
And we heed not the pitiful barriers
That you in its way have down cast,
For your efforts but add to the torrent
Whose flood must o'erwhelm you at last!
For our banner is raised and unfurled;
At your head our defiance is hurled—
Our cause is the cause of the world!

Our hope is the hope of the age,
We laugh in the face of the forces
That strengthen the flood they oppose;
For, the harder oppression, the fiercer
The current will be when it flows.
We shall win, and the tyrant's battalions
Will be scattered like chaff in the fight,
From which the true soldier of Freedom
Shall gather new courage and might!
For our banner is raised and unfurled;
At your head our defiance is hurled—
Our hope is the hope of the ages,
Our cause is the cause of the world!

Whether leading the van of the fighters
In the bitterest stress of the strife,
Or patiently bearing the burden
Of changelessly commonplace life,
One hope we have ever before us,
One aim to attain and fulfill,
One watchword we cherish to mark us
One kindred and brotherhood still!
For our banner is raised and unfurled;
At your head our defiance is hurled—
Our hope is the hope of the ages,
Our cause is the cause of the world!

What matter if failure on failure
Crowd closely upon us and press?
Where a hundred have bravely been beaten,
The hundred and first wins success!
Our watchword is "Freedom!"—new soldiers
Flock each day where her flag is unfurled,
Our hope is the hope of the ages,
Our cause is the cause of the world!
For our banner is raised and unfurled;
At your head our defiance is hurled—
Our hope is the hope of the ages,
Our cause is the cause of the world!

A Huge Patent Swindle.

The patent office decision granting an extension of eleven years to the Bell telephone monopoly through the held up Berliner patents is sustained by the United States Supreme Court. The patent office is pretty near as rotten as the Supreme Court, and it is time the people gave them both a thorough overhauling. When a corporation that has been permitted and protected by the Supreme Court and the patent office in robbing the people of the United States of one hundred millions in the past ten years is now given the opportunity to continue their stealings for a dozen years longer by such a bare faced fraud as the Berliner patent, it is time for some drastic measures to be taken with the guilty parties. The Berliner patent is owned by the Bell Telephone Company and held up in the patent office for nearly ten years, so as to make sure of defending the Bell monopoly a dozen years when it was adopted.—Journal of the Knights of Labor.

RELATION TO WAGES.

HOW THE GOLD STANDARD GRINDS THE LABORER.

Not Dear Money and Cheap Men, but Cheap Money and Dear Men, Should Be the Working Men's Platform.

The relation of the money question to labor and wages is a most important one. Indeed money sustains a vital relation to all forms of industry. Some theorists seem to believe that money is not necessary to exchange of products; that it is in fact an ingenious device by which the crafty manage to filch the proceeds of toil. However this may be, all will agree that to do away with money we should have to change our entire system of business and commerce. While the present system obtains money is a vital factor. It is no less vital to labor than to capital. The argument in favor of a dear dollar in its relation to wages is a specious one. All must recognize that the more a laborer can buy for the dollars he earns the better it will be for him and those dependent upon him. He has been represented as a creditor, and as such his interests are with the creditor class. The patriotic gold standard editor and orator never grew tired of reminding the country that the pension creditor and the labor creditor must be paid in good money. There was no mention of the bond and mortgage creditor by these friends (?) of the old soldier and the day laborer. It was shown that wages had not fallen in the same proportion as other things, therefore the laborer was better off under the regime of the dear dollar than under that of the cheap dollar.

Of course plain history and plain observation refuted the proposition flatly, but there is a logic that ignores facts and scorns history. During the so-called period of inflation every man had work if he wanted it, and at fair if not good wages. It was when the period of contraction set in that the tramp became a permanent reality in this country. The steady ascent of the dollar has measured the steady descent of the laborer. It has done the same thing in all ages and in all countries. The mortality tables gathered through hundreds of years by life insurance companies are not more reliable or scientific than is the above statement. Dear money means cheap labor always and inevitably. It could be proven that now labor is exceedingly cheap, perhaps cheaper than ever known before.

Labor organization is a modern factor absent in other eras. It has succeeded to some extent in keeping up nominal wages, and to that extent worked a deception which must react upon itself. Organization of labor cannot open factories or compel the purchase of their products. It cannot compel employment. It has succeeded in securing better wages for those who get permanent employment. To all the rest it has been a positive damage. Now, to find the true average wage we would have to find the total amount paid for wages in the last twelve months for the whole country and divide it by the number of laborers in the whole country. Does any one doubt that such a method would show a frightful decline in the price of labor since 1865? In the absence of statistics permit me to give a hypothetical illustration:

Suppose the average wage for common labor is $1.50 per day. Then suppose that employment is as follows:

2,000,000 are employed all the time	$3,000,000
2,000,000 three-fourths the time	2,250,000
2,000,000 one-half the time	1,500,000
2,000,00 one-fourth the time	750,000
2,000,000 no time	.....
10,000,000 men earn	$7,500,000

Which equal 75 cents per day as the true wage. Who doubts that the actual truth would make no better showing than we have here supposed? And who doubts that it would be better for the whole country if all the labor was employed all the time at 75 cents a day than to have half employed at $1.50 per day? I am not advocating low wages, I am only trying to show that wages are desperately low. I am not opposed to labor organization, but I am trying to expose its impotency in the work of bringing better general conditions. No man can lift himself out of a slough by pulling at his boot straps. Labor organization helps some just as insurance companies do, at the expense of others. Wages enter into the cost of production and there can be no doubt that more laborers would be employed if wages were lower.

To get a high average wage you must have high average prices. To give everybody work who wants it we must have general prosperity. Good prices only can give us that, not the high prices made by tariff that only increases taxes and forces the consumer to buy less, thus defeating the purpose intended. There is no use producing if people are not able to buy. When a bill to reduce freight rates is introduced the employes rush to assist in its defeat. Why? Because they fear the law would effect a reduction of wages, and, in many cases, shut off employment. It has never occurred to these laboring men that the farmers of Minnesota alone have dispensed with more than 50,000 laborers since the fall of prices set in, and that a continuation of prevailing prices will force them to do only what work they can do without any hired help. The writer of this, like thousands of others, is getting tired working for his board while he has to pay his hired man and board him too. If the laborer is prosperous he should stand by the honest (?) dollar. If not let him resign the notion that he belongs to the creditor class. This will not be hard to do if he happens to be out of work.

THOS. C. HODGSON.

THE DANGEROUS CLASSES.

They Debated Too Long and the Citadel Fell.

The walls of the state house were cracked and the floors sagged, because those who were on the ground floor let out the basement at high rents and undermined the foundations in order to get more room.

The state officers filled the cracks with putty and nicely tinted over the places. They appointed a tenement house commission and put down new floors and the new floors sagged, too. They put pillars on the outside of the house to check this tendency.

The Good Government Association determined to take up the matter vigorously and added a new chamber.

Now and then some one fell over the crazy stairs. For such the charitable established relief funds.

The drains were broken by the sinking of the walls and fever began to appear.

The scientific department counted the cases and divided them into "those due to personal tendencies" and "those due to environment." This did not materially help.

The tenants in the sub-cellar suffered most. The benevolent went down to them to educate them out of their inherent dirt.

The governor explained that if those submerged tenants were taught the use of disinfectants, all would be well.

The socialists said that if the government owned the water pipes the whole evil would be cured. The anarchists said that this showed that state houses were an evil and must be razed to the ground. But, while they debated, the house fell with a great crash.—Bolton Hall.

The Referendum.

The demand that is gaining support everywhere for a more democratic form of government, one that will prevent lobbies from controlling our law makers, is taking form in the agitation for the referendum and initiative system that have been in successful operation in Switzerland for years. The referendum is simply the right of the people to vote upon any law proposed by the legislature upon petition of a small per cent of the voters.

The initiative is the right to propose a law independent of the legislature, when a certain per cent of the voters petition for it, and submit the same to the people for final decision. Thus the people could have just laws independent of any action of the legislature. This means the rule of the common people. Modern representative government has come to mean the rule of the heavy financial interests. The loyal American has summoned up the result of the system as follows:

It will simplify laws; it will purify the ballot; it will control monopoly; it will supplant violence; it will broaden manhood; it will prevent revolution; it will make people think; it will accelerate progress; it will banish sectionalism; it will sever party bondage; it will simplify government; it will reduce taxation to necessity; it will prevent the bribery of our law makers; it will establish home rule in all municipalities; it will restore to the people their natural rights; it will aid honest representatives in serving the people; it will give us a government by the people, for the people, whose corner stone is equal and exact justice to all.—Peninsula Farmer.

Of Course It Is.

The church was clothed in all the calm holiness of a Sabbath morning. The rich sunshine turned the massive pillars into columns of gold, drawing many eager glances and deep sighs from the weary plutocrats who occupied the pews.

The soothing words of the sermon rang out from the $10,000 pulpit, and the glowing description of the golden streets, the golden lamps and golden mansions of the New Jerusalem caused the $25,000,000,000 congregation to lapse into pleasant reverie, while the sexton polished the massive collection plates in the vestry.

"Yes, my brethren, it is better to give than to receive. God loveth a cheerful giver. It is indeed better to give than to receive."

Through the open windows came the sound of distant firing. The plotocrats stirred uneasily.

Down on a side street a ragged mob fought desperately for bread. The militia mowed them down with volley after volley as Gen. Miles gave the order to fire.

"Yes," said he, as he gave another signal to fire——.

A score of the mob fell over, pierced by bullets.

"It is better to give than to receive."—Journal of the Knights of Labor.

No Freedom with Poverty.

The man who is in danger of want, or even the dread of want, is not a free man; and the country which does not guard him against this danger and this dread, or does not assure him the means of a livelihood, is not a free country, though it may be the freest of all the freer countries. In other words, liberty and poverty are incompatible, and, if the poverty is extreme, liberty is impossible to it. We pretend otherwise, such of us as are not so directly oppressed by the conditions; but those who feel the burden know better. From time to time they express their dissent in their uncomfortable way, but tacitly or explicitly, they always dissent from our optimistic pretense.—W. D. Howells, in Forum.

NEWS SUMMARY.

Interesting Items From All Quarters Briefly Noted.

TOOK IN A FEMALE LEPER.

Massachusetts Democrats Loudly Applaud the Mention of Mr. Bryan's Name.—Restrained From Levying a Tax on Life Insurance Policies.

President Mcinley will visit the Nashville Exposition June 13.

The new gunboat Helena will be put on patrol duty on the Florida coast.

Greece will advise Crete to accept autonomy and then wash her hands of the little country.

He also claimed that the State would not have to borrow money July 1 to meet its interest charges.

King George is said to be in great danger at Athens. It is feared he will fall a victim to the wrath of the populace.

A filibustering expedition is reported to be ready to embark from Miama, Fla., and revenue cutter McLane has gone to intercept.

The water situation at El Paso, Texas, is critical, continuing to rise and inundate the town. Over 2,000 people are without homes.

Minister Terrell at Constantinople has informed the State Department that the two murderers of Yusufs, the man killed while distributing American relief funds near Bitlis, Turkey, have been sentenced to fifteen years at hard labor.

The statue of Peter Cooper in Cooper Park, just south of Cooper Institute, New York, was unveiled Saturday afternoon in the presence of numerous descendants of Mr. Cooper and many distinguished citizens. Mayor Strong presided at the exercises.

Col. George T. Frye, one of Tennessee's most prominent lawyers, died suddenly at Chattanooga, Saturday afternoon of apoplexy. Col. Frye was a Colonel in the Confederate army and a few years ago was extensively indorsed for United States Circuit Judge.

The statement in the dispatches recently that the Tennessee State Treasury was empty created quite a sensation. Comptroller Harris was prompted to denounce the "rumor" as unfounded, and in doing so claimed there was something like $42,000 in the treasury.

At Indianapolis, Ind., Judge Allen of the Marion Circuit Court granted the injunction asked for by John H. Holliday and others against the State Board of Tax Commissioners and other taxing officers, restraining them from levying a tax on life insurance policies.

During a special service in the cathedral at Pisa, Italy, on the occasion of the unveiling of an image of the Virgin, a candle fell, causing a great panic among the many people in the building. In the rush for the doors several persons were killed and twenty-five were more or less seriously injured.

The tug Alexander Jones, which left Wilmington, N. C., May 14, has reached Southport. It is thought the tug has been filibustering in Cuban waters. The pilot boat John N. Long, arrived, and rumor says it has been which accompanied the Jones, has not arrived, and rumor says it has been bought by the Cubans.

Pietro Accirito, the anarchist who, on April 22 last, attempted to stab King Humbert while the latter was on his way to the races, was sentenced at Rome to the galleys for life. On hearing his sentence Accirito, who had been quiet all through the trial, said: "Today it is my turn; to-morrow it is the turn of the bourgeoise government; long live the revolution; long live anarchy."

From Chicago comes the report that Bradford K. Durfee, state superintendent of prices with the state, Gov. Altgeld who has been accused of being $200,000 short in his accounts, does not owe the state a cent, according to State Superintendent of Insurance Van Cleave. Mr. Durfee was removed from office on May 5. At that time he was indebted to the state to the extent of $126,000, all of which has since been paid. Durfee was forced to dispose of all his saleable property at sacrifice prices with the state. Gov. Atlgeld was a borrower from Durfee to the extent of $42,000.

The announcement is made in San Francisco that on June 4th another of the beautiful daughters of the wealthy Chinese merchant of Honolulu, Au Fong, is to marry an American. The prospective groom is Wiliam A. Henshall, formerly of San Francisco, and one of the most prominent lawyers of the Hawaiian capital. Miss Helen Au Fong is said to be even more beautiful than her sister, whose marriage to Captain Whiting, of the United States Navy, created a profound sensation in naval circles some years ago.

Private advices per steamer Glen Avon, which arrived at San Francisco last week from Yokohama, state that the province of Kwelsan, China, was the scene of an attack upon the Christian missions recently, and it is rumored that Rev. Father Mazell, who was in charge of the chapel at Loli, was murdered. It is feared other whites were massacred. Owing to the remoteness of the scene it was impossible to obtain any details of the affair.

Reports from many points in New York State tell of earthquake shocks felt between 10 and 11 o'clock last Thursday night. At Gouveneur it was severe. At Saratoga the tremor lasted almost two minutes. At points in Jefferson and Lawrence counties the shock was severe. The inhabitants were greatly frightened and rushed out of their houses in their night clothes. Window sashes were broken and lamps overturned. In some places heavy doors were shaken from the hinges.

The Morning Post's correspondent at Constantinople says: The embassies have received word from their respective ministers at Athens that the position of the Greek royal family is now critical. King George is practically barricaded in the palace and it is reported that he is making preparations to leave Athens in order to evade the fury of the populace. The relations between the king and M. Ralli, the premier, are very much strained, and the general situation is extremely serious.

Li Hung Chang has issued an edict sanctioning the loan of a Belgian syndicate for the construction of a railroad from Paoling Fu to Hankau. Under this arrangement the Belgians must provide 4,000,000 yen as a 4 per cent ninety year loan on the imperial guarantee. The Chinese are to retain control of the construction, but the personnel of the construction is to be Belgian. Half of the material is to be suppied by China and the other half from abroad. The syndicate is to receive 5 per cent. commision on all material.

The members of the Massachusetts Democratic Club gathered at a banquet in Boston last Saturday night. Frank K. Foster and Philip J. Doherty presided. A letter was read from William J. Bryan expressing his admiration for "the moral courage displayed by the New England Democrats who are now advocating democracy against the great opposition which our principles now encounter in that portion of the country." Every mention of Mr. Bryan's name by the speakers was received with vociferous applause.

There is a female leper at the John Hopkins hospital, in Baltimore. She was taken there for treatment for a skin eruption. The unfortunate woman was isolated from the rest of the patients as soon as the nature of her disease was discovered, and in that condition she will be kept at the hospital until arrangements can be made with the health authorites to remove her elsewhere. The woman is a native of Baltimore, and it is thought contracted the malady a number of years ago while in the West Indies.

BLOOMERS IN SCHOOL

Are Not Approved by Milwaukee Dress Reform Aldermen.

Alderman Okershouser, of the Milwaukee common council, has called down upon himself the wrath of a number of women bicyclists in the Milwaukee public schools. The alderman threatens to introduce a resolution in the Council to forbid the wearing of bicycle cosumes by teachers during school hours, but before doing so he says it is his intention to have the legal phase of the question looked into to ascertain definitely whether the common council has any right to interfere in the matter. Mr. Okershouser says the habit of wearing bicycle costumes by teachers during school hours has become quite popular in Milwaukee, and he thinks a stop should be put to the practice. The teachers, however, are of the contrary opinion, and it is probable their influence will be stronger with the Board of School Directors than that of the common council or Alderman Okershouser.

APPEALED IN VAIN.

Russell Sage Neglects to Aid a Dying Relative.

A telegram from Joliet, Ill., says: One night last week at the poor house in this county, George Sage, aged 21 years, son of Eliza Sage, of Shannahon township, died of consumption, hastened by worrying over the affairs of his parents. His father, after paying his uncle, Russell Sage, the $40 on the mortgaged house, could not afford to give George any of the delicacies needed. George also worried greatly over the attempt of his mother to commit suicide a couple of weeks ago. The supervisor of Shannahon wrote to Russell Sage two years ago asking him to make provision for the young man to keep him out of the poor house. The appeal was unanswered.

Chicago's Population.

Chicago's annual census, taken by the directory company, is fast nearing completion. The figures which will be given to the public about July 1, as to the present population of the city will approximate 1,800,000. So far as can be seen from the returns now in it may go a few thousand above that total.

RAGING WATERS.

Thousands Are Driven From Their Homes.

THREATS TO CUT LEVEES

To Afford Relief Was Met With the Announcement That the Greasers Would Be Shot If They Dared to Touch the Dykes.—A Scene of Destruction.

A special from El Paso, Texas, says: Over 500 families or 2,000 people were on the streets of El Paso Friday morning searching for shelter. Their furniture, clothing, etc., were piled up all along the principal thoroughfares of the city.

Last night the waters continued to rise and before day had dawned had reached that portion of the city in and around San Antonio street, where prominent business and professional men reside. After 11 o'clock last night the flood swept over six more blocks and above the roar of the water the shouts of the men trying to save their property could be heard the cries of frightened women and the screams of children who were hurried from their homes out into the night. The waters were full of struggling teams, hauling out property from flooded houses. It was a scene of destruction, beggaring description.

All night long the streets were thronged with wagons moving people out of the flooded districts.

Handsome Residences Threatened.

The Texas and Pacific Railroad had thrown up a dyke to protect its track near the round house and this backed the water up over San Antonio street, flooding a number of houses and threatening to cross the street and flood hundreds of the prettiest residences in the city. Six prominent citizens residing in the vicinity, headed by Collector of Customs Capt. Charles Davis, armed themselves with Winchesters, and crossing over the railroad levee, cut the dyke, letting the back water out and it began to recede from San Antonio street. The railroad people repaired the cut and it was again ordered cut by Mayor Magoffin. Early Saturdaymorning a party of Mexican guards appeared at the head gate of the canal on the American side and told one of the workmen there that they intended to cut away the headgate to afford relief to the other side. The Mexicans were told they would be shot if they touched the American embankment, and were ordered back to the Mexican side. It is understood that the Mexican officials had no knowledge of the proposition to cut the American embankment.

Soldiers Guarding Property.

A troop of the Fifth cavalry from Fort Bliss came down to the city today and offered their services to guard property of homeless peope, which was piled in the streets. The city Board of Health met Saturday morning and appointed a committee of six leading physicians to take charge of a relief hospital being established for the homeless and sick, and the physicians are taking them to the improvised hospital. Col. Van Valzah, of Fort Bliss, loaned the city fifty three tents, and citizens committees were out with wagons gathering provisions for distribution among the destitute. At least 400 out of the 520 families whose homes are under water are without the necessities of life.

Saturday morning the city Council held a meeting authorizing the Mayor to wire Texas Senators and Representatives in Congress to secure an appropriation of $10,000 for relief of the flood victims. The war department has also been appealed to for more tents.

Saturday afternoon the river was at a standstill, neither rising nor falling, but a rise of one foot is reported up the river in New Mexico.

NEW ORLEANS SELECTED

As the Next Meeting Place of the Southern Presbyterians.

The thirty-sixth annual assembly of the Southern Presbyterian church was dissolved at Charlotte, N. C., Saturday at 2 o'clock, after a session of ten days. The morning was devoted to disposing of various reports and resolution as they came up. The assembly paid Dr. Goetchin, the moderator, a handsome tribute, testifying to his ability and efficiency.

The assembly was a notable one in many respects. There were eleven ex-moderators present.

The 250th anniversary of the Westminster symbols was celebrated. Drs. Dabney and Hoge were present.

The next assembly meets in New Orleans.

DENOUNCED CHRIST.

A Free Thinker Denounced Christ on Atlanta's Streets.

Rev. James Hoskins, a preacher of Free Thinker faith, who has been holding forth on the streets of Atlanta, Ga., for thirty nights, was tried in the police court the other day and fined. His arrest was caused by the vicious terms with which he characterized Christ, denouncing Him as a hypocritic liar and pretender. The preaching created general indignation and many complaints were made. Hoskins was warned to desist, but refusing to do so, he was arrested. Only a nominal fine was assessed, as Hoskins promised to discontinue his sermons.

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THE last of the Indian troops in the Grand Army of the Republic was mustered out Monday at Fort Sill, Okla. The employment of Indians as cavalrymen was an interesting experiment, but has not proven a success.

ANY gentlemen willing to attend the cotton growers convention at Galveston, Texas, on August 2, should send in their names to Governor Johnston. The Governor will appoint two delegates from the State at large and one from each congressional district.

Evidently the State Board of Compromise in the case of the sureties of the defaulting probate judge of Montgomery county, consider that our two former chief magistrates were derelict in their duties. We are of the opinion that had the present chief executive, judging from the interest he is taking in certain analagous circumstances, been in power, Mr. Randolph would not have got away so easily.

The meeting called by the Farmers' Mutual Insurance Association of Alabama for Tuesday at Clanton was not altogether so well attended as was expected. Mr. J. H. Neuton, the State Director, was on hand, and left the re-organization of the Association with Mr. E. L. Manning of Bozeman who will proceed to work early in the fall, after crops are laid by, it being a well known fact that all our farmers have all the business they can manage at the present time attending to their crops.

What are the Powers likely to do? The situation is no surprise for them. They knew what would happen from the first! If there were no intermarriages between the royalties of England, Russia, Germany and Greece, the latter would long ago have been blotted out of the roll of nations, leaving only a Greece spot on the map.

The fate of King George depends upon the Greek people; if they have any backbone left, he will go; if not, he will stay, propped and paid by the Powers. The Greek people, bamboozled by their politicians in league with their king, delsberately did their worst to fire Europe.

The Montgomery Journal says that the presence of the state capitol in that city is not necessary to its further progress, in fact Montgomery is destined to become a great city with or without the capitol, we therefore suggest its removal to the heart of Alabama, i.e. Clanton. Our citizens could not be induced to make a movement to locate the fourth district agricultural school here, but there is no telling to what lengths they would go to make Clanton the state capitol. Anyway, our Montgomery friends not be alarmed at present, we will keep them fully posted when any steps are taken in the matter.

WE are glad to report that Chilton county has settled up her taxes almost even. With the exception of the very few delinquent taxpayers, Collector Hubbard has received all the State and County taxes, and yesterday made a settlement with the State treasurer. Mr. Hubbard had already turned over all the county taxes to the county treaurer and consequently is now a proud man free of all indebtedness. It is also a fine showing for our county.

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MULBERRY BAPTIST ASSOC'N.

Report of Preachers' Institute.

The first meeting of the preachers' institute of the Mulberry Baptist Association was held with Providence church on Friday before the fifth Sunday in May, 1897.

The following ministers were in attendance: Rev. F. M. Woods, S. M. Adams, G. W. Freeman, T. M. Nelson, L. B. Pounds, R. H. Long, J. P. Gentry, D. R. Jackson, S. Smitherman, J. E. Champion.

The meeting was called to order by song service at 9 a.m., followed by prayer service conducted by D. R. Jackson. Organization was affected at 10 a.m. by electing Rev. R. H. Long chairman, and J. T. Martin secretary.

Rev. G. W. Freeman delivered an earnest and affective address at 11 a.m. from John 17th chapter and 4th verse. A recess of one hour was taken for refreshments.

Came together at 1 p.m., after prayer by Rev. Sutton Smitherman the subjects for discussion were taken up and handled with vigor and enthusiasm. There were maintained, yet the best of feeling prevailed among all and it is believed that the institute was a success.

The next meeting will be held with Collin's Chapel church, on Friday before the fifth Sunday in October, 1897.

J. T. MARTIN, Sec.

The following program has been submitted for the next meeting.

1. Devotional exercise 9 a.m. conducted by Rev. L. B. Pounds.
2. Organization 10 a.m.

Preaching 11 a.m. by Rev. F. M. Woods.

Subjects for discussion—1. What si the evidence of a call to the work of a gospel ministry? Opened by G. W. Freeman and others.

2. Who should partake of the Lord's supper? Discussed by Rev. A. L. Foshee and others.

S. M. ADAMS,
SUTTON SMITHERMAN,
F. M. WOODS,
Committee.

Report of S. S. Convention.

The Mulberry Missionary Baptist Association convened with Providence church on 29 and 30 of May, 1897, embracing the fifth Sunday.

1. Was called to order by song at 9:30 a.m. followed by prayer by Elder J. J. Lowery.

2. Welcome address by Rev. R. H. Long, pastor.

3. At 10 a.m. permanent organization was effected by the unanimous election of Rev. Sutton Smitherman, moderator, and J. T. Martin, clerk, for the ensuing year.

4. Calling roll of delegates from the various Sunday schools, numbering 12 schools, with an approximate average attendance of 25 pupils, aggregating 200 students, with reports that the good work is reviving all along the line.

5. The subjects on the program were discussee in a lively and interesting manner. Opening discussion by Bro. L. H. Reynolds which was handled with his usual vigor and sound logic, and the various subjects were discussed with much vigor and enthusiasm by such veteran workers as Revs. F. M. Woods, S. M. Adams, R. H. Long G. W. Freeman, L. B. Pounds and some laymen.

The discussions brought out many and conflicting ideas and various opinions, yet while eace speaker stoutly maintained his own peculiar views still the utmost good humor and fraternal feeling prevailed, and it is to be hoped that these discussions will have much to do in lifting our Sunday schools out of the dull monotonous routine and give to it an impetui for more thorough effective work in the future.

Sunday—The good singers from the various Sunday-schools met at 9 a.m. and engaged in song service for 30 minutes which was greatly enjoyed by all.

The Sunday-school mass meeting which was conducted by Bro. J. M. Scott was very interesting and instructive as there were some good ideas advanced on the lessons of the present quarter.

A donation of $2.85 was received for the orphanage at Evergreen

Rev. T. M. Nelson addressed a large and attentive audience of 11 a.m. 1st Timothy fourth and fourteenth.

The convention closed with this service with a manifestation of a greater love for the good work burning in the hearts of all true workers.

The next meeting will be held with Collin's Chapel church on Saturday and Sunday, embracing the fifth Sunday in October, 1897.

J. T. MARTIN, Sec.

The following program has been submitted for the next session:

1. Devotional exercise at 9 a.m. conducted by Rev. J. E. Champion.
2. Welcome address by J. D. Collins.
3. Organization 9:30 a.m.
1. subject: What kind of literature should be used in our Baptist Sunday schools? Opeeed by Rev. L. B. Pounds, followed by Z. J. Jones.
2. Should others than members of the church teach in our Sunday-schools? Discussed by Rev. F. M. Woods, G. W. Freeman and others.

Sunday 9 a.m., Sabbath-school

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Political Points.

People's Press Bureau, St. Louis, Mo., May 20, 1897.

The supreme court has decided that the United States Interstate Commission has no power to prescribe rates on railroads which may control in the future. The decision is construed to mean that the Interstate Commission has no power to pass upon rates before they are put into effect.

The sundry civil appropriations, as passed by congress, amount to $53,022,651.

Governor Atkinson has started a new industry in Georgia which bids fair to eclipse that of watermelons; he appointed eighty-one colonels on his gubernatorial staff and hopes to make it an even hundred.

Carnagie and Rockefeller have combined, in a new field. The latter is to furnish the ironore, 5,000,000 tons, which Carnagie will need in his foundries. The former has built a railroad to carry all supplies from Connaught, Ohio, to Pittsburg. This road practically kills the gigantic scheme for a ship canal from Lake Erie to Pittsburg.

The Populists of Washington are preparing to organize every county in the state and expect to carry the state at the next election.

When General Weyler was told of the Morgan resolution he laughed and said it was "jingoism." Weyler was right, evidently, for the resolution has been hung up by "Czar" Reed.

Des Moines has added her name to the list of cities that own their electric lights, water works, etc.

The Kansas Reform Press Association will meet at Emporia, July 19 and 20.

Ex-Governor Boies, of Iowa, has declined to become a candidate for governor, on the Demo-Populist ticket.

O. D. Jones, of Edina, Mo., Populist candidate for governor last fall, has been appointed, by Gov. Stephens, as a members of the Board of Corators of the State University.

The supreme court was ready to hand in its decision on the famous Nebraska maximum freight case, but was forestalled by the decision having been stolen and offered for sale on the streets.

The gold reserve is decreasing rapidly.

According to Governor Leedy the people of Kansas are in a financial condition to build their own railroads if cheaper freight rates are not given by the roads in operation, especially to the Gulf coast.

Senator Aldrich, in defending the sugar schedule admits, flat-footed, that the tax is levied to keep out German sugar. He claims it is of small consequence that the American refining industry is in the hands of one company but insists that an extra tax of $70,000,000 on the American people will assist in bringing prosperity.

Hellen M. Gougar has issued an address to the equal sufferagists of Indiana in which she poins out the fact that the supreme court has reversed itself three times in the last three years.

Eugene V. Debs is working hard on his Utah colony scheme and claims it will require only a few months to organize a membership that can contribute, monthly, $50,000 for developing the colony. It is the plan to gather 100,000 men in Chicago and march them in batalions of 1,000 at a time across the country to Utah.

Hon. Frank Burkitt, president of the N. R. P. A., has called that body to meet in special session at Nashville July 2.

Mrs. Marilla M. Ricker, of Dover, N. H., is an applicant for the position of Envoy Extraordinary and Minister Plenipotentiary to the U. S. of Columbia. The salary is ten thousand dollars a year.

Speaker Curtis undertook to force some "Reed methods" in the House of Representatives at Springfield and the democrats fell to throwing inkstands and various other utensils; a free fight ensued in which everybody took part. No one was killed, but the poor Speaker fled to Governor Tanner for aid, perhaps to ask for the militia; he was told to return to the Hall and recognize the democrats when they ask for recognition. A. R.

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Loweville Locals.

Farmers are getting along nicely with their work, are through chopping cotton and etc.

Mr. and Mrs. F. R. Woodpard visited relatives near Coopers Sunday.

Mrs. M. I Dobbs, of Bessermer, is visiting her sister Mrs. Z. A. Lowe, of this place.

We are sorry to note the illnees of the infant son of Mr. and Mrs. D. B. Lowe.

Mises Mollie Hannon and Rosa Thornton were the guests of Mrs. Z. A. Lowe Saturday afternoon.

Misses Annie Marlor and Lilla Danforth visited Clanton last week.

Two of Loweville's houng men make srequent visit to Jemison—there must be some attraction up there.

Some of Clanton's young folks were visitors here one evening last week and enjoyed some dilicious fruits, viz., plums, mulberries and etc.

Mr. J. H. Martar attended an all-day singing at Providence last Sunday.

A certain young man of Clanton was for awhile a frequent visitor to Loweville but now he don't come—we wonder what that girl said to him.

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Maple vale Music

Gardens, corn, potato, and pea crops were suffering with drouth until showers came to our relief the 39th.

There are few vacant houses now all being occupied by the R. R. employee's families. Our R. R. is being rapidly pushed on, it is calculated that construction trains will be running to Montgomery within six weeks.

Mr. McKee, of Stanton, has been visiting Walter Graham here a le bicycle which is a sure sign we are getting up-to-date.

Ned Stoddard, and Miss Gertrude Graham, of Selma, have been on a visit to T. U. Crumpton.

Rev. Frank Clisaw preached a most excellent sermon to a crowded house on the fifth Sunday of this monte.

John Paisley anb Jim Shanklin of Selmr, have made made Mrs. Mary Paisley a visit.

Mrs. Watersworth's old friends were pleased to have a visit from her lately.

Miss Netta Dedwilder has paid Mrs. George Fox of this place a visit.

Crumpton Graham has returned from college and now has a good position with the M. & O. R. R.

Our town is sustaining her usual health record.

Mrs. Santyers, of Anniston, is visiting her paaents here.

Miss Gertrude is back home from college.

Politics are having a lull and our county is benefitted thereby since all seem to be quite busy with their business. We sincerely hope this state of affairs if long persevered in will bring the promised prosperity.

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Providence.

Last Sunday as the mighty luminary ascended high above the horizon, bustling through from the four winds of the vineclad hills of the grand old Coosa and East Chilton assembled themselves at Providence church to pass the day in singing and praising. About 9:30 a.m. the singing was organized with R. T. Grant in the chair. Wm. A. Huckebee opened with prayer after which the committee, A. J. Powell, Riley Robinson and J. M. Robinson Jr., arranged for R. D. May and Riley Robinson to conduct the first lesson at 11 a.m. Rev. J. H. Thomas delivered an excellent sermon on the blasphemy of the Holy Ghost. While hi is young in the ministry yet the advanced ideas of that sermon would indicate years of experience and ardent study. Then came the climax of the day. A fine repast sheltered by the beautiful foliage in tne eden of the forest was enjoyed by all partakers. The afternoon lessons were conducted by Profs. R. T. Gract, W. H. Robinson and J. S. Jones. It is useless to say the singing was a success after seeing the list of leaders, for that means success itself. Take it all in all it was a day of a thousand. Come again singers one and all. W. C. ROBINSON, Sec.

Mr. Isaac Horner, proprietor of the Burton House Burton, W., Va., and one of the most widely known men in the state was cured of rheumatism after three years of suffering. He says: "I have not sufficient command of language to convey any idea of what I suffered, my physicians told me that nothing could be done for me; and my friends were fully convinced that nothing but death would relieve me of my suffering. In June, 1894, Mr. Evans, then salesman for the Wheeling Drug Co., recommended Chamberlain's Pain Balm. At this time my foot and limb were swolen to more than double their normal size and it seemed to me my leg would burst, but soon after I began using the Pain Balm, the swelling began to decrease, the pain to leave, and now I consider that I am entirely cured. For sale by J. S. Johnson, Jr., druggist.

The Argument for Teacher's Pensions

The limitation of pensions to such departments of the public service as are actually dangerous to life and limb because of physical violence is the crudes form in which the idea of pensions has ever existed. Its restrictions savor of that stern policy of non-interference on the part of the State which so long embarrased all efforts to soften the rigor of the poor laws, and to ameliorate the condition of inmates of asylums and penald institutions. But as society has developed, the relatcons of the State to the individuals who constitute it have been softened, and the principle of injury through violence as the only basis of pensions has been superseeded in the broader humanitarianism of our times. Pensions to judicial officers, as in some States, do not proceed upon that harsh principle, nor does the national gratitude that provides for the soldier's, widows and orphans. They proceed rather upon other principles, and it is to these and not to the primitive rule that we appeal. But injuries are incurred in the line of school duty. An entire breaking down of health not infrequently occurs. After twenty or thirty, or more, years of poorly paid service the teacher has given more than an equivalent and has earned a pensionn. Herein lies a difference: A pensioned soldier, policeman or fireman may have been disabled before rendering actual service. He is pensioned, not for what he has done, but because of his noble will to do, and because of the injury incurred in his attempt to do it.—Nrom "Teachers' Pension—the Story of a Women's Camprign" by Elizabeth A Allen, in June Review of Reviews.

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Musical Convention.

The county musical convention met with the Mars Hill class the fourth Saturday and Sunday in last month. And taking everything in consideration it was one of the best conventions of the kind ever held in Chilton county. Quite a number of visiting teachers and leaders were present; excellent talks were given during the session in the intrests of music by Rev. S. M. Adams, L. B. Pounds and others. Mrs. Ada Langston acted as organist Sunday afternoon, and Miss Addie Hosley in the forenoon. Miss Aadie is one of most beautiful and accomplished young ladies in the country, and her playing was unsurpassed. We are very thankful to the people of Mars Hill for the kindness shown us while we were with them. We also express our thanks to Mr. King for the use of his organ and also to the kind editor of the BANNER for publishing the announcement and other musical items for us. J. B. NORTHCUTT.

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TOWN ITEMS

Commissioners' Court meets second Monday in February, first Monday in March, second Monday in May, second Monday in August, and first Monday in November.

Mrs. O. A. Duke is visiting friends and relatives in our city.

Mrs. A. E. Evans, after visiting relatives in Birmingham, returned home Saturday.

Get 12 cabinets for $1.50 before we leave. Neal Bros.

M. D. McQueen came up Sunday evening and carried his mother, who has been spending awhile with her daughter here, home with him Monday.

A number of Clanton people attended the Bible Institute meeting at Shiloh last week.

Rev. P. M. Woods entertained an audience at the Baptist church Sunday night by giving them a history of the town of Wilmington, N. C., to the Baptist convention.

Harvey Chandler commenced on Monday to operate the livery stables formerly run by Dr. Johnson.

Rev. J. F. Smith filled his appointment at the Episcopal church Sunday.

W. H. Marriott left Monday on a trip to Lowndesboro and returned Tuesday.

Until July we will make 12 cabinets for $1.50—come quick. Neal.

Miss Mary Duke after being a pleasant visitor to our city for several days left on Monday, to the regret of her many friends here, for Nashville where she will visit relatives and attend the Exposition.

"For three years we have never been without Chamberlain's Colic, Cholera and Diarrhoea Remedy in the house," says A. H. Patter, with E. C. Atkins & Co., Indianapolis, Ind and my wife would as soon think of being without flour as a bottle of this Remedy in the summer season. We have used it with all three of our children and it has never failed to cure—not simply stop pain, but cure absolutely. It is all right, and anyone who tries it will find it so." For sale by J. S. Johnson Jr.

Squire Adams is in town this week.

E. L. Manning, of Bozeman, was in town Tuesday.

Mr. Duke, on account of indisposition, has been compelled to follow the example of the illustrious Grover, and hire a substitute for a day or two this week.

Mrs. Dr. G. W. Dawson, of Verbena, and children have been visiting friends in our town this week.

Don't fail to get your picture taken before we leave. Remember $1.50 per doz. cabinets. Neal.

Marriage licenses have been granted this week by the Probate Judge to the following persons.

Mr. J. J. Scott and Miss Leona Popwell.

Judge Honeycutt made a trip to the capital city yesterday.

Tax collector Hubbart went to Montgomery yesterday on official business.

Mrs. W. W. Dunkin, who has been spending a while with parents in our city, returned to her home in Prattville Monday.

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Newt Wilson is back home again from his travels.

Evans Puckard reports a nice time at Atlanta.

Scott Chestnutt is home after a visit to Atlanta.

H. I. Honeycutt is enjoying the sights in the Nashville Exposition this week.

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Prayer-meeting conducted by G. W. Gilliard.

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Non-resident Notice.

THE STATE OF ALABAMA
Chilton County

Mobile & Ohio R.R. Co. vs J. F. Welch } In the Probate Court

To J. F. Welch, who is a non-resident of the State of Alabama, and who lives in the County of Harrison, in the State of Mississippi:

You are hereby given notice that the Mobile and Ohio Railroad Company has filed in this Court a petition in writing asking for an order of condemnation of a certain parcel of land in Section 9, Township 21, Range 12, in this County, and alleged to belong to you; said land is desired by said Company for the purpose of a right of way for a railway there on. It is ordered that Monday, the 28th day of June 1897, be appointed as the day for hearing said application, at which time you can appear and contest same if you see proper so to do.

Given under my hand this the 24th day of May 1897. R. M. HONEYCUTT
Judge of the Probate Court.

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THE STATE OF ALABAMA
CHILTON COUNTY

The Tax Collector has filed in my office a list of delinquent tax payers and of real estate upon which taxes are due. The persons named below are reported as delinquent and the following real estate is reported as assessed to them, to wit:

BEAT No. 1.

Joseph Gore e ½ of sw ¼ of ne ¼ section 18 township 23 range 15 tax and costs $4.04

James Kelley, estate of, se ¼ of ne ¼ and ne ¼ of sw ¼ and e ½ of se ¼ sec 26 tp 23 r 15; tax and costs $4.44

R. Fox nw ¼ of sec 22 tp 21 r 14; tax and costs $5.60

J. W. E. Willis se ¼ of se ¼ sec 12 tp 23 r 14 and poll tax; tax and costs $7.25

BEAT No. 2.

R. Howell ne ¼ of ne ¼ sec 11 tp 23 r 14 tax and costs $5.77

I. E. Mahan sw ¼ of sw ¼ sec 11 tp 23 r 12; E ½ of nw ¼ and w ½ of ne ¼ sec 14 tp 23 r 12; N ½ of sw ¼ and nw ¼ of se ¼ sec 11 tp 23 r 12 tax and costs $10.73

BEAT No. 5.

Brittle & Harrell e ½ of sw ¼ and w ½ of se ¼ sec 9 tp 21 r 16 and se ¼ and n ½ of sw ¼, w ½ of nw ¼ sec 17 tp 21 r 16 tax and costs $9.18

John L. Harrell ne ¼ of sw ¼ and nw ¼ of se ¼ sec 7 tp 21 r 16 tax and costs $3.82

G. L. Werth ne 14 of nw ¼ sec 4 tp 20 r 16 and 18 acres in se part of se ¼ of ne ¼ sec 36 tp 21 r 15 and s ½ of e ½ of nw ¼ and nw ¼ of sw ¼ sec 31 tp 21 r 16 tax and costs $9.71.

UNKNOWN OWNERS.

To whom it may concern:

Take notice that the tax collector has filed in my office a list of delinquent tax payers, and of real estate upon which taxes are due; and therein is reported as assessed to "owner unknown" the following real estate, to wit:

BEAT No. 1.

Owner unknown ne ¼ of se ¼ sec 19, tp 23 r 14 tax and costs $3.55

Owner unknown e ½ of se ¼ sec 30 tp 21 r 15 tax and costs $4.34

Owner unknown ne ¼ and e ½ of ne ¼ and n ½ of se 1-4 sec 24 tp 21 r 14 tax and costs $10.57

Owner unknown sw 1-4 of ne 1-4 sec 19 tp 23 r 15 tax and costs $3.55

BEAT No. 2.

Owner unknown n ½ of ne 1-4 sec 34 tp 24 r 13 tax and costs $4.74.

Owner unknown nw 1-4 of ne 1-4 sec 2 tp 23 r 13 tax and costs $3.55

Owner unknown se 1-4 of sw 1-4 sec 6 tp 23 r 13 tax and costs $3.55

Owner unknown se 1-4 of ne 1-4 sec 7 tp 23 r 13 tax and costs $3.55

Owner unknown se 1-4 of ne 1-4 sec 15 tp 23 r 13 tax and costs $3.55

Owner unknown se 1-4 of ne 1-4 sec 34 tp 24 r 13 tax and costs $3.55

Owner unknown n ½ of ne 1-4 of se 1-4 sec 34 tp 23 r 12 tax and costs $3.14

Owner unknown se 1-4 of sw 1-4 sec 23 tp 23 r 12 tax and costs $3.55

BEAT No. 4.

Owner unknown n ½ of se 1-4 sec 33 tp 22 r 14 tax and costs $4.40

Owner unknown nw 1-4 of ne 1-4 sec 15 tp 22 r 14 tax and costs $3.52

Owner unknown ne 1-4 of nw 1-4 sec 13 tp 22 r 14 tax and costs $3.55

Owner unknown w ½ of nw 1-4 sec 30 tp 23 r 15 tax and costs $3.52

Owner unknown se 1-4 of ne 1-4 less 10 acres sec 22 tp 22 r 14 tax and costs $3.12

Owner unknown w ½ of sw 1-4 and part of sw 1-4 of nw 1-4 fractional sec 8 tp 22 r 16 tax and costs $5.39.

BEAT No. 7.

Owner unknown n ½ of se 1-4 of nw ¼ sec 32 tp 21 r 12 tax and costs $3.20

Owner unknown nw 1-4 of se 1-4 sec 10 tp 21 r 11 tax and costs $3.55

BEAT No. 8.

Owner unknown ne 1-4 of sw 1-4 sec 17 tp 20 r 11 tax and costs $3.11

Owner unknown nw 1-4 of ne 1-4 sec 4 tp 20 r 11 tax and costs $3.33

Owner unknown one lot in Stanton between D. C. Gandy and Pynor lots tax and costs $3.05.

BEAT No. 9.

Owner unknown ne 1 4 of sw 1-4 sec 10 tp 22 r 14 tax and costs $3.33

Owner unknown sw 1 4 of sw 1-4 sec 21 tp 22 r 14 tax and costs $3.55

This is to notify you to appear before the Probate Court of said county at the next term thereof, commencing Monday, the 12th day of July, 1897, then and there to show cause, if any you have, why a decree for the sale of said real estate should not be made for the payment of the taxes assessed against you and fees and costs.

This 21st day of May, 1897.
R. M. HONEYCUTT,
Judge of Probate.

Something to Know.

It may be worth something to know that the very best medicine for restoring the tired out nervous system to a healthy vigor is Electric Bitters. This medicine is purely vegetable, acts by giving tone to the nerve centres in the stomach, gently stimulates the Liver and Kidneys and aids these organs in throwing off impurites in the blood. Electric Bitters improves the appetite, aids digestion, and is pronounced by those who have tried it, as the very best blood purifier and nerve tonic. Try it. Sold for 50c or $1.00 per bottle.

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Annual Singing at Canaan.

The annual May singing at Canaan church near Mountain creek was held on the fifth Sundad in May, and was in every respect a grand success. There was, the writer thinks, form 800 to 1000 people present, and all seem to immensely enjoy the day. There being plenty of dinner on the ground for all, and the singing was magnificient. At about half pass nine the leading singers organized and selected for chairman Mr. L. N. Dobbs, for secretary E. L. Manning, for committee to arrange program, Mr. Jas. Gulledge, of Coosa county, Mr. Jas. Norrell and Mr. Thomas Pyron, of Chilton committee on program, reported the following named gentlemen to be leaders for the day, L. N. Dobbs, T. L. Robinson, J. A. Gulledge, Prof. Veazey and Wat Moore. The following beauitful and highly accomplished young ladies assisted the leaders as organist, Misses Vena Pyron, M. E. Pyron, and Birdie Bland.

1st. Lesson led by L. N. Dobbs assisted by Miss Vena Pyron as organist 30 minutes.

2. Lesson led by T. L. Robinson assisted by Miss M. E. Pyron as organist 30 minutes. Recess taken for 10 minutes.

3. Lesson led by Jas. Gulledge assisted by Miss Birdie Bland. Then adjourned 1½ hours for rest and refreshment.

Afternoon session—1. Lesson led by Prof. Veazey assisted by Miss M. E. Pyron the hour, which was undoubtably the treat of the day, as Prof. Veazey introduced some new songs, and proved himself to an up-to-date singer. We hope Prof. Veazey will visit us again and often.

2. Lesson led by Wat Moore assisted by Miss Birdie Bland as organist. We are also proud of our young friend Wat Moore as he led an excellent lesson; forge ahead Wat you will soon be in the front rank. 3. And last lesson led by L. N. Dobbs assisted by Miss Vena Pyron as organist, closing by singing "God be with you till we meet again", and the annual singing at Canaan for 1897 was a thing of the past. We think it was a day profitable spent, well enjoyed and long to be remembered by all present. E. L. MANNING, Sec.

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June 7—9 a.m. to 12 m. Public review of studies.

June 8—9 a.m. to 12 m. Music, recitations, plays, songs, etc.

3 p.m. Gold medal contest in elocution.

4 p.m. Awarding medals, by Hon. John C. Dennis.

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8 p.m. Public reception by the Principals at the Institute.

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Rain is badly needed in our vicinity.

Some of our young people of this plac attended singing at Canaan last Sunday, among whom were Prof. Slaton and Misses Rosa Tidwell and Birtie Knight; they report having had a nice time,

Miss Lera Hill and Miss Eloise MarKee visited Miss Sallie Knight last Sunday.

Aurelius Attaway has gladdened the heart of many friends by returning home Saturday to spend a while.

Miss Elvie Smith spent Saturday night with Mas MarKee.

MAMMA'S PET

NOTICE

The Confederate Pension board of Chilton county will meet in Clanton on the 1st Monday in June, 1897, to consider applications of those desiring to share in the fund provided by the State for their relief.

H. W. CAFFEY, Pres. B'd

May 18, 1897.

Pneumatic Tires in England.

Can the American makers establish a demand for the hose-pipe type of tires in this country?" The question is propounded by a writer in an English paper, who then proceeds to answer in the negative. "This is a question which seems to be agitating the minds of scores of the people in the trade across the Atlantic. Some of them seem disposed to make any sacrifice in order to convert the English rider to the 'hose-pipe,' but I fear they will be grievously disappointed. This kind of tire does not suit the flinty roads of Great Britten, and we have learned from experience how it lacks durbility and resistance to puncture. If anything were needed to strengthen the convictions of the English rider that the hose-pipe tires is not suited to their requirements, it is the fact that a year or two ago one of the very best examples of that type of tire was exploited energetically in this country, and for a time seemed likely to carry all before it; but after it had been thoroughly put to the test on British roads it could not face the ordeal, and the company formed to manufacture it was formed to make a double tube tire its leading specialty. American makers catering for British buyers will, therefore, be wise to consider this and subject very seriously. If they wish to obtain a grip of the English trade they must throw over their pet fad—the hose-pipe tire."

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Yours truly REV. L. VON WALD,
March 31, 1896. Milbank, S. D.

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REV. F. M. COULTER, Washington Center, Md.

PARALYSIS AND RHEUMATISM

DEAR SIRS: NEWTON, Jan. 6, 1896.

It is with pleasure I speak of your priceless remedy and of the good it has done me. For the last eight years I have been an miserable cripple from paralysis and rheumatism. Just think, for eight years a total cripple, not able to earn a penny to help myself, crawl on the ground without the aid of something to lean on. Heaven bless the man who discovered this remedy, for thanks to him and to God, I am able to walk and add for more. I have only taken two thirds of a bottle, but have not had any pain in my back since I took the first dose, and after the second I walked across the floor, which I have not done in years. I have given away my cane and shall never need it again. To any one sending me a two cent stamp I will send my address. I have another bottle of "5 DROPS" and value it at five per drop.

Thankfully yours, EDWARD CASTLE,
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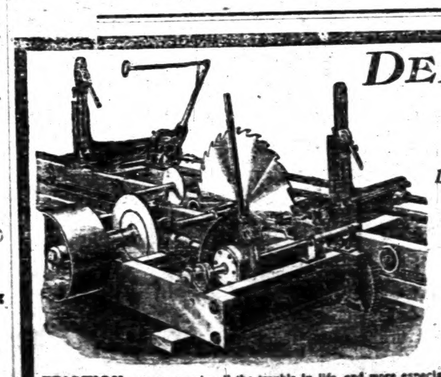

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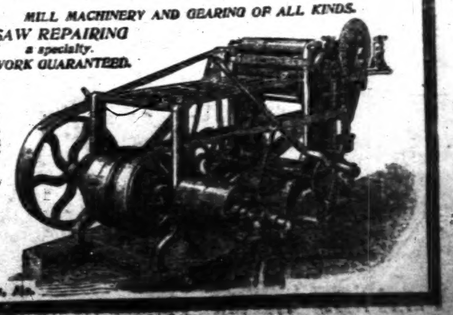

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Proving Her Case.

Mrs. Emerson (of Boston)—You shouldn't use slang, Susie. Your favorite old English authors do not countenance it.

Susie—Oh, yes, they do, mamma. Don't you remember what Colley Cibber says about the youth that fired the Ephesian dome?—New York Tribune.

A New York chemist insists that ordinary beer contains glycerine, resin, aloes, glucose and tannin. If that is true New York beer must be a sort of liquefied hash.

Small for Her.

Very Stout Lady (watching the lions fed)—'Pears to me, mister, that ain't a very big piece o' meat for sech an animal.

Attendant (with the most stupendous show of politeness)—I s'pose it does seem like a little meat to you, ma'am, but it's enough for the lion.—Household Words.

A funeral in a family reveals a great many surprising kinships that no number of parties and receptions had ever made public.

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Thirty creameries in Central Kansas pay to farmers $40,000 a month for cream.

A. M. Priest, Druggist, Shelbyville, Ind., says: "Hall's Catarrh Cure gives the best of satisfaction. Can get plenty of testimonials, as it cures every one who takes it." Druggists sell it, 75c.

An Iowa contemporary says that "the cigarette law is a dead failure." The cigarette itself, however, is still a deadly success.

Judicious Expenditures Cause Big Returns.

To the merchant who is happy if he can sell his goods at an increase of ten to twenty per cent. over the cost how almost incredible must it seem that typewriting machines and bicycles, which cost from about sixteen to twenty-five dollars to manufacture, can be sold for $100—or even $50—each?

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Fair Enough.

His fiancee—Are you sure you would love me just as tenderly if our conditions were reversed—if you were rich and I were poor?

He—Reverse our conditions and try me.—Harlem Life.

Extracting Gold.

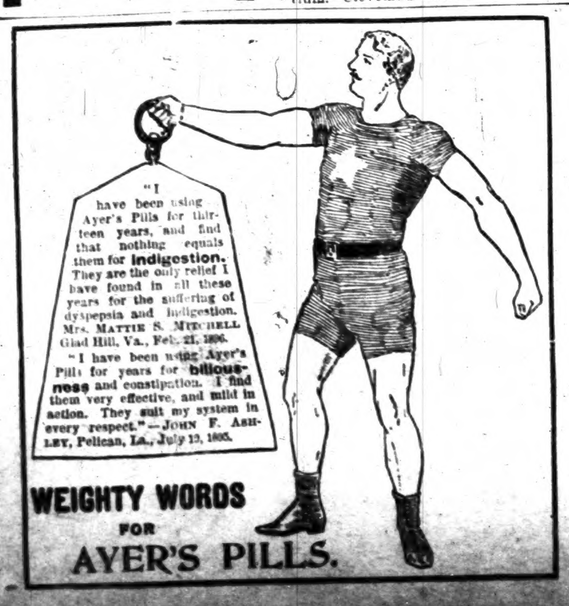
A process of extracting gold by which every particle of the metal in the ore is recovered is stated to be in successful operation in West Australia. It is called the ore atomic process. Gold quartz is crushed into small lumps and is then put into a closed chamber, subjected to the heat of a furnace, to the action of water and of hydrogen gas. This eliminated sulphur and reduces all oxides to the metallic state. After being heated, the material is suddenly cooled by jets of water—an operation repeated several times till the quartz crumbles to powder at the touch of the finger. It is then thrown into a tank and the gold is separated by washing.—Chicago Tribune.

In speaking of the widow of William Morris, who has just asked that letters of the dead poet be sent to her to be used in his biography, the Boston Transcript says: "Her extraordinary beauty was for years in her youth a sort of outward and visible sign in this world of what the young painters and poets of Morris' set were striving for in art. It is her face which appears in numbers of the paintings of all the pre-Raphaelites, notably in Rossetti's—her wonderful brow, with the thick masses of hair above and the not-to-be-forgotten eyes and mouth, appearing in many pictures, well known also in copies and prints dear to many lovers of art, who have not associated them with the personality of the woman who became the wife of William Morris."

Humorist's Wife—You must not trouble your papa just now, dear; in his present mood he is not to be trifled with. Humorist's Child—What is he doing, ma? Humorist's Wife—He is writing things to make people laugh.—Tid Bits.

Family Doctor—Well, let me congratulate you. Patient (very excitedly)—Am I going to recover? Doctor—No, not exactly, but—well, after long consultation we find that your disease is entirely new, and if the autopsy should prove the fact we have decided to name it after you.—Tid Bits.

Dennis—Arrah, Pat, and so yez have come back to shtay? Why didn't yez loike it out West in that place where yez had such a good job? Pat—Och, it's no place for a Christian mon, Dennis. There ain't a livin' soul about the place that hasn't died wid the malaytum.—Cleveland Leader.



CAPITOL ITEMS.

Mr. Wheeler Proposes a Tax on Certain Occupations.

VETERAN'S SINGULAR ACT.

Whitelaw Reid Will Be Our Special Ambassador at the Queen's Jubilee.—W. J. Calhoun Entertained by the Spaniards.—They Don't Want Angel.

A semi-official denial has been given out of the published statement that President McKinley has made overtures to Spain on the subject of Cuba, and it is reiterated that it is impossible for the Spanish Government to accept the mediation in question, "which concerns Spain alone."

In the Senate the other day Mr. Mills, of Texas, secured consideration for a joint resolution authorizing the Secretary of War to use rations for the relief of destitute persons in the district overflowed by the Rio Grande river near El Paso, Texas, and appropriating $10,000 for the purpose. The joint resolution was passed.

It is understood that the Sultan of Turkey objects to receiving James B. Angel as Envoy Extraordinary and Minister Plenipotentiary of the United States in Constantinople. It is said that the objections of the Sultan are based upon Minister Angel's "membership in a Christian order, whose animosities against the Mahomedan religion are extreme."

Representative Wheeler, of Alabama, has introduced a bill in the House for taxing certain occupations. The taxes proposed are based on the amounts of capital invested. Companies engaged in petroleum business in any form are to be taxed from $500 on $100,000 to $25,000 on $5,000,000. Other branches of business to be taxed are iron and steel railways and street railways, banks, stock exchanges and glass, wool, silk, paper, leather and sugar manufacturing.

Hon. Whitelaw Reid paid a hurried visit to the capital last Thursday. During the day he called at the White House and had lunch with the President, ostensibly for the purpose of talking over with Mr. McKinley the proffer made to him of accepting the honor of special ambassador of the United States at the Queen's jubilee. Before leaving for New York he accepted the mission and will represent the United States on that occasion.

Senator Chandler has received a letter from George A. Kittridge concerning the proposed relief expedition for India. Mr. Kittredge has spent many years in India, and says from his knowledge of the conditions the proposed expedition of corn and wheat will be impracticable. He suggests that if the contributions are sent in the form of money it would be distributed in a manner to be of some use to the suffering people of India.

The Senate has confirmed the following nominations:

James Edmund Boyd, of Louisiana, to be Secretary of the Legation of the United States at Buenos Ayres.

Commander Charles O'Neil, U. S. N., to be chief of the bureau of ordnance in the navy department.

The President has nominated Ferdinand W. Neumann, of Illinois, to be Consul at Cologne, Germany, and Max Rouchsein, of Illinois, to be Consul of the United States at Barmen, Germany.

The ordnance department of the army has just opened bids for supplying about 1,904 cast iron projectiles for seacoast and siege cannons, the lowest bidders in each class being the Tredegar Company, of Richmond, Va., at these rates: Five hundred 7-inch 125-pound siege shells, $5.50 each; 200 8-inch 300-pound sea coast shells, $7.90 each; 300 10-inch 575-pound sea coast shots at $13.50 each; 300 12-inch 1,000-pound sea coast shots at $19 each, and 604 12-inch 800-pound mortar shells at $22 each.

Up to date President McKinley has appointed to office every man applying for a position who served with him in the Fifty-first Congress. Folowing is a partial list of his old Congressional colleagues, who have been taken care of: Long and McKenna, both members of the Cabinet; McCord, Governor of Arizona; Butterworth, Commissioner of Patents; Conger, of Iowa, Minister to Brazil; Hermann, of Oregon, Commissioner of the Land Office; Morrow, of California, United States Circuit Judge; Evans, of Tennessee, Commissioner of Pensions, and DeHaven, of California, who is to be appointed United States District Judge.

After a long period of silence, Senator Tillman, of South Carolina, startled the Senate last Friday by a speech no less dramatic in its delivery than sensational in its allegations. He preceded it by presenting a resolution for the appointment of a special committee of five Senators to investigate charges of speculation by Senators while the tariff bill was before the finance committee. In advocating the resolution Mr Tillman threw aside the usual conventionalities of the Senate, and with a plainness of speech seldom heard about the halls of Congress called on his associates to investigate the published charges of senatorial speculation, and if found true purge the Senate of those who debauched it.

Spanish officials in Havanna ridicule the allegations setting forth that the lives of the United States Consuls in Cuba are in danger, and they point to the fact that W. J. Calhoun, the United States Commissioner, who is investigating the death of Dr. Ricardo Ruiz; Gen. Fitzhugh Lee, the United States Consul-General, and Dr. Jose Congosto, the Spanish Consul at Philadelphia, were entertained a few nights since as special guests of the Military Club, of Havana. There, the Spaniards add, the United States officials were the objects of distinguished and courteous attention at the hands of prominent Spanish civil and military officials present.

It is officially announced that a Spanish force, acting in conjunction with the boats of the gunboat Armendariz, has inflicted severe loss upon the insurgents in the province of Pinar del Rio.

Albert C. Hopkins, of Hot Springs, S. D., has sent to the pension office a draft for $82.40, which he claims was paid him as a part of his pension without authority of law.

Since every man naturally and justly assumed to be the Chief Justice of the Supreme Court for himself, and since in a general way this judgment must usually be affirmed when it is against himself, I assume the privilege and duty of interpreting the pension laws in my own case thus:

I am entitled to full pension of $12 per month under the law of 1890 (from my first application in August, 1890) for one year thereafter, while I was on crutches and disabled for manual labor. This amounts to $96. Also to $6 per month thereafter to March, 1895, amounting to $86; total, $182. Amount received from the pension office, $264.40. Draft inclosed to balance, less expenses of returning same, $82.40.

So far as Commissioner Evans knows this is the first instance in which a pensioner has disputed the interpretation of the pension law by the bureau, when that interpretation gave him more money than he thought the law allowed him.

LEE SUSTAINED.

Calhoun Will Hold Spain Responsible for Ruiz's Death.

Of the two reports understood to have been sent from Havana last Saturday by the commission investigating the death of Dr. Ruiz, the one by Mr. Calhoun, who represents the United States, and the other by Dr. Jose Congosto, the Spanish Consul at Philadelphia, who acts for the Spanish Government, the former will, it is said, agree with the statement of Consul General Lee that Dr. Ruiz died from concussion of the brain, the result of violence after solitary confinement of more than thirteen days, regardless of his treaty rights.

Consul-General Lee declined at Friday's session of the commission to question the witnesses, who were interrogated only by the Spanish representative. Consul-General Lee will shortly make a report on the Ruiz case, and Mr. Calhoun will make a further report on other matters, such as the money question, the state of the insurrection, the condition of American interests and the general suffering due to Captain General Weyler's style of campaign. Consul-General Lee's position is just what it was in February last. He holds that Spain is responsible, since Ruiz died because he was deprived of his treaty rights. The exact facts as to how Dr. Ruiz received the blow which killed him, Gen Lee and Mr. Calhoun could not learn, because half the witnesses examined by the commission were prisoners and it is believed were afraid to testify fully. The remaining witnesses were the jailers, who would not testify so as to incriminate themselves.

PROMINENT SPANIARD

Favors the Sale of Cuba to the United States.

The relief of suffering Amercans in Cuba by Consul General Lee goes on daily. Several huudred have already been assisted. A prominent and influential Spanish resident of Havana, upon being questioned with reference to the suggested sale of Cuba, authorized the representative of the Associated Press to tell the American press that he favored the sale of Cuba not to the Cubans, but to the United States, for the sake of avoiding in the future ruin, desolation and bloodshed.

"The sale of the island of Cuba," he said, "means a step backward and carries us to barbarism, as many of the chiefs of the actual revolution were formerly bandits. The United States, as an industrious country, symbolizes progress and civilization, and the Spanish residents in Cuba cannot be indifferent to the welfare of Cuba, having fertilized the land with the sweat of their brows, and they will always protest against the sale of the island to the Cubans."

CHURCH WORKERS ON WHEELS.

Christian Endeavor Bicycling Squad Organized in Jersey.

In Plainfield, N. J., where about 5,000 of the 20,000 people are bicycle riders, and many of them enthusiasts, the church workers have found that in summer months many persons sacrifice time usually devoted to spiritual duties to bicycle riding. The Union of Christian Endeavor Societies decided recently on a plan which they believe will be a solution of the problem of maintaining an all-the-year-around interest. In accordance with this plan the Christian Endeavor Bicycling squad was organized, which is to include in its membership all members of the society who ride bicycles.

The movement is original with Plainfield, as was the first church bicycle run arranged by the Rev. C. L. Goodrich, of the Congregational church, last summer. At frequent intervals runs will be arranged, whereby exercise and the work of the Endeavorers can be united.

THE BANK WRECKER

Johnson Will Not Speculate for the Next Six Years.

John F. Johnson, the Logansport, Ind., bank wrecker, was taken to the Ohio penitentiary Saturday from Indianapolis by two deputy United States Marshals. Johnson was very cool, but felt his position keenly as he was ushered behind the barred gates, where he will remain six years and four months if his record is clear and he is not pardoned. He was given a cell in the famous "Bankers' Row."

STATE TOPICS.

Late News Items of General Interest to Alabamians.

Charity Hospital.

The ladies of Anniston have inaugurated a movement looking to the establishment of a charity hospital.

New County Jail.

The Commissioners' Court at Huntsville let the contract for the steel and structural iron work for the new county jail for $15,390. The Commissioners will now advertise for bids for stone work, for which the contract will be let June 7th next.

Birmingham to Have a Fertilizer Factory.

Birmingham is to have a fertilizer factory. It will be built by Georgia and South Carolina capitalists.

The location of the factory was finally decided upon Friday morning. The factory will be located on the little stream just south of the Vanderbilt Furnace.

Large Steamboat.

Messrs. George Gould, Sam Casper and Herbert Coulter have under course of construction near Ewing's Ferry, a large steamboat to ply the Coosa river between Rome and Greensport. The boat will be for freight and passenger traffic, and will be much larger than Clifford B. Seay, now in service on that river.

Conference Adjourned.

The district conference of the M. E. church adjourned at Gurley, Saturday, to meet at Bridgeport next year. The Odd Fellows laid the cornerstone of their new building at Gurley Saturday, Grand Master W. T. Hutchins acting as master of ceremonies. Rev. George L. Jenkins delivered the oration. There were 500 people present.

Physician's Sudden Death.

At Furman, Dr. J. J. Harris was called one day last week to the bedside of his wife's siter, Mrs. J. D. Robins, who was critically ill. At about 11 o'clock, while standing near his patient feeling her pulse, he was stricken with neuralgia of the heart and fell across the body of Mrs. Robbins and expired. Mrs. Robbins died shortly afterwards.

Bought a Valuable Farm.

At Scottsboro, Probate Judge William B. Bridges has purchased from its owner, J. E. Mason, the right of redemption to the Mason fam near Larkdemption to the Mason farm near Lark. $6,000. This is one of the best farms in the county, and before the fall of prices was considered a bargain at $10,000, and now becomes the property of Judge Bridges.

Huntsville Infirmary.

The Huntsville infirmary will be opened Wednesday. This matter has been under consideration by our physicians for some time, but not till recently was it fully decided to have one. Drs. S. H. Lowry and H. D. Westmoreland will have it in charge. Miss Ella Kimbro will have charge as chief nurse, which position she has held at Brown's infirmary, at Birmingham. An institution such as mentioned has become a necessity.

Right of Way Defined.

In the Supreme Court the case of the Louisville & Nashville Railroad vs. Nina Hill et al, was affirmed. The suit grew out of the cutting of timber by the agent of the road, under instructions from the superintendent to clear all timber out within fifty feet of the road bed on each side of the railroad. The heirs of Hill brought suit in the Circuit Court of Limestone county against the railroad for damages and received a judgment for $080, and the railroad brought the case by appeal and lost, the Supreme Court reaffirming the decision of the court below.

Roasted the Child.

A most horrible crime was committed near Selma one day last week. Billy Griffin, colored, aged 4 years, went into the house of his grandmother, Millin Griffin, and seeing a hoecake on the gridiron helped himself to a piece of it without the knowledge or consent of his grandmother. This furiously enraged the old woman and she proceeded to punish the child by tieing him up in an empty sack, tying it to a pair of pot hooks in the chimney and leaving it there while she went to work in the field. About two hours later an uncle of the child heard groans in the cabin and he was horrified to find that the sack had caught fire and the child had been roasted alive. The negroes in the neighborhood gathered at the cabin and it was with great difficulty that they were prevented from lynching the old woman, who is 75 years old.

Tuskegee's Colored School.

About 5,000 people attended the commencement of the Tuskegee Normal and Industrial Institute, (colored), in Tuskegee, last week. Charles W. Anderson, of New York city, delivered the annual address. Remarks were made by Rev. J. L. Dube, a native Zulu, who is studying the methods of the school as a model for one in his own country. The number of students enrolled this year is 1,073, representing twenty-one States, Indian Territory, Africa and the West Indies. Forty-nine have received diplomas.

The cash receipts of the school have been $104,595.62. Seventy-seven thousand one hundred and fourteen dollars and fifty-one cents have gone into current expenses, the balance into permanent plant. Students have paid toward their expenses about $8,000 in cash and $40,000 in work done for the school.

This school now has an experiment station for colored people; established by the last Legislature. Prof. G. W. Carver, a young colored man, educated at Annes, Iowa, under Prof. Wilson, now Secretary of Agriculture, is in charge of it. The school has just completed an agricultural building at an expense of $10,000.

W. J. Baldwin, Jr., of New York, R. O. Simpson, of Furman, Ala., were added to the Board of Trustees.

PHYSICIANS BAFFLED.

Prof. R. S. Bowman, Instructor of Natural Science in Hartsville College, Cured of a Severe Illness by Dr. Williams' Pink Pills for Pale People After Physicians Failed.

From the Republican, Columbus, Ind.

Prof. R. S. Bowman, the able instructor of nature' science in the famous Hartsville (Ind.) College, is well and favorably known, not only as an educator, but also as a minister of the gospel, as for a number of years he was pastor of the United Brethren church at Charlotte, Mich., before coming to Hartsville.

PROF. R. S. BOWMAN.

Some time ago he had a severe illness which was cured almost miraculously. A reporter hearing of this, interviewed him regarding his experience. Prof. Bowman was in the midst of his work when the reporter called, but he cheerfully gave him a hearing.

"A year ago last fall," said the professor, "I broke down with nervous exhaustion, and was unable to properly attend to my duties. I tried different physicians but with no relief, and also used many different proprietary medicines, spending almost fifty dollars for these medicines alone. I then succumbed to a seige of the grip in the middle of winter, and was left in a much worse condition. My kidneys were fearfully disordered, and my digestion became very poor. I was indeed in a bad condition.

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Such was Professor Bowman's wonderful story, which was fully endorsed by the following affidavit:

HARTSVILLE, Ind., March 16, 1897.

I affirm that the above accords with the facts in my case.

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One of the standing needs of the country, says a sloppy organ, is more Massachusetts people. They will be more needed, perhaps, when the rate of illiteracy is reduced in Massachusetts to the Western average.

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IS NOT REPUDIATION.

IT IS SELF-DEFENSE AGAINST DESPOILERS.

Hon. C. J. Hillyer Shows the Relation Between a Money Standard and Debts and Right to Pay According to the Contract.

[illegible] nce of the silver controversy [illegible] agonism of interest between [illegible] and creditors. If there had [illegible] debts silver would never have [illegible] monetized, for no one would [illegible] any interest in its demonetization. If there were now no debts [illegible] ld be no serious opposition to [illegible] ation of silver. The scheme [illegible] uting a single standard of [illegible] a double standard of gold and [illegible] was inaugurated by the owners [illegible] obligations for the payment of [illegible] In its inception it was a conspiracy for the robbing of debtors absolutely destitute of excuse or plausibility. By influences as powerful as [illegible] ployment has been unscrupulously [illegible] infamous project has been [illegible] to a partial consummation and [illegible] tion secured where its authors [illegible] tors, without defending the original fraud, are emboldened to invoke a principle of equity in support of its perpetuation. It is said that, without regard to the injustice of a change [illegible] as an original proposition, [illegible] indebtedness has been incurred with reference to a standard of gold, and therefore should be discharged upon that basis. If the premise is correct, [illegible] the conclusion. If a debt is contracted upon a standard of gold it [illegible] to be paid in gold. This is simply saying that people should do as they have agreed, and equally whether [illegible] agreement has been express or implied. But with this admission I wish [illegible] make the most absolute and unequivocal denial that there is a single [illegible] of indebtedness due from any [illegible] of the United States contracted [illegible] or with reference to a gold standard.

And first, I wish to consider that [illegible] body of public debt evidenced by national interest bearing obligations. In 1873 the aggregate national indebtedness (allowing for some not very important variations in statistical statements), was in round numbers $2,000,000,000 and is now $29,000,000,000. There can be no pretense that any portion of this indebtedness due in [illegible] was incurred upon a gold standard or with reference to any other than a double standard of silver and gold at the existing ratio. The increase of $27,000,000,000 since 1873 does not represent any contribution of new capital by the owners of these obligations considered as a class, but only a reinvestment of a certain portion of the interest which they have received. This interest on the twenty-two billions due in 1873 at four per cent, which is less than the average rate, has for twenty-three years amounted to $20,240,000,000, enabling the national creditors of 1873, without drawing from other sources, to absorb the seven billions of increased national debt and have left thirteen billions for investment in other securities. As to the standard under which payment should be made, the interest on these obligations is affected by the same equities as the principal. It is immaterial how much refunding and change of form of instruments or even shifting of locality there may have been, so long as the indebtedness has not been extinguished the equity as to the mode of payment has not been moved. It was contracted under a double standard and it is a violation of equity if its discharge should be required in accordance with any other standard by which its burden may be onerous to the obligors. If in the process of refunding new obligations have been substituted payable in gold this substitution has been brought about by the same influences and instrumentalities through which the money standard has been changed. The abuse of governmental power has been the same in the one case as the other, and the injustice equally flagrant. Neither has had the intelligent consent of the tax-paying debtors, without which no obligation binding in law could be created as to a change in the burthen of payment. My reason for stating this "national indebtedness of 1873 for special consideration is in respect to this the argument would be made conclusive. In regard to other classes of indebtedness it is difficult to fix accurately the conditions of its contraction. Of the $27,000,000,000 (saying nothing of reinvested interest), concerning which there can be no question [illegible] It was a debt existing when it is still, however its evidences have been remodeled, a debt. Every dollar of this was contracted when the double standard prevailed universally and everywhere fifteen and one-half ounces of silver were practically equivalent to one of gold for its payment. Familiar with financial history [illegible] that it is now owned not only in the same limited class as in 1873, substantially and as to the great mass of it by the same individuals or their successors in interest. If transfers have been made the original equity in favor of payment has followed it into the hands of the transferees. The debtors are the taxpayers of the different nations. Any legislative or administrative action which has increased the burthen of its discharge has been fraudulent, no matter under what form it may have been disguised. Now, I ask the reader to pause and try to comprehend the immensity of the sum represented by these figures. The annual interest upon this amount, even at three per cent, is $660,000,000—in itself an expression baffling adequte conception of its full import. Twenty-two billion dollars is more than five times the amount of the whole world's stock of gold coin and bullion. And yet this vast sum is only the amount of actual profit to be realized by the holders of this one class of securities if the plot to destroy silver as standard money can be carried to completion. Whatever may be said as to other indebtedness, there is as to this no chance for even a quibble respecting the time and circumstances of its contraction. Every dollar of it originated under a double standard, and it is a travesty on equity to double or in any way increase its burthen by requiring it to be paid under a single standard of gold. I might stop right here and confidently claim that the falsity of the assumption with which I am dealing had been demonstrated. This aggregate of national indebtedness constitutes nearly one-half of the total amount due upon secured interest-bearing obligations, which alone deserve consideration in this connection. When it is shown that as to one-half of the indebtedness involved in the inquiry the claim of equity through contraction under a gold standard is deprived of any semblance of validity, that would seem to be sufficient to constitute an estoppel against its further assertion. If there were no other debts in the world, this alone would brand the scheme to change the standard of value as the most stupendous crime ever contemplated against humanity. If bondholders can, without consideration, by mere manipulation of political agencies, add to the value of their securities $22,000,000,000, then others somewhere, and in some way, must suffer a crorrespending loss. It makes no difference how widely the loss may be distributed, it is still a fact, and in its consequences a fearfully momentous fact, that what the bondholders dishonestly gain other classes must unjustly lose. The world is not wide enough that this mountain of $22,000,000,000 of unearned, law-made indebtedness can be piled as an additional burthen upon its industry without the universal oppression of its wealth-producers wherever situated. The tax-ridden people of Europe have the same, perhaps stronger, interest to rebel against this diabolical scheme as ourselves, but their efforts for redress are handicapped by monarchical institutions and standing armies. Relief, if it is to be had, must come from the intelligent citizens of the United States who still retain the power of a free ballot.

C. J. HILLYER.

Faith vs. Fatalism.

The death of Judge William Page at Portland removes a man who sacrificed a great talent because he continually propounded to himself the question, "What is the use?" and answered it with, "No matter what one may do, it comes to nothing after all." The truth (effect?) of this question and answer has often caused a capable man to make little use of his life and talents.—East Oregonian.

There is a world-wide significance in this. Such cowardly fatalism has paralyzed a whole continent for centuries, and nothing has been more detrimental to the advancement of humanity than just this mistake, for it is a fundamental one, and its opposite has alone built up great nations and great causes. The fact is that every achievement for the benefit of humanity has been a result of exactly the contrary conviction, of a "faith that removes mountains." Where one visible and palpable example of the effect of a lifelong determination on the part of a few individuals comes to light, thousands exist that do not. The impulse that goes from one earnest, determined, consecrated individual along the line of an enlightened life purpose has no limit, and reaches far beyond what is ordinarily regarded as possible. History abounds in crises where the result has come from the determination of a few who do not ask "What's the use?" but do their duty as they see it, hoping for success, but ever brave in defeat.

Poverty and Crime.

That poverty is one of the most potent factors in the production of crime the annual report of the chief of police of Chicago goes to show. After giving account of the relief work done last winter by the police department, he says: "A notable fact, incident to the distribution of relief by the city, was the great reduction in the number of crimes committed while relief was being given, thus clearly indicating that a great many crimes and misdemeanors prevalent during the last winter were simply the result of the desperate condition of the poor. There seemed to them no alternative other than to steal or starve." It is to be hoped that the knowledge thus revealed of the close relationship between crime and poverty will tend to hasten the time when we shall seek, not to alleviate poverty but to abolish it entirely; when instead of the "distribution of relief" there will be the proper distribution of opportunities—opportunities for every man and woman to earn a living wage—thereby obviating the necessity for superficial charity of the soup-kitchen and free lodging-house.—Union Signal.

Men and Pigs.

In an imaginary community of pigs, described by Carlyle, one of the chief rulers was asked, "what is justice!" The answer was: "Your own share of the general Swine's-trough, not any portion of mine." "But what is 'my' share?" "My share," answered the chief pig, "is, on the whole, whatever I can contrive to get without being hanged or sent to the hulks." Some people are cruel enough to believe that there are communities of men where this same sort of philosophy obtains!

A REAL REPUBLIC.

THE INITIATIVE AND REFERENDUM IN BRYAN'S STATE.

Nebraska Leads the Way in Establishing Real Self Government in This Country—Now Let Other States Follow Suit.

Nebraska, the home of Bryan, has the honor of being the first state in the union to incorporate the principle of the initiative and referendum in her statutes. The principle has been one of the main tenets of the party, but not until this winter has any serious attempt been made to enact it into law. The bill passed by the legislature and signed by the governor is a somewhat modified form of the Swiss system of cantonal government, and applies only to cities and villages.

The right to propose ordinance, for the government of any city or municipal sub-division is vested in the voters of the city as well as the mayor and council. The word "ordinance" is defined as including also all orders, resolves, agreements, contracts and any other measure within the powers of the legislative authorities of the city. It is provided that the proposal for legislation shall contain the full text of the ordinance proposed, and, to be mandatory, must be signed by at least 15 per cent of the voters of the city making the same. At least ten of the persons signing the proposal shall make oath before a competent officer that they are duly qualified voters and that they believe all the others persons who signed the proposal are qualified and that the signatures are genuine. The proposal shall be filed with the city clerk: but if 20 per cent of the voters shall request that the ordinance proposed shall be submitted to the voters to be voted on at a special election, the clerk shall obey their wishes and call the election. If no special election is asked for, the proposal shall be submitted to the voters of the city at the first regular election held after the expiration of thirty days from the filing of the proposal, unless the council meanwhile makes it a law. If the proposal receives a majority of the votes it shall become a law. This is the initiative.

It is provided, for the referendum, that no ordinance for the government of any city, except as specially provided, shall go into effect until thirty days after the passage of the same. If in the interim a petition signed by at least 5 per cent of the voters of the city is filed, requesting its submission to a people, it shall be submitted. If the number of signers represent 10 per cent of the voters, a special election shall be held within twenty days; if less, not until the next regular election. Excepted from the operation of this section are all ordinances relating to the immediate preservation of public peace or health or items of appropriation for current expenses of the departments of the city, which do not exceed the corresponding appropriations of the preceding year, all of which must be passed by a unanimous vote.

The mayor and council shall have no power to enact an ordinance which shall in any manner alter, modify, repair or render nugatory ordinances enacted by a direct vote of the people, except by a two-thirds vote, and then not until a year after enactment. The mayor and council have power to submit to a vote of the electors at a special or general election any ordinances they may initiate. Any one falsely certifying to the qualifications or signatures of signers shall be fined not more than $500 or imprisoned not more than one year. Similar punishment is to be meted out to the man who signs any proposal knowing that he is not a qualified voter. Any clerk who fails to comply with the provisions requiring his official action in submitting ordinances is liable to a fine of $5,000. As a saving clause, however, it is provided that this act shall not become operative in any city until accepted by the voters in the manner provided for the submission of ordinances. Authority, however, is given to the mayor and council of any city to adopt it by a majority vote without submission.

A New Earth.

Rev. Myron Reed of Denver, in a recent sermon on the text from Revelation, "And I saw a new heaven and a new earth," says:

All the prophets and poets have seen the same thing. Isaiah looked forward to an utter change in the face of the earth and of the hearts of the people of the earth. Robert Burns saw a new earth and so did Alfred Tennyson when he was young. Plato looked away from the decaying world around him and saw Atlantis. Sir Thomas Moore, about to suffer death, was writing "Utopia." There ought to be a new earth and what ought to be will be. No one will assert that this is the ideal social system—this one that we are living in. Isaiah would not be satisfied with it. It is a makeshift. We have sent money and sympathy to Ireland, and that was right and effective. But in 1895 there were more than 23,000 evictions in New York city. That means more than 100,000 people turned out of doors. That is to say, in one American city the evictions, as compared with Ireland, were more than four to one.

The Lewiston Journal asks why a tax on art is a tax on civilization any more than a tax on bread. All such foolish questions refer to the tariff, but the one deadly tax on art, bread and civilization is the everlasting corner in money on the gold basis.—Silver Knight.

POINTS FROM THE PRESS.

By the Revista Hispano-Americana it appears that for the year 189-1896 Mexico's imports were of the value of $42,000,000, against exports of over $100,000,000. This speaks well for "silver-ridden" Mexico.—Tulare County Times.

A paper dollar with the simple promise to receive it by the government for all dues, taxes, etc., would be the most perfect kind of money. This is no new idea. Jefferson, Clay and Calhoun are all on record as in favor of such a money. — Evansville (Ind.) Coming Events.

If all the people in the world were to agree that one man might take from another all he could force him to give up, using threats and starvation upon him, they might make such practice legal, but they could not make it honest.—Cincinnati Common Cause.

Had Bryan been elected and conditions remained as they are, imagine the pride with which the plutocratic press would be pointing to the state of the country as unanswerable evidence of the realization of their pre-election prophecies.—St. Louis Chronicle.

One of the brave generals—Manderson, wasn't it—who paraded about the country warning the workingmen against the 50-cent dollar, is the president of the defunct Omaha savings institution, whose depositors are looking for nothing better than a 10-cent dollar. Dear old man—in every sense of the word.—Midland Mechanic.

Say, if it is true, as we are told it was by the bankers, gold press and Republican politicians during the campaign, that the modern system of checks, drafts and other forms of credit paper had made money practically unnecessary for the prosecution of business, what are all these banks closing up for? They must have mislaid their checkbooks!—New Decatur (Ala.) Advertiser.

What would you think of a business man who would unnecessarily issue interest-bearing notes against himself at an interest, too, which would be greater than the profits of his business? And especially when the people with whom he dealt were perfectly willing to take non-interest bearing notes as long as said notes were redeemable in any goods or chattels the merchant might have in his store? He'd be a crazy merchant, wouldn't he? Well, it's down just such a ruinous and idiotic path the bankers and goldbugs want to keep this nation stumbling along.—Inter-Mountain Advocate.

One of the striking instances of the effect of "business men's" thought was the Sherman act of 1890, by which, according to later developments, the government stamped its mere promises to pay gold upon a material costing a half a thousand millions. What would be thought of the business man who would write a promissory note upon parchment costing $100 per square inch? Such an act would not be more absurd than the act of the United States government in 1890. And yet John Sherman is the idol of "business men."—Nebraska Independent.

There is a great swindle that Senator Chandler might get after, with profit to the government and honor to himself—the Union Pacific railroad. The government had paid twice over in principal and interest what the road cost, and still owes the principal of the bonds issued to build the great iron highway. Why should not the government take possession of this road and operate it for the use and benefit of the whole people?—Saginaw Labor Exponent.

Can you comprehend how absurd it is for the working people to be poor and idle useless loungers and schemers to be rich? What could a civilized people enjoy that is not first produced by the working people? Those things which are free to all without the aid of labor are just as much the property of one person as another, and those necessaries, comforts and luxuries which are the result of any kind of effort are certainly the belongings of those who apply the effort to produce them. It does not give any one a clear and honest right to get wealth into his possession by a means of trickery or deception, although a special law may have been made to legalize such theft.—Progressive Thought.

The Standard Oil Co. has property in Portland, Ore., worth $350,000, according to a local paper. The assessor put it at $200,000 for taxation, but a judge reduced it to $20,500! These judges are great people. They are not in it for their health. No man allows a foreign corporation to escape $40,000 a year taxes just for fun. The judiciary of the United States is more corrupt than congress—if that were possible. The word judge or justice should become a synonym for all that is base and decent men, men who have any respect will soon shun such positions as they would a leper. The corporations, however, will always find enough unscrupulous men to fill the places and serve them. —Appeal to Reason.

If the present high taxes do not bring prosperity, President McKinley proposes to increase them, and see if that won't do the business. But if we send strange doctors to Washington we should not be surprised if they prescribed strange medicine.—Facts (Denver).

SENOR SAGASTA.

Spain's Probable Next Premier Outlines His Views.

OPPOSED TO INTERFERENCE.

Would Not Tolerate a Suggestion on the Rights of Spain—With the Liberals in Power, Weyler's Removal Would be Immediate.

A dispatch has been received from Madrid, giving the following interview wish Senor Sagasta, leader of the Spanish liberals:

"We would be more liberal in every sense than the conservative party can afford to be," said Senor Sagasta. "We would not hesitate to go much further than Senor Canovas has gone in the way of a home-rule policy for the West Indies.

"Our policy would entail a change in the supreme direction of Cuban affairs, of course. The removal of Gen. Weyler would be immediate, and the present policy of excessive severity and repression would be abandoned, for that system is not calculated to improve the prospects of pacification, which we earnestly desire.

"In regard to the relations between Spain and the United States, I am not acquainted with what has passed recently between the Spanish and American governments. I have no reason to suppose that international considerations of pressure influenced the decision of Senor Canovas to resign. The liberal party wished to maintain and improve the cordial relations with the United States, and hopes its colonial policy would help to do so.

"But neither the liberal party, nor any other Spanish party, could tolerate a suggestion of infringing on the rights of Spain, or implying the interference of foreign powers in her relations with her colonies. The liberal party would be as zealous as the conservatives in defense of the supremacy of Spain in Cuba and Porto Rico."

By order of the queen, Marshal Campos has returned from Catalonia, where he had gone for a brief holiday. The queen wished to consult him regarding the solution of the crisis. His opinion and these of Marshal Lopes Dominguez and Blanco are likely to to have a decisive influence. All three make no secret of their opinion that the recall of Gen. Weyler is expedient both for the pacification of Cuba and for international considerations.

It is a singular feature of the present crisis that the Queen's chief concern has been to know the opinion of all the statesmen and generals consulted on the advisability of the recall of General Weyler, and whether a change of policy in Cuba and the granting of home rule would be most likely to hasten the termination of the war. Spanish domestic politics has played second part in this crisis.

The whole drift of the interviews of the Queen with Marshals Campos, Blanco and Lopez Dominuez and with Senors Padaz and Sagasta shows that all five men are unanimous in considering it necessary in the formation of a new government to have well defined, concrete plans for carrying out Cuban home rule and for endeavoring to strengthen the cordial relations with the United States, and all believe the indispensable preliminary step to this is the appointment of a new Governor-General who would inspire foreign countries and the Spanish colonies with confidence in the sincerity of the Spanish colonial policy.

In military circles it is believed Marshal Campos has recommended that General Blanco succeed General Weyler, and that General Campos would only go to Cuba himself if pressed to do so by the Queen and allowed carte blanche by the new government.

In diplomatic and political circles it is considered probable that if even the Liberals enter into office Senor Dupuy de Lome will be asked to remain as Spanish Minister at Washington. Leading Liberals say he has very skilfully defended Spanish interests and defeated the intrigues of the Cuban separators and supporters.

Later.

The queen regent has confirmed Senor Canovas, the premier, in his ministerial powers, and the cabinet will remain in office with personnel and policy unchange.

The solution of the crisis is a general surprise, as much perhaps in ministerial ranks as in the world at large. It was thought not without reason that the counsels of the higher military authorities, as represented by Marshal Campos, Marshal Blanco and Marshal Dominuez, would have inclined the crown toward a radical and distinct change of policy in the Cuban campaign.

The only explanation is that the first thought of the premier is to vindicate his "amour prope" so far as the liberals are concerned, and when this is established to find reason at an early date so to modify the cabinet as to satisfy the liberals and to terminate the deadlock before the cortes reassembles, which will probably not be for several months. It can hardly be doubted that the modifications would include the replacing of Capt. Gen. Weyler by some other commander.

Statisticians declare that only sixteen out of each 1000 insane persons become so by reason of love affairs. These figures apply, however, only to persons in asylums.

SHOT HIMSELF.

Sensational Suicide of R. B. McConnell at Ocala, Fla.

R. B. McConnell, the defaulting president of the defunct Merchants' National Bank, committed suicide at Ocala, Fla., last Saturday. He sent a bullet crashing through his brain, and before medical aid could be summoned was a corpse. The deed was committed at the home of his brother-in-law, W. K. McDonald, where he, his wife and mother were taking dinner.

G. C. Stapleton, Receiver of the Merchants' Bank, had made some new discoveries in the bank business that showed up very badly against McConnell. He at once communicated them to United States Commissioner G. S. Williams, who at once issued a warrant for McConnell's arrest. This was placed in the hands of Deputy United States Marshal James Clarke, who proceeded to the McConnell residence. He learned there that the bank president was dining at Mr. McDonald's.

He went to the house and read the warrant, when McConnell asked permission to go up stairs to get his coat. A moment later the household was startled by the report of a pistol. The officer rushed up stairs, only to find McConnell breathing his last, with a hole in the right side of his head over the ear, and the smoking revolver still in his hand.

The mother and wife are prostrated with grief. The affair caused greater excitement in the city than even the bank failure.

CZAR'S TELEGRAM.

Russian Expresses Hope That Turks Will be Generous.

Constantinople.—The following is the text of the telegram sent by the Emperor Nicholas to the Sultan after the fall of Domokos:

"Your majesty will not be surprised if our relations of sincere friendship and neighborly feeling induce me to appeal to your noblest sentiments and aspire me with the firm hope that you will not fail to crown the success achieved by your valued armies in heroic struggle by a faithful adherence to the moderate and pacific intentions which your majesty proclaimed at the beginning of the war.

"By concluding an armistice and by a favorable reception of the mediation of the powers your majesty would acquire a fresh title to the high esteem you now enjoy and would accomplish an act of profound wisdom, an act which I personally should always retain in remembrance.

"I beg your majesty to believe in my unchanging friendship.

NICHOLAS."

BIG RAILROAD ENTERPRISE.

A Trans-Continental Line From the Atlantic to the Pacific.

CHICAGO.—A transcontinental railroad, from tidewater to tidewater, is the gigantic enterprise which was set in motion when $30,000 was paid at Springfield, Ill., for the incorporation of a company with a capital stock of $30,000,000.

The Baltimore & Ohio, the Wisconsin Central, the Chicago & Northern Pacific systems figure in the great undertaking. By a consolidation of these, their branches and connections, will be produced the new system, one end of which will touch the Atlantic and the other the Pacific. The headquarters of the system are to be located in Chicago.

The chief promoter and man who has carried the gigantic plan to a successful issue is William Allen Butler, of Yonkers, N. Y. Associated with him are Edward Adams, of the Northern Pacific, and F. T. Gates, of Montclair, N. J. Gates represents the Rockefellers, the Standard Oil corporation being largely interested in the undertaking.

STATISTICS OF LYNCHINGS.

There Were 141 and of These Ten Occurred in the North.

The New York World prints the statistics of lynchings in the United States since January 1, 1896. It is shown that there were 141 persons lynched in 1896. Of these lynchings 131 occurred in the south and ten in the north, eighty-six were negroes and fifty-five whites. The World's list for 1897 shows that there have been forty-seven persons lynched so far this year. The usual proportion between whites and blacks is maintained.

HANGED HIMSELF

Because His Piece of Cake Was Smaller Than His Sister's.

There has been a remarkable increase in the number of juvenile suicides in Berlin recently. These self-killings reached their climax the other day when a 10-year-old boy destroyed his own life. He became angry because he received a smaller piece of cake than his sister, who was having a birthday party, and left the room pouting. He went into the adjoining room and hanged himself to the door latch. He was dead when found.

FRANCIS SCHLATTER DEAD.

He Had Been Fasting, and Apparently Starved to Death.

Francis Schlatter, who claimed to perform miraculous cures by divine power, was recently found dead in the foot hills of Sierra Madre, thirty-five miles southwest of Cass Grande, in the state of Chihuahua, Mexico. He had been fasting and apparently starved to death.

While in Denver from Aug. 22 to Nov. 13, 1895, about 200,000 people visited Schlatter to receive treatment.

A COMBINATION.

Three Powers, France, England and Italy Warn the Sultan.

TURKEY LIKELY TO SUBMIT.

The Three Powers Will Never Consent to the Cession of Thessaly, Germany and Russia Notwithstanding—Rumors About the Peace Negotiations Are Conflicting.

At the meeting between the ambassadors of the powers and the Turkish minister for foreign affairs last week at the Tophane palace, Constantinople, Sir Philip Currie, the British ambassador, and Signor Pansa, the Italian ambassador, made a distinct declaration against the cession of Thessaly to Turkey. This attitude of the three powers named is regarded as being of the highest political importance, in view of the fact that since the czar's telegram to the sultan there has been a marked rapprochment between Russia and Germany. Here the opinion is expressed that the indications point to a resuscitation of the league of the three emperors, if that league is not already accomplished in fact.

Rumors are Conflicting.

Conflicting rumors are published about the progress of peace negotiations at Constantinople. On the one side the sultan is said to have adopted the most unyielding attitude, and on the other hand he is declared to be showing a most conciliatory disposition, and that the sentiment of the question in dispute is only a matter of a few days. The Associated Press, however, learn that the ambassadors at Constantinople are hopeful that the negotiations will be concluded in about a week in the sense of Turkey's acceptance of peace conditions proposed by the powers. There is now little doubt the sultan has decided to agree to the evacuation of Thessaly and the Turkish public is being prepared for this step.

It is considered probable that the conclusion of peace between Turkey and Greece will be followed by a complete change of the Turkish cabinet, as the palace party will endeavor to saddle the ministry with all the responsibility for the peace conditions. Moreover, a strong feeling exists among the Mussulmans against the ministry especially against the navy department, owing to the deplorable condition of the Turkish navy and the inactivity of the Ottoman fleet. The news from Thessaly is that the Turkish army, which at first pillaged and committed other excesses in the Greek villages, is now under strict dicipline.

Numbers of Greek Thessalonians are hiding in the mountains of Kalkilis and Erocheri, on the Island of Skiathos, being afraid to return to their homes, fearing massacre, and preferring death by starvation, exposure and disease.

SHE LOVED TO DRESS.

Indiana Lady, Aged 75, Had 175 Dresses at Her Death.

At Jeffersonville, Ind., the report of the administrator of the estate of Mrs. Dorothy Howard, aged 75 years, who recently died, one of the most eccentric women in the state, has been filed in the court and is a remarkable document. In spite of her extreme age, the old lady dressed as a girl of 15. At her death she had 175 dresses, most of them of the finest quality, innumerable skirts, waists and other wearing apparel. The auction of her effects drew a large and curious crowd, and the bidding to secure her handsome silk dresses, dozens of which had never been worn, was lively. Her hobby was to spend her entire income for gaudy and costly wearing apparel.

Arrested for Murder.

Dr. Lewis F. Preston was arrested in Denver a few days since on a warrant charging him with the murder of David Frank, a cigarmaker, of Brooklyn, N. Y. Dr. Preston is a consumptive specialist. It is said that his method of treatment is to run a trocha or hollow needle through the walls of the chest and introduce an electric wire into the lungs. Frank died under this treatment.

Magowan Overdrew.

Carroll Robbins, counsel for ex-Vice-Chancellor Bird, receiver for the Trenton, N. J., Rubber company, has served papers on ex-Mayor Frank A. Magowan in a suit of $272,000 and interest, making a total of about $300,000. This is for money which, according to the books of the rubber company, Magowan has overdrawn on his accounts.

A Series of Coincidences.

The sixty-second double wedding anniversary was recently celebrated, in a small town in Indiana, of Moses and Isaac Marty, twins, who married Tabitha and Lavinia McCormick, twins. Each couple has had seven sons and five daughters, the first children being born within a few days of each other, and the last children also being of almost exactly the same age.—Medical Journal.

Getting Dangerous.

A special dispatch from Naples says that Mount Vesuvius is in eruption. An area of 2,000 yards long by 800 wide is covered with lava and it is dangerous to approach within 400 yards of the principal crater.

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THE county commissioners were in session this week for the purpose of examining the Tax Assessor's books, which were found all correct. The rate of taxation for the year was fixed at 4½ mills, a reduction of ½ mill from last year. This is good news to the county.

A DUTY of twenty per cent. ad valorem has been put upon all cotton imported into the United States. If we thought it would increase the price of cotton to the farmer one thousandth part of a cent we would be mighty glad of it, but as it is it seems a case of big cry and little wool.

THE Clanton city council at the regular meeting last Friday appointed E. E. Todd, formerly of Anniston, to survey the town and make a plat. P. D. Wilson, J. M. Potts and J. H. Vines were appointed to assist him in the work. Some quarantine ordinances were passed, which puts the town in good shape to avoid contagion, although we hope it may never be necessary to put the ordinances in force.

THE Mid-Ala. Daily News, after four weeks of life, suspended last week. It is evident the people of Chilton county are fully satisfied with THE BANNER and do not intend to subscribe for any other paper in the county. One good feature in connection with The News was that subscriptions for more than a month were refused at the outset, consequently no one had to complain. A few subscribers, who paid a month's subscription during the second week, will receive the balance due them on application. So many papers are started, and obtain a year's subscription from unsuspected people, then die after about three months, that we are sure this action of The News will be appreciated.

"Cotton acreage increase in the United States is estimated at 979,000 acres, or 4 4-10 per cent larger than the acreage last year, and the average planting of the crop is some three weeks later than last year. The same correspondents report the condition of the crop less promising at this date than for many years. Texas being the only state where normal conditions have generally prevailed. In all the other cotton states unseasonable cool weather, poor stands and great damage from cut worms have been the rule. The overflow of a vast area of the most productive cotton lands in the state of Tennessee, Arkansas, Mississippi and Louisiana will necessarily lesson the acreage in these sections and planting has been done under discouraging circumstances—five to eight weeks later than last year. As six months are usually required to make a cotton crop, unless almost phenomenally favorable weather occurs henceforth a good crop in the Mississippi valley will be impossible."

A Beautiful Girl

Barely Escapes a Life-Long Calamity

It happened in this way: The young daughter of Mrs E. S. Gibson, Greelyville, South Carolina, was slowly but surely becoming a hopeless invalid. Her mother became anxious and haggard in her frantic efforts to save her daughter. None of her attempts to find a cure seemed of any avail. As stated in her own words:

"My daughter was taken sick some time ago and I tried many medicines in vain. She was very weak, appetite poor, bowels costive, and night sweats. She appeared to be cold all the time, being taken with violent chills at times. Her nerves were in a very bad condition. At last I happened to see one of your little books and wrote you. You recommended Pe-ru-na. I gave it to her and she has now completely recovered. I owe all that I am worth in this world to you for saving my daughter's life. I shall always keep a supply of your medicines on hand. May you live long to help those suffering as my daughter was."

Pe-ru-na always cures such cases. Send for free book, written for women only. Address The Pe-ru-na Drug Manufacturing Company, Columbus, Ohio.

Commencement Exercises at the University School.

Of all the days in the scholastic year, Commencement Day is the day of days which excites in the hearts of the students all manner of hopes and fears. Not only the students are interested but also their parents and guardians and all friends having at heart the welfare of the rising generation. That is the day which tells the tale of the session; the day that the industrious and ambitious pupil looks forward to, to receive the honors earned by steady application to study; the day that the idle and indifferent pupil looks forward to with dread, realizing he is not capable of standing an examination; the day when fond parents meet to witness the triumphs of their loved ones, or to condole with them in their disappointment; the day when teachers can breathe more freely now that the anxiety of the session is over.

Monday and Tuesday were gala days at Clanton when the exercises at the University School took place. Early in the morning the streets were a pretty sight with the happy countenances of winsome children and the bewitching forms of sweet girl graduates about to make their debut in the arena of life. Young men and maidens, old men and matrons, all wended their way to the school house in eager anticipation of an enjoyable day. And none were disappointed in their anticipations, and we must congratulate Prof. McMorries and his able assistants on their arrangements. The school house was packed, but being breezily situated the heat was not oppressive; the ladies fluttered their fans and the wind gently murmured through the shade trees surrounding the building.

At 9 a.m. the program was commenced with a song of greeting, and then the little ones of the primary grade began their recitations. These were all well rendered, and made apparent to the most casual observer the pains which had been taken by the teachers to instil into the youthful mind the necessity of thoroughly comprehending and learning by heart their lessons. We do not wish to be invidious, but the length of the program precludes our mentioning all the performers, and we therefore must content ourselves with a few of the more prominent. Moonshine, by little Daisy Davis was very nicely recited, and Only a Boy, by Marvin Wilson, proved he is a boy of the right sort. Bessie Merritt and Pattie VanDerveer gave a pleasing rendition of the Proverb Children. This was followed by Miss Lucy Garner with the Auctioneer's Gift, and Miss Lucy developed one characteristic of the knights of the hammer, viz., self-possession. Then the two Arthurs, Arthur Johnson and Arthur Robinson, who had been rehearsing for some time, gave us the Rehearsal, and Archie Harris came next with a capital performance of the Country School. Willie Robinson gave a comic account of Taking an Elewator and Miss Saloma McKee depicted the woes of the unfortunate being who has Too Much Mother-in-law. On this occasion Miss Blanche Foshee was Advertising for a Husband, but will never do so again, more likely to have trouble in keeping the fellows away without advertising for them. The new woman was ably represented by Miss Nellie Merritt in Gumtown Woman's Rights Society, and Miss Alee Stewart scared us with the Gobblerums 'll git you. Reese McKee made a capital amateur Tramp and we hope he will never become a professional. The Army and Navy were valiantly represented by O. R. Bell and Marshall Mims, two warriors bold, Miss Mollie Vines making a pleasing Columbia ruling the waves. This finished the morning performance, and an adjournment was made for dinner.

At 3 p.m. the contest in elocution for the gold medal offered by the Principal was commenced, Henry Tichnor being first on the program with Voices from the Dead. Henry is a diffident young man, but he resurrected the voices in good style.

Miss Blanche Foshee descanted learnedly on Woman's Rights, so well, that some of the young members of the sterner sex who are ambitious of a political future are already preparing bills for the enfranchisement of women, when they enter the legislature.

Miss Alee Stewart, herself emblematic in her spotless purity of the piece, A White Lily, she recited so prettily, looked as sweet as that flower.

Bascom McMorries, having a military bent, rendered the Sword of Lee and Conquered Banner with ardor and received the commendations of the audience, and together with Renfroe Mullins was awarded second place in the contest.

Willie Robinson gave an excellent rendition of A Drowning Singer. The pathetic theme and the well modulated voice of the speaker captured the hearts of the hearers, and Willie was unanimously awarded first place in the contest and the gold Medal.

Rush Vines, in a lively and impressive manner, recited Men who Never Die. Rush is a persevering and painstaking young man and

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Political Pointers.

People's Press Bureau, St. Louis, Mo., June 2, 1897.

Discussion of the Cuban dilemma has been ruled out of order by Czar Reed and the tariff tinkering goes on slowly. Hanna has saved beet from a grievous tax but so far no friend to tea has appeared. "Grandma" Hoar might from geographic historical fitness and age attempt such championship, but so far has not done so.

The old state dispensary fight between Senator Marion Butler and Ben. T. Tillman has been revived, but Tillman has had time to get in his usual quota of obstruction work, demanding investigation of the Sugar Trust scandals, and claiming that the dignity of the Senate should be either vindicated or charges that that have long and often been made, be refuted.

Havermeyer has been acquitted without any defense being made by his counsel. Searles, who is imprisoned, is using his leisure perfecting plans for making the recently invented cylindrical cotton compress the means of controlling not only the handling and sale but the actual acreage and production of that staple.

Reports from Dunn and Bradstreet both indicate some improvement in business but it is not, so far, felt by the masses.

Pictures of McKinley have been torn down and destroyed at various points by infuriated workmen.

McKinley has deputized Whitelaw Reid, of the New York Tribune, to act as special representative of the United States at the Queen's Diamond jubilee. Americans as individuals are adding to the gayety of nations by paying fabulous prices for rooms in London and by a wild scramble for precedence, but it is to be regretted that as a Nation we should be made to take part in a celebration that is in no sense to be approved by a free people as we still claim to be.

President McKinley is booked for trips through the south and west in the near future, Nashville, Tenn., and Salt Lake City being objective points.

John Wannamaker keeps up his tirade against the Republican party, alleging as the cause of his attacks the prevailing money stringency and suffering of the people as brought to his attention in his great department stores.

Ex-Senator John J. Ingalls has, after repeated snubs from his fellow partisans and some pretty hard rubs up against the practical side of life as a newspaper correspondent, overturned the vials of his wrath on the Republican party and announces himself as a believer in many articles of the Populist faith. Whether this is a bid for place either bestowed by the administration, as a gift of a people who can forget, or an honest conviction remains to be seen.

"Gen" Coxey's paper, Sound Money' has been discontinued, assigning as reason for so doing the lack of interest and money among the people. His parting shot was in the nature of a threat as to another march to Washington, D. C., of the unemployed, who, he asserts, will not then petition but "demand" recognition at the hands of the law makers.

A. P. Aims is being rather extensively advertised through the repeated assertion that he is being used as a tool by Mark Hanna towards securing McKinley's re-election in 1900. It is also claimed that the Hon. Thomas Watson is desirous of diverting it to his use as the means of securing control of the People's party. In this he is ably seconded by Gen. VanDervoort, who is an acknowledged leader in that secret organization, having at one time edited the official magazine.

Insurance Commissioner McNall, of Kansas, is still keeping up a gallant fight against those Eastern insurance companies that, having long evaded the laws of that State, now openly defy them. He is backed by the sentiment of the best people not only in his own state but throughout the west. In his recently issued report he states that during the last twenty-six years the insurance companies have carried out of the state $24,718, 250 more than they have paid in on policies. A. R.

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June 7, 1897.

Editor BANNER:

Judging from the looks of the little puny cotton, up to date, Providence aims to convince the farmers that they must not so heavily depend on cotton. There may however be a turn in the progress and prosperity of this absorbing staple. If the migratory spirit and practice continues long in our community, it will become somewhat depopulated. As saw timber is getting scarce here, many are going to Georgia and other points to get employment at the mills etc.

Last week Mr. Ira Campbell's daughter, Mrs. Minnie Gist and children, happily visited old home and parents, while Mr. Gist remains in Washington, D.C., indefinitely. He will however return to Alabama and probably engage in journalism, his favorite vocation.

Notwithstanding the cool nights and warm days our neighbors enjoy reasonable health; may this ever be.

If the readers of THE BANNER wish a simple and most infallible remedy for summer stomach derangement, they may be gratified free through THE BANNER by

MRS. I. CAMPBELL.

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Editor BANNER: I notice that Observer seems to be badly in need of good roads. I wonder if he has very many vehicles or is he a traveling man. I wonder if it would not be better many times when he is on the road for him to be at home working for his family. I think that he is trying to array the authorities against the poor laboring man and have them to make good roads, then he can perch up and say I did it. I am one to say give us a chance to rid ourselves of road bondage and be free men the year around.

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Turn-Round Topics.

One of our popular young men who rides the "biggest little horse in town" is all smiles and says things South is coming his way now.

Mr. Norrell, of Pratt Mines, visited his brother I. H. Norrell recently.

Mr. and Mrs. Alexander, fo Montgomery, have returned after a pleasant visit to the latter's parents here, Mr. and Mrs. W. M. Pyron.

Misses Bertie Knight and Rosa Tidwell, two beautiful and accomplished young ladies of Lomax, accompanied by one of our boys, had a most delightful time at the Turn-Round on the evening of the 30th ult.

Some of us anticipate a good time at the singing at Salem next Sunday.

Mr. Will Pyron, of the capitol city, came up on a visit recently.

Messrs Ruff and Tobe Johnson, of Lightwood, were in our community on a business trip one day last week.

Perhaps, dear readers, we cannot practice a better discipline than by bridling or gaining control over our tongues. If anyone has a thought as to the importance of this discipline, let him read what St. James says about it in the third chapter of his Epistle.

Make all the friends you can honestly; but never be so anxious to court favor as to do that which you know to be wrong. To try to make friends with everybody—good or bad—is a poor way to begin life, and often leads young feet astray.

Miss Mollie Bryant, a belle of Montgomery, has been visiting Misses Ella and Vena Pyron of this place.

Mrs. F. M. Connell Jr., of Cross Roads, and Miss Rosa Tidwell, of Lomax, visited Mr. H. Kendrick and family last Sunday.

Messrs Gulledge and Allred, of Salem, visited frends here Sunday.

Rev. J. L. Long, of Friendship, spent Saturday night with friends here

Mr. Jas. C. Patillo has returned home from college at Nashville, much to the delight of his many friends.

The prayer meeting at Mr. Norrell's Sunday evening was well attended.

Messrs. Grey and Bice, were with us Sunday from Friendship.

Messrs. J. H. Norrell and Hal Falkner attended an all-day singing at Myraks mill last Sunday.

OLD STONEWALL.

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Wadsworth.

On Sunday night some negroes broke into the commissary store and stole a quantity of jewelry, razors and a variety of articles. The burglary was not discovered until the next morning, but a clue was obtained to the direction in which the thieves were travelling. They were making their way north and Sheriff Cooley being notified of the burglary was on the look out for them, but so far they have not been arrested. It is probable they have gone to Birmingham,

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Strasburg.

The farmers are behind with their crops on account of dry weather.

All the young people had quite a nice time at a fish fry Saturday at New Salem creek, assisted by a few old people.

The Christian people conducted prayer meeting at Mr. J. L. Vines Sunday evening and had quite a glorious time at the meeting, every body seemed to be benefited.

Misses Henrietta and Lula Sorrell and Florence Price visited Mrs. Nannie Parker.

Mr. Green Collins and wife visited Mr. H. C. Martin's family Sunday.

Mr. Calvin Pugh left us yesterday morning for Selma; his absence will leave quite a vacant space.

Mr. J. N. Hicks, of Montgomery, is visiting relatives and friends at Strasburg. A. PLOW GIRL.

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TOWN ITEMS

Commissioners' Court meets second Monday in February, first Monday in April, second Monday in May, second Monday in August, and first Monday in November.

Miss Lina Smith and Mattie Sue Fowler spent several days in town attending the commencement exercises at the University School.

Remember this week is your last chance to get your photograph taken. Neal.

Miss Lizzie Speck, of Birmingham, was a pleasant visitor to our town this week.

D. K. Medlock is visiting relatives in this county.

Misses Mamie Allen, Tinnie Williams and Theresa Givhan, of Jemison, attended the commencement exercises of the University School.

Mrs. Lucy F. Fitzpatrick and children of Greensboro, Ala., is visiting her uncle, Col. Robt. H. Smith.

J. Threadgill, of Fort Deposit, is spending a few days in town.

L. C. Caswell, representing the Iowa Life Insurance Co., was a visitor here Monday.

Miss Minnie Mims, of Collins Chapel, was a pleasant visitor to our sanctum Monday.

Capt. W. A. Middleton left last Tuesday evening to visit his sister at Elmore, who is quite sick.

Get 12 cabinets for $1.50 before we leave. Neal Bros.

Misses Geneva and Celestia Jones of Lily, were in town yesterday.

Hon. L. H. Reynolds, of Jemison, was in town yesterday.

The brickwork at W. L. Sampey's new store is finished, the roof on and the floors laid.

Miss Lula Calloway is among our visitors this week.

Until 13th we will make 12 cabinets for $1.50—come quick. Neal.

"For three years we have never been without Chamberlain's Colic, Cholera and Diarrhoea Remedy in the house," says A. H. Patter, with J. C. Atkins & Co., Indianapolis, Ind. and my wife would as soon think of being without flour as a bottle of this Remedy in the summer season. We have used it with all three of our children and it has never failed to cure—not simply stop pain, but cure absolutely. It is all right, and anyone who tries it will find it so." For sale by J. S. Johnson Jr.

Don't fail to get your picture taken before we leave. Remember $1.50 per doz. cabinets. Neal.

Marriage licenses have been granted this week by the Probate Judge to the following persons.

Mr. B. L. Grace and Miss E. E. Ellis. Colored—Harrison Anderson and Fanny Coleman.

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Another pair were made happy on Sunday morning when Mr. B. L. Grace and Miss E. E. Ellis, both of Ehrman's mill, were united in the holy bonds of matrimony by J. C. Dennis, Esq., J.P., whose felicitous manner on these occasions is gaining him quite a reputation as a tier of untieable knots. The ceremony took place at the residence of Mr. W. H. Merritt, who, as usual, is always on hand when there's mischief afloat. The BANNER wishes the joyful couple all possible happiness.

The annual picnic of the united Sunday-schools will be held tomorrow at Mims mill pond. A basket lunch will be provided and a good time generally can be safely predicted.

H. B. Northington, of Verbena, was in town yesterday.

A telegram was received from Capt. Middleton last night, conveying the sad intelligence of the death of his sister, Mrs. Georgia Forniss, at Elmore. The deceased lady's husband died the early part of this year.

The Masonic lodge met last Saturday night and elected the following officers for the ensuing year: J. M. Stanfield, W. M.; C. Stewart, S.W.; Jot Miller, J.W.; W. A. Middleton, Treasurer; P. M. Moore, Secretary; W. T. Aldridge, S.D.; A. Knight, J.D.; Solomon Parker, Tiler.

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Non-resident Notice.

THE STATE OF ALABAMA, Chilton County

Mobile & Ohio R.R. Co. vs. J. F. Welch — In the Probate Court

To J. F. Welch, who is a non-resident of the State of Alabama, and who lives in the County of Harrison, in the State of Mississippi:

You are hereby given notice that the Mobile and Ohio Railroad Company has filed in this Court a petition in writing asking for an order of condemnation of a certain parcel of land in Section 9, Township 21, Range 12, in this County, and alleged to belong to you; said land is desired by said Company for the purpose of a right of way for a railway thereon. It is ordered that Monday, the 28th day of June 1897, be appointed as the day for hearing said application, at which time you can appear and contest same if you see proper so to do.

Given under my hand this, the 24th day of May 1897. R. M. HONEYCUTT, Judge of the Probate Court.

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Notice to Delinquent Tax-payers.

THE STATE OF ALABAMA, Chilton County

The Tax Collector has filed in my office a list of delinquent tax payers and of real estate upon which taxes are due. The persons named below are reported as delinquent and the following real estate is reported as assessed to them, to wit:

BEAT No. 1.

Joseph Gore e ½ of sw ¼ of ne ¼ section 18 township 23 range 15 tax and costs $4.04

R. Fox nw ¼ of sec 22 tp 24 r 14; tax and costs $5.60

J. W. E. Willis se ¼ of se ¼ sec 12 tp 23 r 14 and poll tax; tax and costs $7.25

BEAT No. 2.

R. Howell ne ¼ of ne ¼ sec 11 tp 23 r 14 tax and costs $5.77

J. E. Mahan sw ¼ of sw ¼ sec 11 tp 23 r 12; E ½ of nw ¼ and w ½ of ne ¼ sec 14 tp 23 r 12; N ½ of sw ¼ and nw ¼ of se ¼ sec 14 tp 23 r 12 tax and costs $19.73

BEAT No. 5.

Brittle & Harrell e ½ of sw ¼ and w ½ of se ¼ sec 9 tp 21 r 16 and se ¼ and n ½ of sw ¼, w ½ of nw ¼ sec 17 tp 21 r 16 tax and costs $9.18

John L. Harrell ne ¼ of sw ¼ and nw ¼ of se ¼ sec 7 tp 21 r 16 tax and costs $3.82

G. L. Werth ne 14 of nw ¼ sec 4 tp 20 r 16 and 18 acres in se part of se ¼ of ne ¼ sec 36 tp 21 r 15 and s ½ of e ½ of nw ¼ sec 31 tp 21 r 16 tax and costs $9.17.

UNKNOWN OWNERS.

To whom it may concern:

Take notice that the tax collector has filed in my office a list of delinquent tax payers, and of real estate upon which taxes are due; and therein is reported as assessed to "owner unknown" the following real estate, to wit:

BEAT No. 1.

Owner unknown ne ¼ of se ¼ sec 19 tp 21 r 14 tax and costs $3.55

Owner unknown e ½ of se ¼ sec 30 tp 21 r 15 tax and costs $4.31

Owner unknown ne ¼ and e ½ of ne ¼ and n ½ of se 1-4 sec 24 tp 21 r 14 tax and costs $10.57

Owner unknown sw 1-4 of ne 1-4 sec 19 tp 23 r 15 tax and costs $3.55

BEAT No. 2.

Owner unknown n ½ of ne 1-4 sec 34 tp 24 r 13 tax and costs $4.74.

Owner unknown nw 1-4 of ne 1-4 sec 2 tp 23 r 13 tax and costs $3.55

Owner unknown se 1-4 of sw 1-4 sec 6 tp 23 r 13 tax and costs $3.55

Owner unknown se 1-4 of ne 1-4 sec 7 tp 23 r 13 tax and costs $3.55

Owner unknown ne 1-4 of se 1-4 sec 15 tp 23 r 13 tax and costs $3.55

Owner unknown se 1-4 of ne 1-4 sec 34 tp 24 r 13 tax and costs $3.55

Owner unknown n ½ of ne 1-4 of se 1-4 sec 34 tp 23 r 12 tax and costs $3.55

BEAT No. 4.

Owner unknown n ½ of se 1-4 sec 33 tp 22 r 14 tax and costs $1.40

Owner unknown nw 1 4 of ne 1 4 sec 15 tp 22 r 14 tax and costs $3.52

Owner unknown ne 1-4 of nw 1-4 sec 13 tp 22 r 14 tax and costs $3.55

Owner unknown w ½ of nw 1-4 sre 30 tp 23 r 15 tax and costs $3.52

Owner unknown se 1-4 of ne 1-4 less 10 acres sec 22 tp 22 r14 tax and costs $3.42

Owner unknown w ½ of sw 1 4 and part of sw 1-4 of nw 1-4 fractional sec 8 tp 22 r 16 tax and costs $5.39.

BEAT No. 7.

Owner unknown n ½ of se 1-4 of nw ¼ sec 32 tp 21 r 12 tax and costs $3.20

Owner unknown nw 1-4 of se 1-4 sec 10 tp 21 r 11 tax and costs $3.55

BEAT No. 8.

Owner unknown ne 1-4 of sw 1-4 sec 17 tp 20 r 11 tax and costs $3.11

Owner unknown nw 1-4 of ne 1-4 sec 4 tp 20 r 11 tax and costs $3.33

Owner unknown one lot in Stanton between D. C. Gandy and Pynor lots tax and costs $3.05.

BEAT No. 9.

Owner unknown ne 1 4 of sw 1-4 sec 10 tp 22 r 14 tax and costs $3.33

This is to notify you to appear before the Probate Court of said county at the next term thereof, commencing Monday, the 12th day of July, 1897, then and there to show cause, if any you have, why a decree for the sale of said real estate should not be made for the payment of the taxes assessed against you and fees and costs.

This 21st day of May, 1897.

R. M. HONEYCUTT, Judge of Probate.

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Final Proof Notice

Notice No. 18913.

Land Office at Montgomery, Ala., June 4, 1897.

Notice is hereby given that the following-named settler has filed notice of his intention to make final proof in support of his claim, and that said proof will be made before the Clerk of the Circuit Court at Clanton, Ala., on July 17th, 1897, viz.: Malinda Wyatt, Homestead entry No. 24,757, for the n½ of sw ¼, section 28, tp. 21 north of r 14 east.

He names the following witnesses to prove his continuous residence upon and cultivation of, said land, viz.: Nathaniel A. Dobbs, Benjamin F. Dobbs, Columbus A. Dobbs, Madison Popwell, all of Kincheon, Ala.

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Program Teachers' Institute.

An Institute for the white teachers of Chilton county will be held at Cooper Station, Friday and Saturday, July 9-10, 1897.

Friday—9 a.m. Devotional exercises. Welcome address, P. C. Dennis. Organization.

10:00 A plan for grading the schools of Chilton county, W. C. Robinson, Miss M. J. Milford.

10:30 Physiology and Hygiene, J. Alex Moore.

11:00 Methods of opening schools the advantage of variety, B. T. Calloway, Mrs. P. Staples.

11:30 The word method of teaching reading, illustrated with a class C. C. Slaton.

2 p.m. Debate: Resolved that prizes should not be offered in our schools; affirmative, L. E. Zoch, J. Alex Moore. Negative, Judson Strock, E. Y. McMorries.

3:00 How to make arithmetic interesting, J. W. Smith, Wm. Askins.

Saturday—9 a.m. Devotional exercises.

9:30 How and why to correct common errors in spoken language J. M. Scott, E. C. Jones.

10:00 Current History. Its importance and how to teach it, L. E. Zoch, Watts Moore.

10:30 Geography of Alabama with a class, Walter Slaton.

11:00 Public school law, E. Y. McMorries.

11:30 Alabama in Literature, (essay) Miss Kate Garner.

2 p.m. History of Alabama, Judson Strock.

2:30 Question box.

C. C. SLATON, J. ALEX MOORE, } Program committee

It has been repeatedly stated that the law requires teachers to attend the Institutes, and I hope to see just as many of the teachers of our county present at this Institute as possible. The State Superintendent, Hon. John O. Turner and Prof. T. J. Threadgill of Fort Deposit, are expected to be with us.

J. W. MOORE, Co. Supt.

Pneumatic Tires in Germany.

The former manager of a big European cycle goods distributing and importing concern writes to an American cycling journal, advising American bicycle manufacturers not to waste time and money in trying to force single-tube tires upon European riders. In Europe, tires with removable inner tube (called double-tube tires), were long ago found to be the only practical, money-saving form of tire. In speaking of a journey of inspection throughout Europe, the ex-manager refers to Germany as follows.

In most of the cities I visited, the repairmen had formed small local and anti-single-tube leagues, each man vowing not to mend or repair a hose-pipe however touching the appeal of the unfortunate customer who happened to puncture his tire, and however tempting the remuneration offered.

The Germans are great talkers, and even in cities like Hamburg rumors of the single-tube "humbug" have been circulated with amazing rapidity, from the artisan's "wirthschaft" and the gentlemen's "wein halle" into the clubs, and into the homes of the people.

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COMMENCEMENT EXERCISES

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J. Renfroe Mullins, who is up-to-date, reproduced the Speech of Gov. Taylor at the opening of the Centennial Exposition at Nashville in almost as good style as the illustrious Governor made the original. The speech was well delivered and Renfroe was declared together with Bascom McMorries second in the contest.

Marshall Mims rendered Napoleon with good effect. There is considerable latent energy in this young man, which made the subject of the man of destiny a welcome theme to him.

Miss Nellie Merritt closed the contest with "John Maynard" in a pleasing and engaging manner, her rendition being well received.

After the contest was finished the Hon. John C. Dennis made an appropriate speech in his usual happy style and announced the following prize winners:

Miss Blanche Foshee the Highest Honor prize for the entire session.

Bascom McMorries, the W. L. Sampey gold medal for the best English conposition.

Miss Willie Robinson, the Principal's gold medal for elocution.

Prof. McMorries highly commended Arthur Johnson and Arthur Robinson for good attendance, neither of them having missed a lesson during the entire session.

Hon. Tipton Mullins, who had kindly consented to deliver the annual oration, was unavoidably absent on professional business, and consequently the oration was omitted.

During the day Miss DuPree, the accomplished teacher of music at the University School, together with the Clanton string band, enlivened the proceedings with the sweet strains of music adding much to the pleasure of the occasion.

At 8 p.m. there was a public reception at the school house which was largely attended and greatly enjoyed by all, both old and young. The campus was brilliantly illuminated by several bonfires, and the sound of merry music and joyous laughter was to be heard till a late hour. Commencement Day of '97 will be long remembered as a great success.

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Mr. J. P. Limburner, widely known for many years as the special representative of the Populist and Free Silver Press of the United States, has kindly forwarded the following letter for publication:

Jan. 25, 1897.

DEAR SIRS—I am anxious for the sake of the suffering and out of gratitude to you to give my personal endorsement of your wonderful remedy. On the 8th of January 1897, I was in Washington and was suddenly seized with an aggravated case of inflammatory rheumatism, so severe and painful was the attack that within 24 hours my left arm was paralyzed and I was only able to dress with assistance. I secured a bottle of 5 DROPS and took a dose that night, rubbing some on externally as directed. The following morning I was surprised to find myself immensely relieved, and continuing treatment woke the second morning cured. My arm was absolutely free from pain, and all swelling and stiffness had disappeared. The quickness and completeness of my cure was remarkable. I have known for over a year of the great curative properties of your medicine and have several friends who have been cured by it of **Neuralgia, Catarrh and Asthma.** Wishing you every success and trusting that those similarly afflicted will at least give this remedy a trial. Sincerely yours, J. P. LIMBURNER.

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Yours respectfully, WM. M. KELLEMS, Sibera, Perry Co., Ind.

Jan. 29, 1896.

We received the following letter from Mr. J. F. Wilson of Omaha, Ill. Mr. Wilson has been for many years an invalid, and realizing the above letter which is so emphatic, wrote Mr. Kellems, asking if his endorsement was genuine, and received this reply, which he immediately.

MR. J. J. WILSON:

DEAR SIR:—Your letter of recent date at hand, the testimonial you speak of is genuine. The company who manufactures and sells "5 Drops" published my testimonial just as I gave it to them and every word of it is true, and I could swear to it and prove it by many witnesses. The company did not ask me for this letter. I sent it to them last January for publication in other [illegible] and I believe it will be the means of helping many others who are afflicted, for though I suffered so long and so much I believe I am cured, and I have received many letters like yours, and I feel happy to tell everyone what has done for me. Yours truly, W. M. AND DR. S. W. KELLEMS.

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The Peabody Fund Agent, Hon. J. L. M. Curry, once an honored Congressman from Alabama and late U. S. Minister to Spain, joins State Superintendent Dr. J. O. Turner of Alabama and the State Normal College authorities in holding an annual Peabody Summer School of Pedagogy for Alabama Teachers. This is held along with the College classes during four weeks, June 1, to 24, and 150 teachers and candidates for teachers, are now in attendance there, and many more are expected to enroll, yet.

The Dothan School Board requires their entire corps of teachers to attend this Training School for Teachers and prepare for better and better work in their schools, and increase salaries to enable their teachers to do so. It would be well if every city and town School Board would insist thus upon Professional Training for their school teachers, and it begins to be almost a necessity that teachers should take a course of training, thus.

The State Normal College of Troy has many calls for trained teachers, and the college is sending out scores of such every year, as it is glad to do. School Boards may rest assured that their calls for trained teachers will have prompt attention. Dr. E. R. Eldridge, the President, takes pleasure in thus helping to make better schools in Alabama.

Wood Tanks for Lifeboats.

Indurated wood pulp is to be used for the air tank of ships' life boats. These tanks are lighter than metal, impervious to water, extremely hard and possess many other desirable qualities. Wood pulp has also been used successfully in holding oil for lamps.

When a man is single he only needs a few collars and cuffs, a suit of clothes occasionally, and cigars, but after he gets married he finds out what the big stores are for.

The first thing a man gets onto after he goes to work for a railroad is the pass combination.

If you can't sing, or recite, or play the piano, give thanks: you escape more abuse than the Sultan of Turkey.

Brave Men.

Alex McClure of the Philadelphia Times says. "The two boldest men he knows are John Wannamaker of Philadelphia and Tilly Haynes of Boston. Both went to New York. Mr. Wannamaker took the Stewart property, the finest dry goods store in the world, and Mr. Haynes took the great Broadway Central Hotel, the largest in the city. But dry rot had crept into both of these magnificent properties and no one dared to grasp them, until John Wannamaker took one and Tilly Haynes the other. A complete and unqualified success has crowned the efforts of both. Verily a good reputation is better than riches."

Visitor (gruffly)—Are you the editor? Editor (without looking up from his work)—I am. Stranger (more gruffly)—Do you hold yourself responsible for everything appearing in the paper? Editor (rising to his six feet three inches)—I do. What's on your mind? Visitor (meekly). Oh, nothing at all, I assure you. I was under the impression that the little man over in the corner took all the responsibility.—Spare Moments.

Prayer and Profanity

are all right in their proper places, but if you have Tetter or Eczema, or Salt Rheum, or Ringworm, better save your breath and buy "Tetterine." 50 cents a box at drug stores, or by mail from J. T. Shuptrine, Savannah, Ga.

A thief in Monterey, Mexico, threw a hook and line through an open window, and stole the bedclothes under which the owner of the house was slumbering.

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CAPITOL ITEMS.

Uncle Sam's Postal Congress Off On a Jaunt.

LIST OF NEW APPOINTMENTS.

The Rule to the Effect that Postmasters be Allowed to Serve Out Their Full Terms Unless Removed For Cause Has Been Modified.

Indians Now Quiet.

A telegram has been received from Captain Stouch at the Tongue River Agency, stating that the Indians are now quiet. He adds that the Indian under arrest for murder will be escorted by military to the Rosebud Agency and delivered to the sheriff.

Government Brings Suit.

The attorney general has directed suit to be brought against the Traders' Live Stock Exchange of Kansas City, Mo., under the act of congress of July 2, 1890, known as the anti-trust law. It is represented that a number of traders or speculators in live stock have gotten together as the Traders' Live Stock exchange, prohibiting all other persons from trading at the yards.

Our Postal Congress.

A special train of nine finely appointed Pullman cars left Washington at 9 o'clock Friday morning over the Pennsylvania road, carrying the Universal Postal Congress on its trip about the country. The itinerary includes Pittsburg, Indianapolis, St. Louis, Chicago, Cleveland, Niagara Falls, Buffalo, Rochester, Syracuse, Boston, Albany, West Point, New York, Atlantic City and Philadelphia.

Not an Offense.

At a recent Cabinet meeting the case of the Valencia, the Ward line steamer, which was compelled to haul to by a shot fired across her bows from a Spanish cruiser as she was coming out of the port of Guantanamo on May 28, was briefly discussed. Secretary of State Sherman explained that the action of the Spanish vessel could not be regarded as an offense against the United States, as the Valencia was showing no colors and the purpose of the Spaniard was to make her show her flag. As soon as the stars and stripes were run up she was allowed to proceed.

New Appointments.

The president has sent the following nominations to the senate:

Lawrence Townsend, of Pennsylvania, to be envoy extraordinary and minister plenipotentiary of the United States to Portugal.

Treasury—Elbis H. Roberts, of New York, to be treasurer of the United States.

Conrad N. Jordan, of New York, to be assistant treasurer of the United States at New York city.

William E. Andrews, of Nebraska, to be auditor of the treasury department.

William W. Brown, of Pennsylvania, to be auditor for the war department.

Heads Will Fall.

The rule announced shortly after the administration assumed charge, that postmasters would be allowed to serve out their full terms unless removed for cause, has been modified, and it is expected wholesale appointments to postoffices will be made soon. It was officially announced that the president and postmaster general will consider as having expired all postoffices which are due to expire between now and July 15. It is understood that the matter was discussed and the decision reached at a recent cabinet meeting. The reason assigned for the modification of the policy of the administration is the desire of the postoffice department to fill as many offices as possible before the expiration of the fiscal year, July 1, in order that accounts may be begun with a new quarter.

The Cuban Army.

Captain W. D. Smith, of the Cuban Army, spent considerable time with the Senate Committee on Foreign Relations.

In a brief interview with a representative of the Associated Press, he said:

"The Cuban Army is now in better condition to resist the Spaniards and to maintain the fight for independence than it has been since the beginning of the war. General Gomez has a well disciplined army of about 40,000 men.

"We have no difficulty in feeding our troops. In the portion of the country in which Cubans are in control, the provisions are protected, and we draw our supplies from this source."

In reply to a question, Captain Smith said that all talk about autonomy and of Spanish reforms for Cuba is so much breath wasted.

Speaker Reed Threatened.

Thomas B. Reed, Speaker of the House, recently received a letter warning him that unless certain specified legislation was promptly expedited he would be assassinated. The communication bore the traditional skull and cross-bones. The Speaker pinned the letter on the inside of his office door and jokingly showed it to his friends.

Letters of this character have lately been received by Mr. Reed in almost every mail. Many of them seem to have been inspired by his refusal to permit consideration in the House of the Cuban belligerency resolution recently passed by the Senate. A few correspondents have used the bankruptcy bill as the basis for their threat.

Mr. Reed has regarded these letters as a part of a public man's existence and has given them little thought. His friends, however, became so worried over the communication received to-day that they secured possession of it and sent it to Superintendent of Police Moore. Boyd and Wheedon, of the regular force were consequently detailed, with instructions to keep the Speaker in sight from the time he should leave his hotel this morning until he finally entered it tonight. These instructions were faithfully observed.

The Spanish Minister.

It is the prevailing belief at the White House that President McKinley will nominate the new Minister to Madrid in the course of a week. Six names have been under consideration, so it is stated semi-officially. Three of them are believed to be Gen. B. F. Tracey, of New York; Ex-Senator John B. Henderson, of Missouri, and Congressman Hitt, of Illinois.

The last named, it is said, has been tendered the post, but does not desire it.

Special Commissioner Calhoun will reach Washington from Havana next Monday or Tuesday. It is understood that ex-Representative Aldrich is to be appointed Consul-General at Havana, and that his appointment will be made in the near future. Consul-General Lee has practically closed up the present work upon which he has been engaged and the way is now open for the appointment of his successor.

SOUTHERN PROGRESS.

The New Industries Reported in the South in a Week.

Among the most important new industries for the week The Tradesman reports the following: The Old North State Brewing Co., capital $150,000, Greensboro, S. C.; the Little Rock Brick Works, capital $30,000, Little Rock, Ark.; cotton compresses at Columbus and Waxahachie, Texas, and the Newport Gas Co., capital $75,000, Newport News, Va. At Embreeville, Tenn., it is reported that two 100-ton blast furnaces will be erected by the Embreeville Furnace Co. The Perkins Machine Co., capital $100,000, has been chartered at Roanoke, Va.; the Cartersville Manganese & Mining Co., capital $10,000, at Cartersville, Ga.; the George R. Sheriff Coal Co., capital $100,000, Martinsburg, W. Va., the United States Automatic Fan Co., capital $50,000, Houston, Texas, and a cotton mill at Charlotte, N. C. The Big Pine Lumber Co., capital $25,000, has been organized at Bogby Ark., a $40,000 stave factory will be erected at Elizabethton, Tenn.; a $20,000 box, barrel and lumber manufacturing plant at Macon, Ga., and other wood-working plants at Bridgeport, Ala., and Alexandria, La.

Among mining improvements reported in The Tradesman is the erection of 60 coke ovens at Ensley City, Ala., by the Tennessee Coal, Iron & Railroad Co., and 100 at Chickamauga, Ga., by the Chickamauga & Durham Coal & Coke Co.

RECENT STORM IN TEXAS.

The Loss Resulting Approximates at Least a Quarter of a Million.

The recent storm in Texas has cost the state at least a quarter of a million dollars, the principal loss falling on the farmers. The wind, rain and hail storm extended from the northern boundary of the state to the gulf on the south and was about a hundred miles in width. Many places were severely visited, while others were only slightly touched. Several persons have been killed by lightning and stock has suffered severely. The greatest damage has been done to the crops. Wheat and oats were ready to harvest, but have been beaten down and badly matted. Corn was high enough to suffer materially from both wind and hail. Cotton is the greatest sufferer. There were many complaints of lice from almost every section of central and southern Texas. The cool weather succeeding the storm, will add to the ravages of the pest and it may be expected that reports will be heartrending for the next four weeks.

SAVED A CREDITOR.

A Kansas Banker Pays a Debt With His Life.

Chicago, Charles Person, a Kansas banker, committed suicide in Chicago recently to save a creditor from loss. A Mr. Bowman, of St. Louis, held Person's note, and as security retained a $5,000 insurance policy on Person's life. Person could not meet the note, which was over due, so he took his own life so that the debt might be paid out of the insurance money.

The day before he died Person wrote a letter to Bowman saying, among other things:

"You, who could have been the most lenient to me, have chosen to be the most pressing. That you may lose nothing through me, I will meet my obligation, even though it takes my life to do it."

CROPS IN TEXAS DESTROYED.

Corn and Cotton in a Large Section Ruined by a Hail Storm.

A telegram from Temple, Tex., says: One of the hardest hail storms ever seen in this section of the country visited here Sunday afternoon. The hail covered the ground till it looked like snow, and were the largest ever seen. There was but little wind and but few window glasses were broken. Corn and cotton crops, so far as can be learned, near Temple were buried in the ground and entirely ruined. Never before was such a disastrous series of hail storms known in this section, this making the fourth one within a week. It will be necessary to plant cotton over, and corn is entirely destroyed.

ALL WANT OFFICE.

Over 1,000 Applicants Worrying the Governor.

Oklahoma's new Governor is solely besieged by office seekers. The number of applicants for territorial offices, and those seeking the governor's indorsement for office outside the territory, have grown to over 1,000. There are seventy-five applicants for oil inspector, a territorial office which pays $2,000 a year.

STATE TOPICS.

Late News Items of General Interest to Alabamians.

Pension Examiner.

The governor has appointed D. W. Tarwater and W. T. Musgrove members of the Board of Pension Examiners of Fayette county. Also C. P. Burgess, Notary Public, Birmingham.

Pioneer Citizen Dead.

A special from Gadsden announces the death of Daniel Boone, aged 74, one of the pioneer citizens of Etowah county. His death resulted from typhoid fever after on extended illness. He was one of the leading Republicans of Alabama.

Committed Suicide.

R. H. Etheridge, of Shiloh, S. C., committed suicide at Belle Ellen, a small mining town in Bibb county below here, last Thursday evening by shooting himself in the head. No cause was given for the rash act. Coroner Walters held an inquest.

Mose Rogers Pardoned.

The governor has pardoned Mose Rogers, convicted of arson in the second degree in Wilcox circuit court, May, 1897. The judge recommends pardon because further confinement would probably cause death, and the governor paroles him upon his good behavior.

Confederate Pensioners.

The county board of examiners of applications of Confederate veterans for pensions, consisting of J. Q. Dillard, W. J. Kelley and W. I. Spivey, will meet in the county court house in Huntsville on June 14 and 15 for the purpose of passing upon all applicants.

Veterans Elect Officers.

At its annual meeting held June 4th, in Birmingham, the birthday of Jefferson Davis, Camp Hardee, No. 39, United Confederate Veterans, elected officers for the ensuing year, Capt. W. H. Reynolds being chosen commander, Delegates to the Nashville reunion were also named. The annual reports of officers showed the affairs of the camp to be in excellent shape. It has 125 members in good standing.

Women Meet.

The woman's board of foreign missions of the Methodist Episcopal church, south, met in annual convention at the First Methodist church in Birmingham last Friday afternoon, Mrs. W. M. Weightman, of Charleston, S. C., widow of the late Bishop Weightman, presiding. There were about sixty delegates in attendance, representing all the southern states. The afternoon session did nothing more than to meet and organize, and then came a meeting of the officers and members of managers of the board, who prepared their reports. At the evening session a missionary experience meeting was held.

Lived in a Cave.

Ben Rowell, a young white man living near Hamilton, murdered one William Rawls in Marion county in December, 1894. A reward of $150 was offered for his capture, but he seemed to have disappeared from the face of the earth. A few days ago he was caught in a cave under his father's house, in which he has lived all of these years, it is stated. During all this time he has been converting day into night, doing his sleeping during the daylight hours and coming out at night for fresh air and exercise. Having been deprived of sunshine for several years, his flesh is as soft and white as a baby's, and a long beard adorns his face. Few of his old friends would have recognized him had he appeared on the streets.

Owns 125,000 Acres.

Major Hugh Carlisle, of Guntersville, who recently gained a clear title through a decision of the United States Court of Appeals to nearly one hundred thousand acres of land in Alabama, has secured 25,000 acres indirectly from the same decision. Major Carlisle has been suing the Alabama Land Company for half interest in the lands within the six-mile limit of the Tennessee and Coosa Railway. The defendant fought the case vigorously until the Court of Appeals decided the Carlisle vs. Tennessee and Coosa case in favor of the plaintiff, giving him this vast estate. The Alabama Land Company has given up the case and has executed a deed to Major Carlisle for 25,000 acres, making him by far the most extensive land owner in Alabama.

Confederate Camp at Anniston.

Camp Petham, No. 258, United Confederate Veterans, of Anniston, at a meeting one night last week, adopted resolutions and prepared an address to be sent to every camp in the association protesting against inviting G. A. R. men to the reunion, annual and otherwise. The address, which was prepared and submitted by Commander F. M. Hight, sets forth that the objects of the association are to secure a truthful history of the part taken by the Confederate army in the war between the states, the political incidents leading up to the secession of the states and that the whole scheme of the United Confederate organization is bound up in the Confederate idea, hence a union soldier can have no sort of sympathy with the objects of the association.

New Handle Factory.

A deal was closed at Bridgeport last week that will give that city another factory. The deal has been negotiated for some time between the Harriman Hoe & Tool company, of Harriman, Tenn., and the owners of the old wire nail machine plant building. The Harriman company becomes the owners of the building and will put in machinery to turn out handles. Work will be begun immediately toward remodeling the building and the manufacture of handles will be begun just as soon as the machinery can be put in. The new company will give employment to about twenty-five men, besides furnishing a market for the good timber of that section.

Military Encampment.

The dates for the encampments have been agreed upon, and the orders to that effect were issued from the adjutant-general's office last week, given out by Lieut. Jones, as follows:

First Regiment, James W. Cox, Colonel—Mobile, June 21; one week.

Second Regiment, H. B. Foster, Colonel—Tuskaloosa, July 5; one week.

Third Regiment. B. F. Elmore, Colonel—East Lake, June 14; one week.

First Artillery, Maj. J. H. Clisby—Mobile, July 17; one week.

First Cavalry, Maj. T. Beck—July 12; one week; place to be selected.

Colored Battalion—Mobile, July 24; one week.

Cleburne's Copper Mines.

A quantity of copper ore is now being taken from the old Wood mines in Cleburne county, which have been idle for about twenty years. The product is being hauled in wagons to Heflin and shipped from there to New Jersey at a handsome profit, it is said. The assay shows that this ore contains fair proportions of gold, silver and sulphur and the operators get pay for whatever amount of all of these metals their shipments are found to contain. Formerly the purchasers only paid for the copper found in the ore and appropriated the gold and silver as lagniape. The cost of shipment to New York is now $10 per ton less than it was twenty years ago. It is probable that the copper industry in Cleburne will be materially increased.

Railway Building.

The Dunham Railroad company is pushing its survey with vigor. The corps of engineers are now within six miles of River Falls, and the belief is that the road bed will be permanently located within twenty days, crossing Conecuh river at River Falk and thence to Lake View, Fla., a distance of about forty miles. This will give a continuous line of railway of sixty-one miles, the starting place between Dunham, two miles south of Georgiana, Ala. This road will pass through a belt of the finest timber in South Alabama. The object of the Dunham Lumber company is to open up the comparatively inexhaustible pine forests and to develop near and at River Falls, on the Conecuh and Patsaliga streams, the hitherto unknown great water powers.

Wetumpka's Agricultural School.

The governor has appointed the following board of control of the Fifth District Agricultural school at Wetumpka.

George S. Livingston, of Prattville, for a term of two years, ending June 5, 1899,

Felix L. Smith, of Rockford, for a term of four years, ending June 5, 1901.

J. P. Oliver, Sr., of Dadeville, for a term of four years, ending June 5, 1901,

Peter A. Buyck, of Wetumpka, for term of six years, ending June 5, 1903.

W. P. Gaddis, of Wetumpka, for term of six years, ending June 5, 1903.

A meeting of the board will be called at an early day by Hon. I. F. Culver, commissioner of agriculture, at which time the body will organize.

BATTLE WITH AXES.

A Most Horrible Tragedy Enacted in the Woods.

A most horrible double tragedy was enacted in the woods four miles from Cabot, a small town in Pulaski county, one day last week, the parties to the affair being prominent citizens of that locality.

C. G. Barrentine and John Brown fought to a finish with axes and the fight lasted until both men had received their death wounds.

The men had a difficulty over a settlement and there was bad feeling between them. Barrentine went to the woods where Brown was at work and started the altercation. Barrentine struck Brown with a maul, knocking him down. He then seized an ax and began chopping his antagonist, cutting his legs and body in a fearful manner. In the melee Brown wrenched the weapon from Barrentine and literally disemboweled his assailant. The gashes severed his liver and laid open the abdomen, but even in this terrible condition Barrentine walked a quarter of a mile to his home, where he died in great agony.

He related the story of the battle and when an investigation was mad, Brown was found where he had been struck down and he cannot possibly recover. Brown is a school teacher and has always borne a good reputation. Barrentine was a middle-aged man and leaves a wife and four children. The two men had been neighbors from boyhood and had always been friends until the dispute over the settlement arose.

LOTS OF SPARKLERS.

Lost Diamond Fields in Mexico Rediscovered.

A letter from the City of Mexico says it is reported from the state of Guerrerro that the lost diamond fields there have been rediscovered. As far back as 1822 some Indians brought from that state specimens of what they called "crystal chips" and presented them to Gen. Vincente Guerrero, who had them examined, discovering that the were valuable diamonds which were equal to the best Indian diamonds from Golconda.

Traces of the beds were lost, and it is now believed that they have been found again. There is much interest in the matter here, and there are predictions that the new diamond fields are equal to those in South Africa.

A Beautiful Widow Commands.

News has been received at Tacoma, Wash., via Hong Kong that the beautiful widow of Dr. Rizal is now commanding a company of Philippines island rebels, armed with rifles, making her headquarters at Naic, Cavite province.

DARING FEATS OF A DIVER.

Narrow Escape from Death While Exploring a Sunken Ship.

One diver crippled for life, another made a raving lunatic, and still another escaping death by a mere shave—that is the record up to date of the effort to recover the treasure on the sunken steamship Skyro.

The Skyro, bound from Carthagena to London, struck on the Melxiddo reef and sank in twenty-eight fathoms, low water. The Melxiddo reef is on the coast of Spain, nine miles south of Cape Finisterre.

The accident occurred in 1891, and it was not until four years later, May, 1895, that any attempt was made to recover the valuable cargo which the sunken steamship contained, the most tempting part of which consisted of eighty-eight bars of silver, valued at $45,000. This treasure was stored away in a spare berth in the cabin, while in the hold was 700 tons of pig lead, valued at $70,000.

It was J. K. Moffat, an Englishman, living in Bilbao, who made the first attempt on the treasure. After four or five months' labor and terrible underwater work by the divers all Mr. Moffat had to show for his time and money was a grimy piece of the Skyro's brass cabin skylight grating. One of the divers went raving mad from his sufferings under water, and when confined jumped through a window in his delirium. A fellow worker was incapacitated for life as a result of his exposure. Mr. Moffat let things rest at this until July of the present year.

During the two months following the beginning of these second operations a diver named Erostarbe descended forty-four times and recovered fifty-nine bars of silver, the average time of each descent being thirteen minutes. After the first thirty-seven bars had been got to the surface it was found necessary to use dynamite.

The dynamite so cleared things that in three dives Erostarbe brought up $10,000 worth of silver bars. But even this adept at submarine work did not come off without some close shaves during his career. On one occasion in coming up he fouled his air pipe with a float attached to the buoy rope. He was ascending with a strong impetus and the impact with a float turned him downward and his head slipped out of the helmet below the breast plate. He could neither right himself nor replace his head. But he never for an instant lost his presence of mind, but worked swiftly and deftly with his hands in this reversed position. He managed to free the air pipe and shot up to the surface feet foremost, where he was quickly reversed by his assistants and restored to the world after such a close call as it is the lot of a very few men to survive.—New York Sun.

His Confession.

Mrs. Dowley—John, it is really frightful the way you swear. Before we were married you said you never gave way to profanity at all.

Mr. Dowley—And I told the truth. I never was married before.—Cleveland Leader.

For Herself Alone.

She—Do you love me for myself alone, dearest?

He—Of course I do. You don't suppose I want your mother about all the time, do you?—Judy.

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BANKERS ALARMED.

THE INTERNATIONAL AGREEMENT PEOPLE STAMPEDE.

Pending Their Further Movements the Great Political Revolution Is Gaining Ground With the People and Radical Reform Ideas Are Taking Root.

The lesson of the last election gave a [illegible] conviction that the American [illegible] were getting tired of the per[illegible] domination of the money power. [illegible] adoption of bimetallism, it is [illegible] would have given that power a [illegible] slap in the face. Six [illegible] millions voted, unreservedly, to [illegible] this punishment, while the [illegible] seven millions sought to [illegible] more emphatic by se[illegible] adoption of an international [illegible] How small a hold the gold-bug [illegible] had on the affection of the [illegible] was proved by the attenuated [illegible] secured by Palmer and Buck[illegible] gold bug candidates.

Now the genuine advocates of the international agreement arrangement evidently overestimated the immediate effect of the European circle of financiers [illegible] an expression of sentiment in favor of international bimetallism by the American people.

When Hamlet, prince of Denmark, remarked that the cloud above him resembled a weasel, the courtiers with ready compliance hastened to corroborate the judgment; when he declared the same cloud to be like a whale, they, too, observing the threatening aspect of the prince, found immediate reasons to alter their former conclusions. But the American Hamlet of public opinion failed, entirely, to convert the money magnates of the Eastern hemisphere from the weasel theory of gold monometallism to the whale theory of bimetallism. These astute financiers discounted his threat of the possible bankruptcy of the United States government and the debt paying failure of the nation generally, in the event of bimetallism not being universally adopted. They held themselves fully prepared to run the risk of getting all their American securities unloaded onto the home market to which they belong before such a calamity could take place.

Rothschild and his clique, although [illegible] willing to parley with the influential bimetallists, continue to push forward their plans with unabated vigor [illegible] which consist of nothing short of driving the whole world to the gold standard and securing in their own power the gold mines of the world so as to control the output.

It has occurred that Senator Wolcott and his friends, representatives of the principle of international bimetallism after being wined and dined and treated with the utmost politeness by the kings of finance, returned from Europe having accomplished nothing, absolutely nothing.

Such being the situation before us, what are we going to do about it? A [illegible] petition presented to congress signed by the six and a half million supporters of Bryan, supplemented by a large proportion of the other voters, must have some considerable effect in the minds of Mr. McKinley, the congress and the senate. But here comes a difficulty. The constitution of the United States, as administered by the supreme court, is quite an ironclad affair and does not provide for any change of national policy, excepting once in four years, however much circumstances may have changed in the interim. The decision on a change of policy must be determined by the executive by the people. Before such a [illegible] could be got together, constitutional objections might be raised, constitutional objections might be raised against its presentation, and if presented, it might be [illegible] account of still further constitutional character, which the supreme court would be at no [illegible] discover. Lastly, the republicans themselves are no longer in [illegible] to be satisfied with bimetallism; they require the nationalization of the land and all the public [illegible] the establishment of postal [illegible] and the re-transfer to municipalities of all the franchises held by [illegible] and private corporations. [illegible] demands will be supplemented by that of the initiative and [illegible] which will place the decision of all issues in the hands of the people.

JOHN W. MARGETTS.

The Cranky Student.

"Say! May I ask a question? I want to know if there is any economic law that taxes people to contribute themselves?"

"That is a general law; it [illegible] all classes."

"But I thought there might be an exception because I find it stated somewhere where the town of Pullman has been taxed as farm land to Rockefeller rich mining claims an acre, and railroad land [illegible] an acre, while farmers' land and of the same quality is taxed at $25 an acre. Does the law of distribution mean that taxes are to be rich and distribute themselves among the poor? If it doesn't seem to me the facts rather upset the law. I don't know which to believe."

Professor—Sir, whatever the tendency of taxes, your tendency is toward anarchy.—Cincinnati Common Plea.

The country will go to the dogs again. Mark Hanna is down with nervous prostration and William is getting rattled.—Pittsburg (Kas.) Tribune.

POLITICAL POINTS.

Commenting on Archbishop Ireland's recent address at a Republican gathering in Cleveland, Ohio, Charles H. Krause in the Indianapolis News, May 18, Says: "I, too, am an optimist. I have faith in the future of America, but this faith will not be realized by crying 'Peace! peace!' when there is no peace. We must look the facts squarely in the face, and portray the evil as it exists. It is not true that 'we give to manhood the freedom to develop its powers and satisfy its ambition.' The system we are under does not guarantee to all equal opportunities, while it gives to some 'civil privileges.' The fact is that man in democratic America has the same freedom that exists in king-ridden Europe. He has the right to look for employment; failing in this, he has the right to starve if too sensitive to beg, or too honest to steal. What must this lead to? Already we have thousands of tramps so plentiful in some places as to be a menace to life and property. If man is endowed with 'inalienable rights to life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness,' then any system which interferes with these rights must go! If we keep on in the present way, what kind of men will the country turn out? Will our civilization stand the test?"

The National Republican League has served notice upon the league in the Western silver states that delegates to the National Republican League convention in Detroit in July must be in accord with the party platform.

A bill was introduced Thursday by Mr. Maddox, of Georgia, to exclude from the mails all matter emanating from commercial agencies, which publish business ratings and carry on collections. Such a law is not needed. Under the "existing gold standard" the time will soon come when only the heads of trusts and syndicates will have any financial standing, and commercial agencies will cease to exist.

The Republicans and gold Democrats are not going to have it all their own way in the contest for the mayorship of the Greater New York, says the Twentieth Century. So far only a gold standard man has been considered by the different organizations, but those who supported Mr. Bryan in the last campaign have determined that, unless a silver man is named by the Democratic party, an independent candidate will be nominated, and supported by the labor element and other reform organizations. The timidity shown by some of the political leaders in regard to inviting Mr. Bryan to speak here on the Fourth of July is very contemptible. In the light of passing events the principles embodied in the Chicago platform appear quite tame, and it is certain that the party who would lead to victory in the next national contest must formulate a platform far more radical than was that one. The politicians, who try to put aside the issues which aroused such intense feelings in the hearts of the people read but dimly the signs of the times.

We asked John Ames, a Democratic goldbug lawyer, what effect would it have upon the price of property to gather in all the greenbacks, treasury notes and silver certificates, by the issue of bonds, and burn them, says H. W. Hardy, in the Nebraska Independent. The answer was "property would go still lower." We asked R. E. Moore, a Republican goldbug money loaner, and the answer was the same. Less money, lower prices for property and labor are the very things the ruling powers of America want, and there are a few Nebraskans who want to stand with the ruling money governing class.

If John Wanamaker really wants to join a new party, the latchstring is out.

The following, from Harper's Magazine for May, is significant. "Prophesying in politics is a hazardous employment of expectation, but as one reads the political platforms of the century he finds here and there prophetic passages. At the close of the eighteenth century reformers were still talking of the rights of man, and meant by that phrase equal civil and political rights. At the close of the nineteenth century reformers are interpreting the same phrase, but it now signifies economic equality. In the last presidential campaign the idea was freely advocated by the friends of the laboring man, who are unusually numerous at such a time. Economic Inequality vs. Economic Equality, that is the great political issue of our day. The basis of democracy in America is industrial. Does Lincoln's remark in his inaugural indicate the course democracy is taking, and does the new political phrase, economic equality, intimate that it shall dominate American democracy before the close of the twentieth century?"

What Makes the Trouble.

It is roughly estimated that to keep one modern battleship in powder and shot for one hour's fighting would cost $111,654.40, and to keep the United States fleet in action for the same time would cost a round million. A 110-ton gun, 16½-inch bore, costing in England $82,500, is used up completely in ninety-five rounds. There is no need for this country to expend one dollar in war, if we had such peace and plenty as unobstructed nature and unobstructed industry would confer. It is laws and privileges that make nearly all the trouble.

THE HANNA CLIQUE.

MUST PAY THEIR DEBTS TO THE RAILROADS.

When the Truth is Known We May Find That That Supreme Court Decision Simply Cleared the Way for a More Favorable Bill.

The Chicago Tribune, a Hanna organ, asks, under a flaming headline to its Washington correspondence, "Did Hanna promise a pooling bill?" The Tribune then answers its own question by saying that the effort to force consideration and passage of the railway pooling bill in advance of the tariff bill in the senate is the result of "strong pressure from powerful sources," and relates a story current in Washington, and "not denied," to the effect that Mark Hanna promised the great railroad interests a pooling law in exchange for their support in the last campaign. The Tribune's story runs thus:

"The big railroad corporations of the East apparently by some preconcerted move declined to contribute at all unless they could make terms. These terms were said to be the passage of a poooling bill on the lines of that originally passed by the house and which failed in the senate. A member of the interstate commerce commission made the charge directly at a meeting of the senate committee on interstate commerce, and it was not denied."

Readers will remember that frequently during the last campaign the Post-Dispatch charged that the only explanation of the attitude of the railroads was the existence of a bargain between them and the Republicans for the passage of the pooling law, which they had twice carried through the house, and which had been defeated in the senate. The Post-Dispatch called attention more than once to the fact that such a bargain was clearly disclosed in the McKinley platform, which was entirely silent as to interstate commerce, while the Chicago platform demanded the enlargement of the powers of the interstate commerce commission to protect shippers against extortion.

The truth was as clearly to be seen then as it is now. Once understood, it explained the silence of the McKinley platform, the heavy railroad contributions to the Hanna campaign fund, and the coercion of railroad employes to vote for a candidate and a policy the majority of them did not approve of.

Little by little the inside history of the gold campaign of 1896 is coming out. And the evidence, as it accumulates, reveals the monstrous character and extent of that conspiracy against the people.—St. Louis Post-Dispatch.

Keep It Before the People.

Keep it before the people:
That the earth was made for man,
That the flowers were strewn,
And the fruits were grown
By the great Creator's hand;
That the sun and rain,
And the corn and grain
Are yours and mine, my brother—
Free gifts from heaven,
And as freely given
To one as well as another.

Keep it before the people:
That man is the image of God;
Whose limbs or soul
Ye may not control
With shackle or shame or rod—
We may not be sold
For silver or gold,
Neither you nor I, my brother—
For the land was given
Like the life from heaven,
To one as well as another.

Keep it before the people:
That famine, and crime, and woe,
Forever abide
Still side by side
With luxury's dazzling show;
That Lazarus crawls
From Dives' halls
And starves at his gate, my brother—
Yet the land was given
To man from heaven,
To one as well as another.

Keep it before the people:
That the laborer claims his need:
The right of all soil,
And the right to toil,
From spurs and bridle freed;
The right to bear,
And the right to share
With you and me, my brother,
Whatever is given
By God in heaven
To one as well as another.

—A. J. H. Duganne.

Ran Up Against Simpson.

Payne—our own Sereno—ran up against Simpson of Kansas the other day. He undertook to make a speech on the tariff. While he was in full flight, Simpson asked him a question that Payne was unable to answer. So he resorted to ridicule in order to avoid it, by saying: "I would, if I desired to be unparliamentary, reply by asking the gentleman from Kansas if his ancestors were monkeys." Simpson quickly rejoined by saying: "And if you did, I would answer you as Dumas the elder did when a French fool put a similar question to him. I would tell you 'yes, my ancestors began where yours left off!'"

A Washington correspondent says, "The house roared, and although the house has laughed at Payne vast numbers of times, and he ought to be well used and hardened to it, Payne got angry, and has never taken an agreeable view of Simpson since." There was great merriment over the scene.—Westport (N. Y.) Chief.

PEN POINTS.

Principle should be greater than party, but is it?—Ridgway Populist.

Prosperity cannot be inflated too much. To inflate prosperity we must first inflate the money of the land.—Longmont Times.

A people can be enslaved just as effectually by making property of their lands and labor as by making property of their bodies.—Fort Scott Lantern

John Bull is arranging to loan John Chinaman $80,000,000. The date of British occupancy of the Celestial Empire is not made known.—Omaha World-Herald.

Switzerland is considering a proposition to buy all its principal railways. The price set is 964,348,769 francs. It is proposed to raise the funds for this purpose by a loan redeemable in sixty years.—Pittsburg Kansan.

John J. Ingalls says: "The people are aroused to the menace of money in politics." Good news. It is time.—Silver Knight-Watchman.

Secretary Alger says that hard times are due to the fact that the people are practicing too rigid economy. Well that is too bad. If there is any way that they can exist without such practices they would be glad to have McKinley, Alger or anybody else tell them about it right away.—Topeka Advocate.

When the creditor class enhances the purchasing power of money so that a $5,000 loan has a $6,000 value at maturity, it plucks $1,000 out of the debtor by its dishonest scheme; and not only is the debtor defrauded of his money, but language is defrauded of its proper meaning by calling such money honest.—Free Coinage Journal

It cost $1.91 per head to run the Federal government in 1860, and $5.48 last year, and nothing to show for the difference but officeholders drawing salaries from the whole people for campaign work to the public injury; in other words, making the people pay for being robbed. It is similar with this state; the necessary outlays could be reduced three-fourths with positive advantage, besides the saving of taxes. But it cannot be done under any sort of party rule or an electoral system adopted thereto.—San Francisco Star

It is quite the fashion in Washington to make and retire a major general each week. With proper care and a slight acceleration of speed, every officer in the army can become a major-general before he is retired. As each will draw the pay of his rank at retiring, if death spares the three-starred gentlemen long enough there will not be any troublesome surplus in the treasury even should McKinley's high tariff bill pass just as he desires it.—Monte Vista Graphic.

The question that is now agitating the people is, what kind of a show did the "advance agent" advertise? When we look at the great scramble for "pie" at Washington we are inclined to conclude it's a comedy, but when we see the scramble among the masses for bread, with the attendant crimes, suicides and incidents of starvation, then it is that we conclude that Mr. McKinley is advertising a tragedy, and is not so far ahead of his show as some people seem to think.—Iowa Tribune.

GOV. PINGREE

Is In Favor of Public Ownership of Franchises.

Governor Pingree, of Michigan writes:

I am loth to surrender my belief in municipal control and accept the doctrine of municipal ownership; but I am free to confess that I am being gradually forced into the position of an advocate of ownership. The methods of franchise holders compel it, as also the ignorance and venality of many of the people's representatives. But much of this venality, I may say, is the outgrowth of corporate methods.

I have advanced in the direction of municipal ownership, always keeping an eye to the better plan of municipal control, so far as to advocate ownership of street railway tracks; and through the manipulation of lighting companies I was compelled to force through the municipal ownership of a public lighting plant.

How Men Make Money.

Men make money by what the world calls shrewdness. Boiled down to an honest fact, they make it by getting a portion of another man's labor without giving an equivalent in return. Perhaps under our present industrial and commercial conditions this, at first sight, may appear legitimate and unavoidable; you should bear in mind that if you make two dollars in a trade, the man with whom you traded has lost that amount, and the truth remains that you did not make those two dollars by the sweat of your brow, but by the shrewdness of your tongue. It is no defense of a system to say that other men under like conditions and similar circumstances would do the same thing, but it is rather an admission that the system is vicious. Any man who obtains any amount, large or small, without giving a full value in labor or property in return, is either a thief or swindler, and generally he is both. These names may sound harsh, but figure it out for yourself and see if you can find any other names that will properly apply to the case.—Hall County News.

PRESSURE FOR GOLD.

THE LEGITIMATE PARENT OF THE DEPRESSION.

It Has Caused Falling Prices and Has Left Ruin and Desolation in Its Trail—Judge Miller Quotes the Constitution.

(By Judge Henry G. Miller.)

What are we to understand by the expression, "Money is the standard of value?"

The Constitution—article I, section 8, paragraph 5—makes it the duty of congress "to coin money, regulate the value thereof, and of foreign coin, and fix the standards of weights and measures." We know that "to fix the standard of weights and measures" is to provide a scale in which the various weights and dimensions of articles shall be expressed. As the value of money is its relation to commodities, "to regulate the value of money" is to provide a scale of valuation, in which the values of other forms of property shall be expressed, and in this sense alone money is the standard of value. Accordingly, by the twentieth section of the act of 1792, preserved in section 3563 of the Revised Statutes, it is provided: "The money of account of the United States shall be expressed in dollars or units, dimes or tenths, cents or hundredths, and mills or thousanths; a dime being the tenth part of a dollar, a cent the hundredth part of a dollar, a mill the thousandth part of a dollar; and all accounts in public offices and all proceedings in the courts of the United States shall be kept and had in conformity to this regulation." The dollar is simply the unit of this scale, and in the keeping of accounts all values are expressed in the multiples and fractions of this unit. M. Cernuschi, in "Nomisma," page 7, gives this definition of money: "Money is a value created by law to be a scale of valuation and a valid tender for payments."

Money standard being a scale of valuation, to talk of a 50-cent dollar or unit is as illogical and senseless as to talk of a six-inch foot measure. To raise this standard is to increase the purchasing power of this unit. It follows that to give to bankers or dealers in money a control of the currency, would be like giving to dealers in commodities the control of the standard by which they are measured, for the dealers in money, by expanding or contracting the volume of money diminish or increase the purchasing power of this unit of valuation, and hold at their mercy the property of the country.

Manifestly falling prices are the cause of our commercial and industrial depression, and there can be no prosperity while this cause continues. What has brought about this fall of prices? I answer, it is the legitimate and necessary result of our having made gold the money standard or scale of the valuation of property. As the pressure for gold increases the dollar or unit of value enlarges, or increases, and there is a corresponding fall in the price of property. We must, therefore, diminish the purchasing power of the dollar, or unit of this scale, and this can only be done by putting silver in competition with gold as a money metal. No reform of our banking system or change in our tariff laws can accomplish it.

Brann on Greed.

I can understand every crime in the calendar but the crime of greed, sand every lust of the flesh but the lust of gain, every sin that ever damned a soul but the sin of selfishness. By all the sacred bugs and beasts of Egypt, I'd rather be a witch's cat—or even a politician—and howl in sympathy with my tribe; I'd rather be a tramp, and divide my handouts with one more hungry; I'd rather be a mangy dog, without a master, and keep company of my kind than to be a multi-millionaire, with the blood of a snake, the heart of a beast, and carry my soul like Pedro Garcia, in my pocket.

When I think of the three thousand children in the City of Chicago without rags to shield their nakedness from the cold north wind; of the ten thousand innocents, such as Christ blessed, who die every year of the world for lack of food; of the millions every year whose cry goes up every day and night to God's throne—not for salvation, but for soup; not for the robe of righteousness, but for a second-hand pair of pants—and then contemplate those beside whose hoarded wealth the riches of Lydia's ancient kings were but a beggar's patrimony, praying to him who reversed the law of nature to feed the poor, I long for the mystic power to coin sentences that sear like sulphur flames from hot hell, and weave of words a whip of scorpions to lash the rascals naked through the world.—Brann's Iconoclast.

Cleveland's Penury.

The balance of one cent, due Grover Cleveland from the government, he holds untouched as an investment. He thinks that if the gold standard can be fully set up by the year 1900, the appreciation of money will make that cent worth twelve dollars, and it will pay for another reform club dinner, with wine. Grover has a big head, and his very bay-window is a financial observatory.—Silver Knight-Watchman.

Wisdom from a Strange Source.

If the people abandon one party because it fails to work the miracles it has promised only to join themselves to another party promising to work still greater miracles, they will merely go from bad superstition to worse and from deep to still deeper disappointment.—Chicago Chronicle.

SHARP TACKS.

From the Till of the Springfield New Era.

The free silver question has been killed so often that it seems to rather enjoy the process.

Wealth possessed by men who never earned it means want for those who earned the wealth.

McKinley prosperity needs to be labeled in order to distinguish it from Cleveland hard times.

The men who do most to create class divisions are always the most bitter in denouncing class prejudice.

It is not a crime to be rich, but it is a crime for any man to become rich by taking the products of others.

The preacher who thinks he is too sanctified to take part in politics shows that he has neither sanctification nor sense.

The worst crank in the world is the crank who settles all argument by calling the men who differ with him cranks.

The reformer who economizes by doing without a reform paper is like the farmer who economizes by doing without a plow.

No man really loves his country who is not willing to make some sacrifices of time and money in order to serve the country.

The juryman is required to swear that he will bring in a verdict in accordance with the law and the evidence, and every voter should feel himself under oath to cast a ballot according to the facts and the evidence.—National Democrat.

At Rockefeller's University.

A lively joy was diffused throughout the University of Chicago when the announcement had been made that President Harper intended to edify the classes with his views of the growth of the irresponsible educated element. The students of the University of Chicago have the greatest love for President Harper, and every time he opens his mouth on the subject of sociology they come running from all directions to listen to him. So it was on this particular morning. Mr. John D. Rockefeller, who was present, felt profoundly moved.

"What wonderful things," he said to himself, "are oil and education."

By this time President Harper had ascended the rostrum.

"The irresponsible educated class," he began, "is a very dangerous thing."

The assertion was greeted with tremedous cheers, and everybody present began to feel a sense of great responsibility.

"Nothing," continued President Harper, "conduces to the responsibility more than the possession of interest-bearing bonds."

Everybody joined in the applause that followed this remark.

"Let me illustrate," went on President Harper. "A man, we will say, possesses education without interest-bearing bonds. Another man possesses interest-bearing bonds with education. I need not say who of them both is irresponsible."

"No," cried the professor of ethics.

At this moment one of the students put in a word.

"In this temple of learning," he cried, "I acquire education, but I acquire no interest-bearing bonds."

Mr. John D. Rockefeller gazed upon the youth attentively.

"Now," continued the enthusiastic student, "why not inaugurate a system of distribution of interest-bearing bonds among the educated classes?"

"Hurrah!" cried the professor of ethics. "Interest bearing bonds forever!"

The enthusiasm mounted to fever heat, and then died away into a dead silence. Every pair of eyes were riveted upon the man whose interest-bearing bonds come to him from God. Slowly Mr. Rockefeller arose and began to address the assembled classes.

"It is a most excellent suggestion that has been made here this morning," he declared. "It cannot be too speedily acted upon."

The stillness succeeding this remark was profound. Mr. Rockefeller drew from his coat-tail pocket a bulky mass of documents. The professor of ethics began to cheer.

"Now, President Harper," said Mr. Rockefeller, "here is a wad of interest-bearing bonds. Will you kindly make a distribution of them among the educated class?"

President Harper immediately handed the securities about among the students.

"Young gentlemen," said Mr. Rockefeller, "you are now all bondholders, and you will draw interest at the rate of 6 per cent a year."

"How much will that amount to per annum?" asked the professor of ethics.

"Five hundred dollars a year," replied Mr. Rockefeller.

"And when will we get it?"

"As soon as you pay your annual assessment of a thousand dollars. The first one is due now."—Twentieth Century.

The Real Philanthropist.

He that gathers wealth to give to the poor, his memory shall be fragrant as roses; but he that toils with the poor so that there be no poor, all the flowers of the garden cannot measure his sweetness.—B. H.

William J. Bryan is reported to have said in recent speeches in New York and Dover, Del., that taxes on ability or necessity are indirect larceny, and that no tax except a tax on special advantage was just. Here you have the main "plank" of the political platform of the future.—Pendleton Best Organism.

OUR EXPORTS.

Report for May and Eleven Months Shows Handsome Increase.

COAL PRODUCTION FOR 1896.

The Democrats of the Senate Committee on Finance Will Offer as an Amendment a Provision for an Inheritance Tax.—Other Interesting Items.

Relief of Flood Sufferers.

Capt. George Davis, commisary of subsistence, has been ordered to proceed to El Paso, Tex., to distribute subsistence stores for the relief of destitute persons in the district overflowed by the Rio Grande in that vicinity.

Gen. Miles Honored.

General Miles, the representative of the United States Army, is to ride mounted in the jubilee parade very near to the Queen's carriage, and second only to Her Majesty's bodyguard. His assignment is regarded here as an evidence of the British Government's good feeling, and is likely to create a sensation.

Must Render Service.

For the first time in many years the Secretary of the Navy has interposed his veto upon the application of a junior officer to leave the naval service. In the present case three of the cadets at Annapolis—George Weber, of Arkansas; H. L. Collis, of Pennsylvania, and P. L. Pratt, of Illinois—sought to resign to engage in private business. Secretary Long decided that as these young men had been educated at the expense of the Government, they should render service in return.

Handsome Increase in Exports.

The monthly statement of the principal articles of domestic exports, issued by the bureau of statistics, shows exports during May, 1897, as compared with May, 1896, as follows: Breadstuffs $13,087,012, increase $2,686,178; cotton $9,627,473, increase $2,440,860; mineral oils $4,362,282, decrease $487,207; cattle and hogs $3,479,031, increase $486,252; provisions $10,592,183, increase $44,247.

For the eleven months ended May 31, 1897, the exports are given as follows: Breadstuffs $177,823,607, increase $53,073,756; cotton $225,902,816, increase $41,095,651; mineral oils $56,077,892, decrease $108,003; cattle and hogs $80,516,034, increase $1,462,288; provisions $115,997,322, decrease $171,312.

Coal Production for 1886.

The compilation of the statistics of coal production in the United States in 1896, which has just been completed by Statistician E. W. Parker, of the United States Geological Survey, shows that the product in 1896 was 190,639,959 short tons, valued at $195,557,649, against 193,117,530 short tons valued at $197,799,041 in 1895, a decrease of 2,477,571 short tons in amount and of $2,241,394 in value. The decrease in product was entirely in that of the Pennsylvania anthracite.

The output of bituminous coal shows an increase of about one and three-quarter million tons. The anthracite product of Pennsylvania decreased nearly four and a quarter millions. The bituminous production of Pennsylvania and Ohio shows a decrease while that of Illinois and West Virginia increased. These four States yield about 70 per cent. of the total bituminous production.

The other important States showing increased production were Alabama, Arkansas, Colorado, Indian Territory, Kentucky, Maryland and Texas, while Indiana, Iowa, Kansas, Missouri, Montana and New Mexico, Tennessee, Utah, Virginia, Washington and Wyoming showed decreased production.

An Inheritance Tax.

The Democratic members of the Senate Committee on Finance have agreed to offer as an amendment to the tariff bill a provision for an inheritance tax. The amendment was prepared by Senator Turpie, and was by him presented to the Senate on behalf of the Democratic minority. The principal provision of it follows: "That on and after the 1st day of January, 1898, and for five years thereafter, there shall be laid and levied a sum equal to 2 per cent. of the value of every decedent's estate, as an inheritance tax, whether it is the estate or intestate, to be paid by the executors, administrators and trustees thereof, or by the heirs or by the distributors, devisees or legatees, when the value of such estate as an inheritance is $5,000 and upwards, except where legacies or bequests are made to religious, charitable, educational or other organizations which may, by the laws of the State, Territory or District, in which the decedent was residing at the time of his death, be exempt from taxation."

Other provisions of the amendment prescribe methods of ascertaining the value of estates and of collecting the tax. These duties are imposed upon internal revenue collectors, who are authorized to bring suit in the Federal Courts to collect the tax in case such proceeding is made necessary. The Secretary of the Treasury is empowered to make rules and regulations for carrying the provision into effect.

THE BANNER.

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OUR Republican contemporary at Thorsby, the Call, from the depths of its lengthy experience, predicts that the Populist party will receive a black-eye at the next election. The Call should not allow its predelictions to govern its judgment. It is plainly apparent that the Republican administration is not in accord with the sentiment of the nation. It is also very evident the Republican party will not be in it at the next election—that's where the black-eye comes in.

THE Atlanta and Selma air line is assuming such financial shape that it behooves Chilton county to see what it will do in the matter. The line will cross our county, and open up some of the best country in the State. Clanton, which is the most important town between Montgomery and Birmingham, is almost in the direct line of Atlanta and Selma. Some few years ago, when the line was originally spoken of, Clanton was mentioned as the crossing point of the two roads, and now more than ever it is necessary that Clanton bestirs itself and does not allow a variation of the route. As is frequently remarked, railroads are soulless corporations, but nevertheless they are always well disposed toward towns which show they can appreciate the advantages of having good railroad facilities. If the proposed line can be induced to make Clanton the crossing point the advantage to this section of having two roads is so clear that it needs no argument. It would mean a new outlet for our produce, new markets and better rates. Our merchants would be in closer communion with neighborhoods at present inaccessible to them, and would largely increase their business. It would give Clanton such an impetus as would be felt throughout the whole county. The reasons which favor it are innumerable, against it there is not a single argument. Then steps should be immediately taken to bring before the company the merits of Clanton and at the same time an offer of assistance in building the road commensurate with the benefits we should derive by its passing through our town. The responsibility rests upon the Mayor and Council of Clanton to see that our interests are fully secured. There are sins of omission as well as of commission and if this road is permitted to pass us by it will be a crime of that dual character. Who, among our public-spirited citizens, will be the first to move in this matter?

DEATH OF OSCAR MULLINS.

Sunday, the day of rest, was indeed a day of rest from the sufferings of the flesh to our highly-esteemed townsman, Mr. Oscar K. Mullins. After about eighteen months of suffering death released him from all pain on Sunday morning at half-past seven o'clock. He was ready to go, he was willing to go, nay, he was even anxious to go. Were it not for the anguish of parting with his dearly loved wife and two little girls he would willingly have relinquished the struggle months ago. But as the sun rose towards its zenith exhausted nature gave way and the released spirit was carried upward by the sunbeams to the abode of the blest. While the tears of his loved ones in the earthly home were easing their aching hearts, who can tell what peans of joy he was singing in the home of "Our Father who art in heaven."

Only 34 years of age, all his life has been passed in this county. Born near Jumbo, and living for several years in Clanton, Oscar was as well known and loved as any man in this vicinity. Quiet and unassuming, gentle in word and deed, his kindly nature made him a favorite with all. For over twenty years he was a faithful and earnest member of the Baptist church, a fact to which his pastor Rev. F. M. Woods, touchingly alluded in preaching the funeral service on Monday morning, when the mortal remains were carried back to the family graveyard within a few yards of the old homestead wherein he was born. A large concourse was present at the obsequies and the blameless life of Oscar Mullins will long be held up as an example to the rising generation.

DEATH OF JUDGE CALLEN.

ON Sunday morning the angel of death visited Clanton and wafted away to realms above the spirit of a noble gentleman. In the calm of the Sabbath morning, as the bells were calling the faithful to church, the soul of our esteemed ex-Probate Judge, Hugh J. Callen, was called before its Maker to render an account of its pilgrimage on earth. A long and useful life came to an end. Bereft of his dearly beloved wife, who preceded him to the heavenly home about three years ago, the Judge passed the last few weeks of his life in the home of his only son, Mr. W. C. Callen, where the devoted attention of his son and daughter-in-law soothed his declining days. He was greatly attached to his two grandsons, Wallace and Hugh Simpson, who were both at his bedside during the last sad moments. Peace to his ashes.

Hugh J. Callen was born near Summerfield in Dallas county in March 1836 and consequently was in his sixty-second year. In his early manhood he owned a plantation at Maplesville which he cultivated until 1874 when he was elected Probate Judge of Chilton county and served three consecutive terms, a period of eighteen years. He was married to Miss Fannie Logan by whom he had three children, all of whom, with the exception of his surviving son William T., have gone on before and are buried with him in the family lot in the cemetery at Clanton. For years the Judge was the most prominent man in Chilton county. He was a Free Mason, a Knight of Pythias and a Knight of Honor.

On Monday evening Rev. W. B. Dennis conducted service at the residence of Mr. W. T. Callen, and then the remains were taken in charge by the Masons and escorted to their last resting place by a host of sorrowing friends. He was buried with full Masonic honors, some of the fraternity from Montgomery coming up to pay their last tribute of respect to their departed brother.

Almost at the same time the funeral was taking place the aged mother of the deceased Judge was breathing her last at the home of another of her son's, Mr. R. C. Callen, at Selma. This venerable lady was in the 86th year of her age, and was cognizant of the fact that both herself and oldest son were passing over the river together. As her last moments approached she was heard to murmur: "Come on, come on, my son," and who can doubt but that he was the first to welcome her

"Where the wicked cease from troubling
And the weary are at rest."

A Sick Woman

Should Consult the Best Physician Possible.

If all the sick mothers, invalid daughters and diseased sisters in this broad land would write to Dr. Hartman when failing to find relief elsewhere, no pen could describe the benefit that would follow. There are so many women, especially married women, who drag themselves wearily around from year to year without any particular disease, and yet miserable beyond description. They ache and tremble and throb, growing more nervous, tired and debilitated every day. For this class of sufferers Pe-ru-na is the most perfect remedy in existence. It relieves, it soothes, it quiets, it strengthens, and no tired, overworked woman in the land should be without Pe-ru-na in the house for a single day.

Those wishing a complete description of female diseases, their causes and cures, should send their address to The Pe-ru-na Drug Manufacturing Company, Columbus, Ohio, for a free copy of "Facts and Faces," a book showing what Dr. Hartman's free treatment has done for a multitude of invalid women.

Lomax

Quite a number of our good-looking young people attended the all-day singing at Salem Sunday. They report having had plenty of good things to eat and also a nice time.

Rev. W. B. Dennis filled his regular appointment here Sunday evening.

Miss Lera Hill, of Salem, visited Miss Maggie Lodge Saturday and Sunday.

Robert Stewart and family of Ganadarque are visiting friends and relatives at this place.

James Knight paid a flying visit to Strasburg last Sunday.

We are sorry to say your correspondent is on the sick list this week.

Miss Bertie Knight visited Miss Clara Stanley last week.

MAMA'S PET.

Political Pointers.

People's Press Bureau, St. Louis, Mo., June 16, 1897.

McKinley's special envoy to Cuba Calhoun, who went a pronounced jingoist has returned with the conviction that the United States should at once put an end to the war, which he has found is being carried on with a degree of barbarity that would have disgraced the dark ages. The fact added to the growing public sentiment. Sec. Sherman's recent rather indiscreet utterances and the Cuban plank in the republican platform make a hard combination for the president to confront.

A certain New York manufacturer of cutlery was a delegate to the republican convention and later a visitor to Canton. He was offered a foreign embassy which he declined choosing rather to write the cutlery schedule for the Dingley bill. This he was allowed to do and it passed the Senate without an "i dotted or a t crossed."

Chairman Marion Butler has written a letter to the Hon. Frank Burkett setting forth his views as to the bolters' convention to be held at Nashville July 4. He states that his reason for objecting is that it is alleged to be a convention of the peoples party. He reviews the record of the party and suggests means for its upbuilding.

Senator Kyle of South Dakota, who was originally elected by the populists but re-elected by republican aid, objects to be classed as a republican.

Chairman J. Haskins Hobson has been instructed by the state executive committee of Virginia to call a state convention to be held in Roanoke, July 18 to nominate a full state ticket.

Congressman Lewis of Washington, recently offered a Cuban resolution and proceeded to furnish not only parliamentary precedent but rulings of the Speaker and views expressed by Dingley, so that the former was forced to make a ruling reversing his decisions.

A remarkable instance of overproduction of unprotected home products has been furnished the President. He has power to fill one hundred and forty foreign offices for which it is alleged he has had over four thousand applicants.

The three Bi-metallic envoys sent abroad by the administration have been granted a prolonged interview with Faure, President of the French Republic, from which they returned with an air of such studied secrecy as to suggest that the Frenchman said something in favor of the double standard.

The American Biscuit company having about absorbed all cracker, bread and cake factories, has been putting up its prices and it is now discovered that the bulk of its stock is held by Phil Armour and George Pullman.

The Illinois legislature has adjourned and the sewers of Chicago may now attract attention. Aside from its ink stand and ruler fights, its open jobs and its barefaced lobbyists, interest was aroused by having its chaplain pray that the "capacious maws of the charitable and educational institutions might be contracted." He also made a quotation in regard to money and its abuses that must have sounded oddly in the ears of those legislators. An adjournment was effected at 4 a.m. June 5.

While the papers are announcing that W. J. Bryan and wife will sail for Europe, June 14th to be gone seven months, we hear of his being booked to speak at various points during the summer, and Hanna is credited with anxiety lest Bryan invade his Ohio domain in the fall campaign. The recent silver Democratic convention in Frankfort, Ky., honored Bryan's name with prolonged applause.

Senator Teller has returned to Washington D.C. after a month's absence in Colorado. He stopped in Chicago to hold a conference with prominent siver republicans. He will take an active part in the tariff debate.

Judge Frank Doster of Kansas, recently expressed in vigorous terms an unfavorable opinion of the judiciary, appropos of the recent decision in the state bribery case. A.R.

Weak Lungs

Hot weather won't cure weak lungs. You may feel better because out of doors more, but the trouble is still there. Don't stop taking your

Scott's Emulsion

because the weather happens to be warm. If you have a weak throat, a slight hacking cough, or some trouble with the bronchial tubes, summer is the best time to get rid of it. If you are losing flesh there is all the more need of attention. Weakness about the chest and thinness should never go together. One greatly increases the danger of the other. Heal the throat, cure the cough, and strengthen the whole system now. Keep taking Scott's Emulsion all summer.

For sale by all druggists at 50c and $1.00.

CORRESPONDENCE.

[We are willing to publish our subscribers views at any time, but it must be distinctly understood we do not hold ourselves responsible for these opinions.—EDITOR.]

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Lily Lyrics.

We are still having dry weather in this section, farmers are well up with work, cotton is doing well yet though corn is suffering for rain.

The young people had a picnic at Mulberry last Friday, which was much enjoyed. Bro Pounds was there with his "picture gun" and took the group.

Mr. R. L. Veazey has secured the school here and will begin teaching July 1.

Several of the Mulberians attended foot-washing at Liberty last Sunday.

There is to be an all-day singing at Clanton Pond next Sunday, everybody is invited to come and bring books and baskets.

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Hundreds of thousands have been induced to try Chamberlain's Cough Remedy, by reading what it has done for others, and having tested its merits for themselves are to-day its warmest friends. For sale by J. S. Johnson, Druggist.

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West Chilton Warblings

The weather is hot and unaccountably dry, crops almost burnt up; we have not had a good seasoning since March. May was dry and cold throughout and it is now running away into June and no rain yet. Gardens are almost ruined for rain. It now looks like the elephant is coming and will be round soon. Old Peete is already here and is looking in a good many men's dining room doors. There are more men now buying corn than ever was in these parts before at this time, and if we miss a corn crop what will be next. King cotton has already caused a great many men to draw on a western corn crib and smoke house. The fruit crop will be very short owing to the blight, the apple and pear trees are very near all dead with blight. It has been a great year on honey bees. The honey crop is heavy.

W. T. Mitchell is at home from Montevallo.

C. C. Ray has been having a great misfortune happening to him again. On the 27th of May he lost his third wife by death and on the 10th of June he lost his little baby boy by death. Mr. Ray has undergone great stacks of troubles and our hearts go out in great sympathy to him.

W. M. Pierce had the misfortune of losing his little son by death on the 10th from dysentery, and has another little son very low. There seems to be a great deal of sickness in these parts at present Plantersville now has 3 doctors, Mixson, Moore and Martin who are all getting an extensive practice.

Crops are very sorry, cotton and corn 40 days behind what they were last year at this time and oats are considerably cut off owing to the long drouth.

Charley Barnes has returned home from Palmetto, Fla., and Capt. M. A. Barnes will be in in a few days. Mrs. Emma Robbins of Selma is visiting John Gay this week and Miss Mamie Young is visiting at R. J. Mitchell's.

Good will to all men.

OLD MIKE.

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Bucklen's Arnica Salve.

The best salve in the world for Cuts, Bruises, Sores, Ulcers, Salt-Rheum, Fever Sores, Tetter, Chapped Hands, Chilblains, Corns, and all Skin Eruptions, and positively cures Piles, or no pay required. It is guaranteed to give perfect satisfaction or money refunded. Price 25 cents per box. For sale by J. S. Johnson Jr.

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Salem Singings.

The singing at Salem last Sunday was one of the grandest successes of the season, with Prof. Riley Robinson President, D. S. Robinson, W. H. Robinson, Wm. Calloway, committee for arrangements.

The conductors of the singing were R. Robinson, W. H. Robinson, R. T. Grant, T. L. Robinson, N. J. Jones, T. M. Pyron, and Watts Moore, assisted by Misses Martha Pyron, Dora Robinson, Fannie Pitts, and Birdie Bland as organists.

The singers are inexpressibly grateful to the community and visitors for the opportunity of spending such an enjoyable day.

At noon the hospitality of the people was made manifest beyond expression, by the great amount of refreshments spread to the mighty hosts from all quarters.

The enthusiasm for singing is running high and will reach the climax at the approaching convention. May we have a few more such singings before said convention W. C. ROBINSON, Sec.

HOW TO FIND OUT.

Fill a bottle or common glass with urine and let it stand twenty-four hours; a sediment or settling indicates an unhealthy condition of the kidneys. When urine stains linen it is positive evidence of kidney trouble. Too frequent desire to urinate or pain in the back, is also convincing proof that the kidneys and bladder are out of order.

WHAT TO DO.

There is comfort in the knowledge so often expressed, that Dr. Kilmer's Swamp-Root, the great kidney remedy fulfills every wish in relieving pain in the back, kidneys, liver, bladder and every part of the urinary passages. It corrects inability to hold urine and scalding pain in passing it, or bad effects following use of liquor, wine or beer, and overcomes that unpleasant necessity of being compelled to get up many times during the night to urinate. The mild and the extraordinary effect of Swamp-Root is soon realized. It stands the highest for its wonderful cures of the most distressing cases. If you need a medicine you should have the best. Sold by druggists, price fifty cents and one dollar. You may have a sample bottle and pamphlet both sent free by mail. Mention THE BANNER and send your address to Dr. Kilmer & Co., Binghamton, N.Y. The proprietor of this paper guarantees the genuineness of this offer.

Maple Springs.

Crops are looking very well but need rain.

Mrs. B. T. Calloway is visiting her parents this week.

There will be all-day singing at Maple Springs the fourth day of July. Everybody is invited to come and bring their basket and some body with them.

THE HUSTLING BOYS.

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Mr. Isaac Horner, proprietor of the Burton House Burton, W., Va., and one of the most widely known men in the state was cured of rheumatism after three years of suffering. He says: "I have not sufficient command of language to convey any idea of what I suffered, my physicians told me that nothing could be done for me; and my friends were fully convinced that nothing but death would relieve me of my suffering. In June, 1894, Mr. Evans, then salesman for the Wheeling Drug Co., recommended Chamberlain's Pain Balm. At this time my foot and limb were swolen to more than double their normal size and it seemed to me my leg would burst, but soon after I began using the Pain Balm, the swelling began to decrease, the pain to leave, and now I consider that I am entirely cured. For sale by J. S. Johnson, jr., druggist.

EXCURSION TO NIAGARA FALLS

The annual excursion of the C. H. & D. Railway to Niagara Falls will occur this year on July 8th. The rate from Chattanooga will be $14.25.

Tickets will be good seven days. Trains will leave Cincinnati about 12:00 Noon. The accommodations will be first-class in every particular. Elegant day coaches, Pullman and Wagner sleeping cars. The route is the most interesting of any. Going via Toledo, Detroit and the Michigan Central Railway through the best part of Southern Canada, direct to the Falls. This is the only line, that passes close to the brink, from which a full and complete view of both the American and Canadian Falls can be seen to advantage. Niagara is one of the greatest wonders on the globe—everybody knows of Niagara, and everybody wants to go there. The C. H. & D. R'y was the first to inaugurate these cheap excursions, and always has the best accommodations provided for its patrons. Persons desiring full information about this excursion, should address the undersigned and a descriptive circular will be mailed you.

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Pass. Traf. Mg'r C. H. & D. R'y,
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Repairing Pneumatic Tires.

Experienced repairmen and riders know that a flat rubber patch is the only satisfactory repair for a tire puncture, and the Morgan & Wright form of tire is the only one which can be patched in this way. In fact, no other form of tire can be permanently repaired. The Morgan & Wright form of tire can be taken apart when necessary. A tire in which the inner tube, valve stem, and outer casing are all manufactured in one piece may seem simple to the new rider and of course all the manufacturer of such a tire has to do is to slap all the parts together and cook them, so to speak.

But this is not real simplicity. If your postage stamps get stuck together you are a loser. The parts of a pneumatic tire are worth a great deal more than postage stamps, and any repairman will tell the rider that sometime an accident happens which can only be fixed by taking the tire apart. If the tire is of the all-stuck-together kind it cannot be taken apart, and must be considered ruined.

Some people, who have not studied this matter, have asked Morgan & Wright to make the all-stuck-together kind, but they have always refused, because they know that the regular Morgan & Wright tire gives the least trouble and the most comfort to the most people.

Jemison.

A public installation of the officers of Jemison Masonic Lodge, No. 411, will be held in the grove near the hall, Thursday, June 24. Addresses will be delivered by Rev. F. M. Woods, S. M. Adams, J. P. Allen and Prof. C. C. Slaton. A basket dinner will be served on the grounds. The brethren will assemble promptly at the hall at 8 a.m. After parade, the installation will be made by Past Master C. C. Slaton, after which addresses upon masonry by the several speakers. The exercises will be interspersed with music by the Jemison band.

Friends are invited to participate in the pleasures of this celebration and this invitation extends to the bringing of your baskets. Ice-water and lemonade will be convenient on the grounds.

A most excellent sermon on the cause of missions was preached by our pastor, Rev. F. M. Woods, Sunday in his usual forcible style.

W. G. Atkinson and I. N. Langston are forestalling the rush to their cotton gin by putting in new machinery and enlarging the capacity of the ginnery.

C. C. Ray who recently purchased the blacksmith shop of J. A. Skaggs, as an evidence of his satisfactory work and reasonable charges, is kept busy at his bench and forge.

D. L. Langston, son of our townsman, I. N. Langston, has been down twelve days with slow fever; we are glad to state however that he is improving.

John Little, whose skull was crushed by falling timber while at work in his well, is rapidly improving owing to the skillful surgery of Drs. Givhan and McNeil.

Quite a number of our citizens are attending the commencement exercises at Six Mile.

Miss Minnie Wells is visiting her sister, Mrs. M. Woolley, much to the delight of her many friends.

Miss Ida Robinson is visiting relatives in Georgia.

The genial Will Pandy now fortifies his friends against the hot weather by vending ice cream and cooling drinks at the drug store.

Charley Hayes broke into Albert Salmons house Monday and stole $30. He walked to Calera, but B. M. Gentry and Detective Barnes got on the accommodation and headed him at Calera. He was taken to Clanton Tuesday morning and placed in jail.

Mr. Speer, our county surveyor, is locating the boundaries of Jemison School District, of which more anon.

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Rev. T. B. Haynie preached an interesting sermon from the Methodist pulpit last Sunday night.

Mrs. Palmer and charming daughter, Miss Mattie, left last Monday to visit relatives in Montgomery county.

Mayor Adams, of Jemison, was in town yesterday.

J. W. Stanfield was in the city Sunday evening.

Mr. and Mrs. Fink were among friends in Clanton last week.

Misses Maud Allen, Theresa Givhan and Tine Woods, after attending the commencement exercises at the University returned home last Friday.

The many friends of Mr. J. M. Morgan regret to learn that he has moved his family to Birmingham.

Misses Eliza Young and Bessie Mullins have been visiting relatives in our town.

Mr. Will Johnson has returned from an extended visit on Mulberry.

Mrs. A. J. Gullahorn after spending some time with her mother, Mrs. Gartman, returned to her home at Jasper last Monday.

Capt. Middleton has returned from a visit to Elmore.

Marriage licenses have been granted this week by the Probate Judge to the following persons.

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Prof. C. C. Slaton, of the Jemison High School, was in town yesterday.

Dr. W. E. Stewart made a professional visit to Montgomery yesterday.

Mr. Kin Wells, who is under treatment by Dr. Thigpen of Montgomery, went to that city yesterday.

Tax assessor A. C. Mims is in town to-day.

Mr. E. E. Todd, the surveyor appointed by the city council, arrived yesterday, and will at once commence the survey of the town of Clanton.

"For three years we have never been without Chamberlain's Colic, Cholera and Diarrhoea Remedy in the house," says A. H. Patter, with R. C. Atkins & Co., Indianapolis. "And my wife would as soon think of being without flour as a bottle of the Remedy in the summer season. We have used it with all three of our children and it has never failed to cure—not simply stop pain, but cure absolutely. It is all right, and anyone who tries it will find it so." For sale by J. S. Johnson Jr.

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Mr. Duke, who has nearly completed Mr. W. L. Sampey's new dwelling house, went to Montevallo this morning.

Court Monday in the Probate Court, before Judge Honeycutt, a suit of the Mobile & Ohio Railroad company against W. D. Lawrence, for condemnation of right of way for railroad was heard. The court appointed A. C. Smith, F. M. Davis and H. C. Bearden a board of commissioners to assess the amount of compensation, and they fixed Tuesday next to visit the premises.

The county commissioners awarded the contract for grading Coopers road and improving the ford through the swamp, south of town, to Mr. W. L. Sampey. This was the contract price.

Free Pills.

Send your address to H. E. Bucklen & Co., Chicago, and get a free sample box of Dr. King's New Life Pills. A trial will convince you of their merits. These pills are easy in their action and are particularly effective in the cure of Constipation and Sick Headache. For Malaria and Liver troubles they have been proved invaluable. They are guaranteed to be strictly free from every deleterious substance and to be perfectly vegetable. They do not weaken by their action, but on the contrary a single dose gives strength to the stomach and bowels, greatly invigorate the entire system. Regular size 25c per box. For sale by J. S. Johnson, Druggist.

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Last Tuesday evening the many friends of Miss Xyr Hunt gathered at the home of her parents, and enjoyed an entertainment that will long be remembered by all.

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Notice of Administrator's Settlement.

The State of Alabama } Probate Court,
Chilton County } June Term, 1897

Final settlement in the matter of the estate of A. B. Hill, Deceased.

This day came A. C. Smith, Administrator of the estate of A. B. Hill deceased, and presents to the Court, under oath, his account, vouchers, evidence and statement for final settlement of his administration.

It is ordered, that Monday the 12th day of July, 1897, be appointed a day for making such settlement, at which time all parties in interest can appear and contest the same if they think proper.

Witness, at office, this 16 day of June 1897.

R. M. HONEYCUTT,
Judge of Probate.

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Notice to Delinquent Taxpayers.

THE STATE OF ALABAMA }
CHILTON COUNTY }

The Tax Collector has filed in my office a list of delinquent tax payers and of real estate upon which taxes are due. The persons named below are reported as delinquent and the following real estate is reported as assessed to them, to wit:

BEAT No. 1.

Joseph Gore e ½ of sw ¼ of ne ¼ section 18 township 23 range 15 tax and costs $1.04

R. Fox nw ¼ of sec 22 tp 24 r 14; tax and costs $5.60

J W E Willis se ¼ of se ¼ sec 12 tp 23 r 14 and poll tax; tax and costs $7.25

BEAT No. 2.

R Howell ne ¼ of ne ¼ sec 11 tp 23 r 14 tax and costs $5.77

I E Mahan sw ¼ of sw ¼ sec 11 tp 23 r 12; E ½ of nw ¼ and w ½ of ne ¼ sec 14 tp 23 r 12; N ½ of sw ¼ and nw ¼ of se ¼ sec 14 tp 23 r 12 tax and costs $10 73

BEAT No. 5.

Brite & Harrell e ½ of sw ¼ and w ½ of se ¼ sec 9 tp 21 r 16 and se ¼ and n ½ of sw ¼, w ½ of nw ¼ sec 17 tp 21 r 16 tax and costs $9.18

John L. Harrell ne ¼ of sw ¼ and nw ¼ of se ¼ sec 7 tp 21 r 16 tax and costs $3.82

G. L. Werth ne 14 of nw ¼ sec 4 tp 20 r 16 and 18 acres in se part of se ¼ of ne ¼ sec 36 tp 21 r 15 and s ½ of e ½ of nw ¼ sec 31 tp 21 r 16 tax and costs $9.47.

UNKNOWN OWNERS.

To whom it may concern:

Take notice that the tax collector has filed in my office a list of delinquent tax payers, and of real estate upon which taxes are due; and therein is reported as assesed to "owner unknown" the following real estate, to wit:

BEAT No. 1.

Owner unknown ne ¼ of se ¼ sec 19 tp 24 r 14 tax and costs $3.55

Owner unknown e ½ of se ¼ sec 30 tp 24 r 15 tax and costs $4.34

Owner unknown ne ¼ and e ½ of ne ¼ and n ½ of se 1-4 sec 24 tp 24 r 14 tax and costs $10.57

Owner unknown sw 1-4 of ne 1-4 sec 19 tp 23 r 15 tax and costs $3.55

BEAT No. 2.

Owner unknown n ½ of ne 1-4 sec 34 tp 24 r 13 tax and costs $4.74.

Owner unknown nw 1-4 of ne 1-4 sec 2 tp 23 r 13 tax and costs $3.55

Owner unknown se 1-4 of sw 1-4 sec 6 tp 23 r 13 tax and costs $3.55

Owner unknown se 1-4 of ne 1-4 sec 7 tp 23 r 13 tax and costs $3.55

Owner unknown ne 1-4 of se 1-4 sec 15 tp 23 r 13 tax and costs $3.55

Owner unknown se 1-4 of ne 1-4 sec 34 tp 24 r 13 tax and costs $3.55

Owner unknown n ½ of ne 1-4 of se 1 4 sec 34 tp 23 r 12 tax and costs $3.14

Owner unknown se 1-4 of sw 1-4 sec 23 tp 23 r 12 tax and costs $3.55

BEAT No. 4.

Owner unknown n ½ of se 1-4 sec 33 tp 22 r 14 tax and costs $4.40

Owner unknown nw 1 4 of ne 1 4 sec 15 tp 22 r 14 tax and costs $3.52

Owner unknown ne 1-4 of nw 1-4 sec 13 tp 22 r 14 tax and costs $3.55

Owner unknown w ½ of nw 1-4 sec 30 tp 23 r 15 tax and costs $3.52

Owner unknown se 1-4 of ne 1-4 less 10 acres sec 22 tp 22 r14 tax and costs $3.42

Owner unknown w ½ of sw 1-4 and part of sw 1-4 of nw 1-4 fractional sec 8 tp 22 r 16 tax and costs $5.39.

BEAT No. 7.

Owner unknown n ½ of se 1-4 of nw ¼ sec 32 tp 21 r 12 tax and costs $3.20

Owner unknown nw 1-4 of se 1-4 sec 10 tp 21 r 11 tax and costs $3.55

BEAT No. 8.

Owner unknown ne 1-4 of sw 1-4 sec 17 tp 20 r 11 tax and costs $3.11

Owner unknown nw 1-4 of ne 1-4 sec 4 tp 20 r 11 tax and costs $3.33

Owner unknown one lot in Stanton between D. C. Gandy and Pynor lots tax and costs $3.05.

BEAT No. 9.

Owner unknown ne 1-4 of sw 1-4 sec 10 tp 22 r 14 tax and costs $3.33

This is to notify you to appear before the Probate Court of said county at the next term thereof, commencing Monday, the 12th day of July, 1897, then and there to show cause, if any you have, why a decree for the sale of said real estate should not be made for the payment of the taxes assessed against you and fees and costs.

This 21st day of May, 1897.

R. M. HONEYCUTT,
Judge of Probate.

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Final Proof Notice

Notice No. 18913.

Land Office at Montgomery, Ala., June 4, 1897.

Notice is hereby given that the following-named settler has filed notice of his intention to make final proof in support of his claim, and that said proof will be made before the Clerk of the Circuit Court at Clanton, Ala., on July 17th, 1897; viz.: Malinda Wyatt, Homestead entry No. 23737, for the n½ of sw ¼, section 28, tp. 21 north of r 14 east.

He names the following witnesses to prove his continuous residence upon and cultivation of, said land, viz.: Nathaniel A. Dobbs, Benjamin F. Dobbs, Columbus A. Dobbs, Madison Popwell, all of Kincheon, Ala.

H. PURCELL, Register.

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Program Teachers' Institute.

An Institute for the white teachers of Chilton county will be held at Cooper Station, Friday and Saturday, July 9-10, 1897.

Friday—9 a m. Devotional exercises. Welcome address, P. C Dennis. Organization.

10:00 A plan for grading the schools of Chilton county, W. C. Robinson, Miss M. J. Milford.

10:30 Physiology and Hygiene, J. Alex Moore.

11:00 Methods of opening schools the advantage of variety, B. T. Calloway, Mrs. P. Staples.

11:30 The word method of teaching reading, illustrated with a class C. C. Slaton.

2 p m. Debate: Resolved that prizes should not be offered in our schools; affirmative, L. E. Zoch, J. Alex Moore. Negative, Judson Strock, E. Y. McMorries.

3:00 How to make arithmetic interesting, J. W. Smith, Wm. Atkins.

Saturday—9 a.m. Devotional exercises.

9:30 How and why to correct common errors in spoken language J. M. Scott, E. C. Jones.

10:00 Current History. Its importance and how to teach it, L. E. Zoch, Watts Moore.

10:30 Geography of Alabama with a class, Walter Slaton.

11:00 Public school law, E. Y. McMorries.

11:30 Alabama in Literature, (essay) Miss Kate Garner.

2 p.m. History of Alabama, Judson Strock.

2:30 Question box.

C. C. SLATON, } Program
J. ALEX MOORE, } committee

It has been repeatedly stated that the law requires teachers to attend the Institutes, and I hope to see just as many of the teachers of our county present at this Institute as possible. The State Superintendent, Hon. John O. Turner and Prof. T. J. Threadgill of Fort Deposit, are expected to be with us.

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DEAR SIR:—Your bottle of "5 Drops" received. It was for an old friend, Mr. Wm. Edwards, of Martinstown Wis. He has had Neuralgia in his chest, suffering a great deal of pain, so much so that it affected his heart and he could not sleep on account of a smothered feeling. He has been under the care of the most eminent physicians, but found no relief until I gave him a dose of "5 Drops." The very first night he rested well, and has ever since, and is gaining daily. I myself am 67 years old and began taking your medicine last April for Rheumatism, which I have had for 49 years, also for a weak heart. Since taking "5 Drops" the Rheumatism has all disappeared, the stiffness is gone from my joints, and my heart never misses a beat. I am to-day a well, strong woman, and love it to "5 Drops." I only wish I could sound my bugle of praise loud enough to be heard all over the world, and could convince every one that "5 Drops" is all you claim it to be and more.

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March 31, 1896. Milbank, S. D.

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REV. F. M. COOPER, Washington Center, Mo.

PARALYSIS AND RHEUMATISM

DEAR SIRS: NOVEMBER 9, 1896.

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Thankfully yours, EDWARD CASTLE.
1006 Well Street. Sioux City, Iowa.

INFLAMMATORY RHEUMATISM.

DEAR SIRS: NOVEMBER 26, 1896.

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Left by Say.

Among the late Leon Say's papers were found five decrees dated on the same day, signed by President Grevy and countersigned by all the proper officials, appointing him to all the grades of the Legion of Honor, including the Grand Cross. Grevy went out of office without making the appointments public in the Journal Officiel, and Leon Say never mentioned the matter to any one, and never wore any of the decorations.

Every sleeping car conductor wants a law adopted compelling the porter to divide.

Ungallant Dutch Gentlemen.

In Holland a woman is a secondary consideration and a poor consideration at that. No Dutch gentleman when walking on the pavement will move out of his way for a lady. The latter turns out invariably, however muddy or dangerous the street.

It is entirely superfluous to tell people that you are getting old; you show it.

Exhausted Resources.

"What are you bothering your father about?" asked the boy's mother.

"I want him to tell me a story, and he says he doesn't know any."

"Perhaps he will make up one as he goes along."

"I asked him to. But he said he had been testifying before an investigating committee all day and it had used up all his material."—Washington Star.

The English newspapers are becoming venturesome. One of them has sent a correspondent on a secret mission, of which it speaks in the following mysterious terms: "We cannot indicate his destination, for the journey that lies before him is one of the most perilous kind, and a whisper of his identity or the purpose of his mission would seal his death warrant. He purposes to tread a path that has never known the foot of a white man, and will travel with such a following as no newspaper correspondent has ever mustered for his private ends. Hundreds of men and scores of horses will follow his banner and every man of the party will carry his life in his hand." Whew!

The Alton turfman who killed himself because "horses were so slow" verified the common experience. The only fast horses are those you did not bet on.

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Princess of Wales Loves Animals.

The Princess of Wales is fond of animals and is a most intrepid rider to the hounds. Her bay pony, "Huffy," is now 22 years of age. He is past work and is having a high old time of it. He stands about 13 hands high, and has been the first favorite of the princess for the 16 years he has been in her service. He knows his mistress as well as any of her dogs do, and, if allowed, would follow her anywhere. He is too old for work now, and has had his shoes taken off finally, but still lives a most luxurious life, constantly visited and fed by his mistress, who never allows an old favorite to be killed.

A Snake for an Appetizer.

When a Coffeyville (Kan.) woman went out on the edge of the piazza to shake a mat, she felt something about her ankle, and thinking it was her dress blown by the wind paid no attention to it, until she realized that the ankle was being squeezed, when she looked and saw a snake coiled about it.

Pepper.

"It has always amused me," remarked a botanical expert, "to hear people talk of their preference for black pepper over white, and the various explanations they give for the same. Little do they know that both black and white pepper grow upon the same shrub. Over the pepper seed grows a black covering. The seed itself is white or nearly so. To make black pepper the seed and its external covering are ground up, while white pepper is the seed alone ground up. White pepper is milder than black, the greater part of the pungency being in the covering. A pepper made of the coverings alone would be such—to use a slang term—hot stuff that it would burn the mouth. The black coating of the pepper seed contains most of the oil."

LUMBER FOR A LUNCH.

The Porcupine Enjoys Anything so Long as It's Salted.

"You wouldn't have to skirmish around much to git feed enough to fatten a Hemlock Belt porcupine on, sayin' that you wanted to fatten one," said an old Potter County, Pennsylvania, woodsman. "Jest sprinkle salt over a stick of cordwood, or a sawlog for that matter, an' he'll eat up the whole business an' enjoy it same as you would a hunk o' mince pie. Why, them critters is so fond o' salt that if you should salt the four sides of your hunting shanty from the ground to the roof they'd eat it down over your head and not leave a splinter to mark where it stood! They don't mind a man, or twenty men, if there's a salt barrel, or a barrel that's had salt pork in it, anywhere in camp, and they'll fight like littledevils to get at it as long as one of 'em is alive.

"Look at the time me and Bill Bent was campin' over at 'Tater creek in Newcom's lumber shanty. One night we was woke up by somethin' trampin' over us, an' I knowed in a minute it was porcupines.

"'Lay still, Bill,' says I, 'till they git over, for if you rise up they'll make a pincushion out o' you.'

"So we laid still till more'n twenty porcupines had walked over us. They came from all directions, and got in the shanty through some big cracks on the sides.

"'It's that old pork barrel in the corner that they're after,' says I; but as we didn't care to have the tarned quill drivers foolin' round there all night, we went at 'em with our axes, and fit 'em till we killed every one. Next day we battened up all the cracks in the shanty. Another drove o' porcupines come along next night, and findin' no place to get in, begun to chaw their way in. Bill got up an' was fur mowin' 'em all down agin, but I told him to let 'em alone.

"'Let's jest see what they'll do anyhow,' says I.

"I wouldn't dast tell you how short a time it took fer them salt-crazy porcupines to chaw holes in that shanty big enough to let 'em in, but if you should guess ten minutes you'd be too high. They come a-rattlin' in, an' I poked up the fire so's we could see what they was goin' to do. They didn't pay no more attention to me an' Bill than if we hadn't been there, but scrambled over to the corner where the empty pork barrel was, an' sot to work at it. In less than an hour they had eat the barrel up, staves, hoops, an' all, an' then turned to an' chawed up a couple o' boards near the bar'l, a lot o' brine havin' been spilled on 'em some time. Then the drove scampered out o' the shanty same as they came in, except that they took with 'em a tol'able good-sized load o' lumber they had lunched on."

English Saddles Declared Better.

A Christiania, Norway, firm that sells American bicycles writes to Hardware, saying that Norwegians consider the saddles of most American bicycles less comfortable than those of English wheels.

Soft Jobs.

They have just discovered in France that though the palace of the Tuileries was destroyed twenty-six years ago, four officials charged with the preservation and care of the palace still hold office and draw their salaries.

"For some years I was quite out of health, and took much medicine which did me no good. I was advised by a friend to try Ayer's Sarsaparilla which I did, taking a dozen or more bottles before stopping. The result was that I felt **so well and strong** that I, of course, think there is no medicine equal to Ayer's Sarsaparilla, and I take great pains to tell any suffering friend of it and what it did for me."—Mrs. L. A. Murray, Kilbourn, Wis., Feb. 11, 1896.

WEIGHTY WORDS FOR Ayer's Sarsaparilla.

STATE TOPICS.

Late News Items of General Interest to Alabamians.

Salary Increased.

Postmaster Copeland has received official notice that the salary of the postmaster at Birmingham has been increased $100 per annum making it $3,200 per annum. The new salary takes effect on July 1.

Aged Farmer Killed.

One day last week William Romine, an aged farmer, was knocked off the approach to the iron bridge that spans Loss Creek one mile east of Carbon Hill by a west bound freight train and instantly killed. The deceased was about 80 years old. He was sitting on the track and did not move until the engine signaled, and then was hit before he could get out of the way.

Deceased was a good citizen and had lived in the country over fifty years.

May Lease Its Convicts.

Justice Coleman, of the supreme court, recently rendered a decision in the Birmingham convict lease case, reversing the decision of Circuit Court Judge Banks, which declared the lease of the city of Birmingham prisoners to the Sloss Iron & Steel company for work in the coal mines unconstitutional. Under Justice Celeman's decision the habeas corpus of Powell, the prisoner who brought the suit, is dismissed, and the lease with the Sloss company holds good. The convicts, as the result, will go back to the mines.

The Lane-Oates Case.

At Huntsville the case of the state against Charles P. Lane, editor of the Huntsville Tribune, for blackmailing Governor Oates, was practically disposed of last week. Ex-Governor Oates was present and coached the prosecution. One ground of the demurrer was sustained. Governor Oates then arose and suggested to the court that a nolle prosse be entered, to which Solicitor Richard Lowe agreed. Judge Richardson, attorney for Lane, objected, saying a jury and verdict of not guilty was the least the defendant would accept. The defendant gave bond and will await the future action of some grand jury.

United American Mechanics.

A state council of the junior order of United American Mechanics was instituted at Huntsville Friday night. Eight subordinate councils met, from different parts of the state and assisted F. C. Borden, of Missouri, national organizer. The officers elected were: L. G. McMillan, Greenville, Ala., Jr. P. S. C.; R. M. Fletcher, Jr., Huntsville, S. C.; J. Walker Tyler, Decatur, S. U. C.; G. T. Miller, Huntsville, S. Sec.; William Mitchell, Huntsville, S. Treas.; W. C. Harris, Birmingham, S. Con.; R. L. Hay, Huntsville, S. Warden; D. J. Krudop, Mobile, S. C. G.; D. R. Lindsey, Huntsville, S. O. S.; R. P. Whitman, Huntsville, S. Chaplain.

Sets Out 23,000 Potato Plants.

M. L. Funkhauser, a practical farmer who recently located near Tuscumbia from Maryland to spend two years in farming, during which time he will make a careful and thorough test of the lands in this immediate section of the South, and if pleased with permanently locate in the South and probably be the means of securing a number of other farmers from his state to locate here, is sweet potato planting on a large scale. With the assistance of four hired men and fourteen boys one day last week, he pulled, puddled and planted 23,000 sweet potato plants, giving to each a pint of water, besides preparing and fertilizing the ground. Already he has set out 65,000 plants this season, and will plant as many more. If successful, next fall he will ship his crop to Northern and Eastern markets. He is also testing the growth of upland rice, and holds to the opinion that rice can be raised to profit in Northern Alabama. Mr. Funkhauser is a gentleman of considerable financial means and has the best and most modern farm machinery of all kinds.

Bankers' Association.

The eighth annual session of the Alabama Bankers' Association which was held in Birmingham last week was largely attended.

It was decided to memoralize the Alabama delegation in congress to work for the reduction of taxation on circulation, and that the national banks be allowed to issue legal tender at the par value of the bonds. It was also determined to refer both of these matters to the National Bankers' association. On motion it was decided to bring to the attention of the next legislature the need of a bank supervisor and a system of state bank supervision in Alabama.

At the afternoon session officers were elected as follows: President, J. B. Cobbs, Birmingham; vice-president, F. S. Moody, Tuscaloosa; secretary and treasurer, T. O. Smith, Birmingham. President Cobbs appointed the following executive committee: Gen. T. A. Rucker, H. S. Earl and B. T. Stevens, Birmingham; R. M. Green, Opelika, and Gen. J. W. Whiting, Mobile. The following committee was appointed to visit the National Bankers' association and urge the memorial adopted at the morning session: Gen. J. W. Whiting, Mobile; B. Steiner, Birmingham; W. R. Rison, Huntsville.

The local bankers tendered the visiting bankers a banquet at the Morrison.

Method at Women.

The Woman's Board of Foreign Missions of the Methodist Episcopal Church South concluded its nineteenth annual session at Birmingham last Thursday and adjourned to meet next year in Greensboro, N. C. Mrs. S. C. Trueheart, foreign secretary, made a final report of the committee on extension of work. It carried appropriations of $15,500 for Brazil and $5,500 for the Indian Territory. The total appropriations for the coming year amount to $86,000. Pledges of many (not regular dues) were received from the various conferences, as follows: Alabama, $300; Arkansas, $500; Baltimore, $500; Florida, $400; Holston, $500; Kentucky, $1,000; Little Rock, $250; Louisiana, $250; Louisville, $650; Memphis, $500; Mississippi, $200; Missouri, $700; North Alabama, $1,100; North Georgia, $2,000; Northwest Texas, $500; South Carolina, $300; South Georgia, $1,000; South and West Missouri, $1,700, St. Louis, $300; Tennessee $1,000; Texas, $500; Virginia, $750: Northwestern Carolina, $300; Western Virginia, $300; White River, $300. Total, $23,200. Bishop A. W. Wilson of the Baltimore conference made a brief address, congratulating the board on its work.

A Speedy Trial Assured.

The negro woman implicated in the Decatur assault reached Huntsville Saturday at 2 o'clock a.m. by private conveyance from Athens, Ala., twenty-five miles away. She was intercepted there by officers from Decatur, who knew it would be at the peril of her life to be carried there. She was arrested in Nashville at the home of Dr. Stubblefield, where she was employed.

A newspaper correspondent visited the jail Saturday morning and interviewed her, Lewis Thompson and Walter Neville. They all stoutly deny knowledge of the crime.

The woman gave her name as Rose Buford; says she was born in Giles county, Tennessee, and is 19 years old. She is rather under the average in size and much above the average in intelligence. She worked with Mr. Lawton one year in Decatur. Lewis Thompson is a burly looking young man, rather heavy set. He makes all kinds of contradictory statements in regard to the charge and shows guilt in every expression. He says he is only 18 years old. He says it has been three months since he was at Lawton's house. He says Walter Neville is his partner.

Walter Neville is a more intelligent looking young negro, 16 years old. He talks freely. Proof of their guilt is positive and it is believed one or more of them will confess.

Judge Speake has issued an order for a special term of court to try them.

TAKEN TO BIRMINGHAM.

Capt. Ledbetter, in charge of the state troops, was ordered by the Governor Saturday to return to Birmingham by first train with the criminals, only the officials being notified. As the soldiers began to break camp the crowd began to assemble, and when the prisoners were marched out and manacled, and placed in a carriage and driven to the Nashville, Chattanooga and St. Louis passenger depot a great crowd followed.

BRIEFLY NOTED.

Cantelou & Co., dry goods dealers at Montgomery, have assigned.

The salary of the Mayor of Montgomery has been increased $400.

The first cotton bloom has been exhibited on the exchange at Mobile. It came from Bridgeport, and opened on June 3.

Ben Howell, who has been in jail at Hamilton, charged with a murder committed three years ago, has been released under a bond of $2,000.

The National Fruit Trade Association has been incorporated at Mobile for the purpose of carrying on an extensive fruit and general trade with the Central and South American countries.

FULL OF PATRIOTISM.

President McKinley is Given an Enthusiastic Reception at Nashville.

President McKinley and party arrived in Nashville at 8 a. m. Friday and were escorted to the Maxwell house by a squad of mounted ex-Confederate soldiers in uniform.

Arriving at the Maxwell house, the party breakfasted, and at 10 o'clock Governor Taylor, of Tennessee, and Governor Bushnell, of Ohio, called upon the president.

Mrs. Van Leer Kirkman, president of the Woman's Board of the Exposition, also called upon the president and Mrs. McKinley and party.

Leaving the hotel at 11 o'clock the distinguished guests arrived at the Exposition grounds three-quarters of an hour later.

The streets along the route were densely crowded, and many houses were beautifully decorated in honor of the occasion.

A detachment of Confederate veterans acted as a guard of honor for the president.

While the procession was on its way a salute of forty-five guns was fired. Entering the Exposition gates the party proceeded to the Auditorium, under an escort of the Centennial Guards.

Exactly at noon President McKinley walked down the main aisle. On his arm was the stately Mrs. Van Leer Kirkman, President of the Woman's Board.

The president was greeted with hearty cheers, and so were Secretaries Sherman, Alger, Gary, Wilson and the other distinguished guests and their accompanying ladies.

Mrs. McKinley, much to the regret of every one, did not feel equal to the heat and stress, and remained in her room at the hotel.

President McKinley made the address of the occasion, of course, speaking half an hour.

THE STATE NORMAL AT FLORENCE, THE BEST IN THE SOUTH.

JAS. K. POWERS, President.

Dr. Mayo to Governor Johnston.

Dr. A. D. Mayo, of Boston, spent a month last spring in visiting the several institutions of learning in Alabama. The following extracts are from a letter to Gov. Johnston under date May 8, 1897.

"During the past 17 years I have visited every State Normal College in the 16 Southern States.

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"I can honestly say that in all my experience in the South, I have seen no State Normal which seems to me to have more completely grasped the true idea of that style of school or more completely carried it out than the one at Florence. * * * * *

"I have never seen in any State so much good work done for so small a sum of money as I see here at the State Normal at Florence."

THE ULTIMATUM

Will Soon be Sent to Spain by President McKinley.

HEAVY ACCOUNTS TO SETTLE.

The Note Which is Being Prepared Under the Direct Instruction of the President Will Assert that Spain Has Failed to Comply With Its Treaty Obligations.

President McKinley is preparing an ultimatum to Spain. In consequence of the report of Consul General Lee, at Havanna, bearing on the Ruiz matter, in which Spain is held responsible for the death of the American dentist, intense interest centers upon the document.

This message will cover the whole ground. Judge Day, Assistant Secretary of State, has the work under his personal supervision. The report of Mr. Calhoun has made no material change in the wording or purpose of the ultimatum. The information which he brings is in the nature of cumulative and confirmatory evidence. Together with other reports of a statistical and informatory character, it will be attached to the dispatch as an appendix.

The note has now been in course of preparation for several weeks. Every incident and precedent of diplomacy bearing on the question of beligerency, the recognition of independence and the preservation of treaty guarantees, has been collated and embodied.

Senor De Lome has been officially informed of the attitude of the administration and its contemplated purpose of sending a note offering mediation on the basis of the independence of the island with the payment of an indemnity. He has replied very adroitly that Spain would not consider such a note as an unfriendly act, but would give careful consideration to its contents. This reply is not to be construed, however, as indicating a purpose to accept the offer.

The Washington correspondent of the New York Journal outlines, in advance, the ultimatum, as follows:

The note will inform Spain that it is written under the direct instruction of the President. It will then go into details. The first representation will be:

That Spain has lost control of the Island of Cuba.

Under this head will be grouped all the evidence proving the existence and maintenance of a successful rebellion. The sections and areas controlled by the Cuban insurgents and the Spanish will be estimated and contrasted. The note will then assert:

That Spain has failed and is impotent to protect the laws and property of American citizens.

The tale of destruction, death and disaster under this head is a heavy one. The reports of Consul General Lee, the American Consuls, and the various affidavits of American citizens will be appended as exhibits, together with a review of the claims already filed.

The third point is very grave:

Spain has failed to comply with its treaty obligations.

Every instance in which an American has been illegally arrested and confined will be adduced. The cold array will make a heavy account to liquidate.

Under these three heads will be arranged the reasons why the United States now offers mediation. These facts are not suggested, but asserted. Following these statements the report will become argumentative.

First—It will go into the reasons why Spain cannot subdue the rebels. The fact that Spain is powerless to pacify the insurgents and potent only to starve and annihilate some thousands of innocent pacificos, will be exposed in plain but diplomatic phrases.

Second—The note will suggest the effects naturally flowing from the recognition of either beligerency or independence of the Cubans. An intimation will be given that if the United States is forced to recognize the independence of Cuba the island will take its place and rank, immediately and by that very act, in the family of American nations. From and after that moment Spain will be an intruder, striving to force servitude on a people protected by the Aegis of the American policy. This portion of the note deals with a clear enunciation of a recognized principle. When the text is made public it will be considered as a notable declaration of one phase of the Monroe doctrine. It will be no enlargement of the present policy, but a lucid explanation of its adaptability to present circumstances.

Third—The United States will then offer its good offices as a mediator. Two points will be relied upon to carry conviction to Spain. Under present conditions if Cuba succeeds as a recognized belligerent, or through the fit or direct intervention of the United States in gaining independence, Spain will be unable to saddle upon her any of the present bonded Spanish debt.

It will be urged that if Spain accedes to the mediation of the United States an equitable and proper division of the burden of the war can be made. An indemnity is to be paid by Cuba, to be determined by arbitral methods, if such be necessary, and large enough to cover a fair valuation of Spanish property in Cuba, or to offset the proportion of Spanish bonds now paid out of Cuban revenues.

The Sultan is Serene.

At a recent conference of the ambassadors at Costantinople for the discussion of the terms of peace Tewfik Pasha was present, armed with positive instructions to persist in the retention of Thessaly given him by the sultan personally. Being in possession, the porte, it was argued, was able to wait patiently and even indefinitely while discussing point after point with the powers. It was also decided to continue actively the preparations for war.

THE CURE OF DIABETES.

A Case Successfully Treated in Madison County, N. Y.

From the Press, Utica, N. Y.

On the recommendation of Mr. William Woodman, of South Hamilton, New York, that Mr. Amos Jaquays, a resident of Columbus Centre, New York, be interviewed regarding his extraordinary recovery from advanced kidney trouble, embracing diabetes in its worst form, Mr. Jaquays was visited and willingly made the accompanying statement:

"I am fifty years of age, and five years ago began to suffer with pains in the back and weakness in the region of the kidneys, and had a tremendous flow of urine. Strange to say my appetite increased to an extraordinary degree, but instead of giving me strength my food seemed to make me weaker and thinner, and I was terribly constipated. My mouth was pasty, I had continuous heartburn and pain across the lower part of my stomach and frequent vomiting. Indeed all or nearly all my functions became impaired, my sight was dim, memory deserted me, and life became irksome. I consulted the best medical talent in the county, and they all diagnosed my case as sugar diabetes in its most aggravated form, but gave me no relief whatever. At last I was in such a desperate condition that a council of physicians was called but their good offices did me no good, and I looked forward to death with satisfaction as the only relief I could expect.

"My old friend, William Woodman, about this time came to visit me, and from him I first heard of Dr. Williams' Pink Pills, which he declared had cured him of rheumatism, with which he had suffered all his life, and he believed they would do me good, as he had read of a case of diabetes being cured by their use. I believe it was next day after Mr. Woodman's visit that Mr. F. Hyde, of South Hamilton, New York, called on me, and I was told by him that Pink Pills had saved his life and he advised me by all means to try them.

"This settled the question and I at once began a course of home treatment with Dr. Williams' Pink Pills. Within a week the medicine began to do its work, the constipation was relieved, my skin, which had been dry and hard, assumed its normal feel and appearance, I no longer had the insufferably bad taste in my mouth, and though still weak and almost helpless, the pain in my back and kidneys began to abate, and the flow of urine decreased. But I was far from health, and built very few hopes on permanent cure, though I continued to take the pills constantly for the next year and a half, growing slowly but surely during that time better and better. Then I began to reduce the daily dose, and kept mending until six months ago, when I discontinued them, and I was entirely cured.

"I am still subject to cold which is apt to settle in my kidneys, and always keep Pink Pills by me, as they bring me round very quickly. In all, I have, I believe, taken fifty boxes of Dr. Williams' Pink Pills, and shall never be without them as long as I have half a dollar. I have recommended them to all my suffering friends, and they seem to be good for any disorder of the system as they have never failed to do their work in any case that I know of, and some were pretty low.

"I certify the above statement to be true in every particular, and if I commanded stronger language, I should use it in praising Dr. Williams' Pink Pills.

"Amos Jaquays."

Mr. Jaquays is a highly respectable and well-to-do farmer and builder, and highly connected in Madison County.

The proprietors of Dr. Williams' Pink Pills state that they are not a patent medicine but a prescription used for many years by an eminent practitioner who produced the most wonderful results with them, curing all forms of weakness arising from a watery condition of the blood or shattered nerves, two fruitful causes of almost every ill to which flesh is heir. The pills are also a specific for the troubles peculiar to females, such as suppression, all forms of weakness, chronic constipation, bearing-down pains, etc., and in the case of men will give speedy relief and effect a permanent cure in all cases arising from mental worry, overwork, or excesses of whatever nature. They are entirely harmless and can be given to weak and sickly children with the greatest good and without the slightest danger. Pink Pills are sold by all dealers, or will be sent post paid on receipt of price, 50 cents a box or six boxes for $2.50 (they are never sold in bulk or by the 100), by addressing Dr. Williams' Medicine Company, Schenectady, N. Y.

Harry Lockwood, of Newark, Ohio, has been arrested for trying to blow up his mother-in-law with dynamite. Mr. Lockwood shouldn't take so seriously what the funny papers say about the mother-in-law.

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ELASTIC CURRENCY.

THE BONDHOLDERS JUGGLE WITH WORDS.

Old Salon Chase, of Maine, Shows That the Talk of Moneylenders About Elastic Currency Is Meaningless Blood Sucking System.

(By Salon Chase, of Maine.)

As to elastic currency, "sound" enough to satisfy the money lender is an impossibility. The bondholder's idea of sound money is a growing dollar—a dollar that is better today than it was yesterday—a dollar that takes a streak of fat on year to year.

A currency that is worth more to keep than to part with cannot be elastic. It is a currency that was elastic in 1880 now like cast iron. Since 1880 the "best money in the world" has been growing better and better from year to year until now a dollar that is the "equivalent" of gold is worth more to owe than a dollar's worth of anything else. The money lender has all the confidence in the world in the "equivalent of gold," but has no confidence in houses and barns. The money lender now demands two or three times as much property security for money that is the "equivalent of gold" as he did in 1880 for money that was then the "equivalent of gold." The "existing gold standard" grinds slow and grinds fine, but the producers share in the bran, and the flour goes into the money lenders' bag. Under the effect of the "existing gold standard" the dollar that is now paid for interest on a fifteen-year-old bond has doubled in purchasing power since the bond was issued. The gold dollar has the same fineness and weight as fifteen years ago, but you have got to hang twice as much hog on the hook to balance the hook as fifteen years ago.

More money of the sort we now have would not mend matters so long as the blood sucking gold standard is maintained. More silver or paper money on a gold basis would only increase the strain on gold and shrink the assets of the debtor. The producer, who for the last fifteen years has paid his debts with rising money and sold his goods in a falling market until bankruptcy stares him in the face, would be sold out for a song, and the savings of a lifetime wiped out from no fault of his own. More credit or token money that appreciates along with gold would only add to the idle millions that are now seeking investment in securities that are backed by the power to tax the people. In 1880 the "best money in the world" was elastic; now the "best money in the world" is seeking bonds or hold in idle hoards, because the people who own the productive property of the country are not regarded as solvent borrowers. The producer's property has shrunk so much that the money lender don't want to touch it. When the dollars the honest producer owes have grown so large and his assets have shrunk so much that he cannot pay his debts, the finger of scorn is pointed at him. The money lender jumps on, and the Shylock who can get what little the debtor has left for the least money is considered the smartest Shylock.

If when the business of the bankrupt producer is wound up, the money lender don't get so many dollars as he loaned he feels that his loss is greater because dollars have "growed" so much since he loaned the money and now he has no confidence in houses and barns or in cattle and corn, and seeks investments that are backed by law. In this line Shylock has a fair field. The American cities under the "existing gold standard" have increased their debts during the last seven years 50 per cent and there are plenty of city bonds in the market and they go like hot cakes because the bondholder has a lien on the multitude and expects to get the growth of the dollar. When the farmer feeds corn to his cattle he expects to get the growth of them "steers." Dollars don't eat hay. But when dollars grow the bondholder lays in the shade while the farmer sweats in the meadow beneath a July sun and the city bondholder takes the hay after it is put in the farmer's barn.

Is any wonder that our currency is not elastic? The wonder is that anybody would expect that an elastic currency can be devised based on a dollar that is taking on a streak of fat from year to year. When there is confidence that the dollar that is borrowed on time will be as good as the dollar demanded in payment when the debt becomes due our currency will be elastic. I have no confidence in four cent hogs but I have both confidence in the four cents. The western farmer has no confidence in two cent corn. The owners of the important mills of New England have no confidence in two cent calico but they have confidence in the two cents because two cents will command more of human sacrifice today than one year ago.

There is no confidence in anything but money, because money is rising, and that is the reason our currency is not elastic, and bunches up in the money centers as the caterpillars bunch up on the bodies of the apple trees after they have stripped the leaves from the limbs. The tree of industry planted in the heart of the American continent, with its limbs reaching from Sandy Hook to the Golden Gate and from the blizzards of Dakota to the land of the olive and the orange, is withering and dying because Shylock is eating its leaves the same as the caterpillars eat the leaves on the apple trees. After we open our mints to silver at 16 to 1 the money lender will stop eating the leaves on the tree of industry; we will cut off the dead limbs and feed the roots; his interest will be the same as the people's interest; his appetite for bonds will not be so strong as now. The best money in the world, that has been rising for the last fifteen years, would fall and hogs would rise. The dollar of today would be as good as the dollar of tomorrow, and maybe a "leetle" mite better. That is all that is needed to give our currency the much desired element of elasticity.

EPIGRAMS FROM "EQUITY."

A mortgage on a farm is usually a sign of prosperity—to the mortgage holder.

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The man who presents falsehoods in defense of truth injures the cause he would aid.

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A mortgage on a newspaper plant often has a great influence on the political opinions of the editor.

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The man who waits to advocate a reform until it becomes popular shows that he loves popularity more than the right.

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From the amount of "protection" the sugar trust demands, one might be led to suppose it was a "sweet young thing."

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People who are too indolent to study the problems of the day often assume a superior moral tone to cover their indolence.

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Prosperity cannot come to the masses while those who profit by the adversity of the masses retain the reins of government.

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When men can apologize for dishonesty in public officials they will soon be able to apologize for dishonesty in themselves.

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There was never a job for the benefit of plutocracy lobbled through congress or legislature that was not labeled as a bill for the relief of the people.

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When men like John Wanamaker declare that there is revolution in the air it is evident that the political heavens are growing dark.

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If men will not allow other men to work for bread they should not complain at having to furnish bread for those whom they will not allow to work.

Waiting for the Wave.

You told us that a billow of prosperity
would flow—
A mighty wave—across the land from
Maine to Mexico;
That the mills would all be opened and
lost confidence restored,
And the banks would "loosen up" their
grip upon the golden hoard.
We are testing now the virtue of the
"golden cure" to save,
And are waiting, waiting, waiting,
calmly waiting for the wave.

You said the glorious flag of thrift, at
once would be unfurled,
And wave again in gladness o'er the
reconstructed world;
That hope's effulgent beams would
shine in flood of living light,
And raven-winged despair would take
her everlasting flight.
That these grand things would happen,
you your solemn promise gave,
And now we're waiting, waiting, calmly
waiting for the wave.

Yes, all these things would happen,
we were confidently told,
If we'd vote for Buckeye Billy and the
single standard gold.
But now we're on our uppers from
tramping through the streets,
In search of work, to earn wherewith
to buy our bread and meat.
We voted as you said we should, in
hopes the way to pave
To better times, and now we're sadly
waiting for the wave.

We've been waiting, waiting, patiently,
for lo, these many days,
And watching for the rosy dawn to
greet our anxious gaze,
Till our wardrobes are depleted, and
our larders running low,
And the interest on the mortgage due,
and we are out of "dough,"
But hope deferred will drive us prematurely to the grave,
If we have to wait much longer for the
coming of the wave.

—J. W. DUTTON.

Would Rush for Employment.

Suppose the government should announce its intention to build a railroad from New York to San Francisco and call for laborers to do the work, at the same time giving notice that all help would be paid with a new issue of government paper money. What a rush for employment would follow! And why shouldn't this be done? The people need cheaper transportation; everybody, except the money lenders, recognizes the need of more money, and that thousands of unemployed men anxious to work are scattered all over the country can not be denied. What a great blessing to the people of the United States such action would bring! —Missouri World.

Take Heart.

Take heart! The promised hour draws
near—
I hear the downward beat of wings,
And Freedom's trumpet sounding
clear:
"Joy to the people!—woe and fear
To new-world tyrants, old world
kings!"

—Whittier.

PUBLIC OWNERSHIP.

AND OPERATION OF THE NATURAL MONOPOLIES.

Senator Butler Discusses Public Utilities Question from the Populist Party Standpoint—Position Is That of Reason and Common Business Principles.

(By Senator Butler, of North Carolina, Populist.)

The question whether such public services as lighting by gas or electricity, and street car transportation and the furnishing of water to every household should be intrusted to private corporations or controlled directly by the municipalities, is one that is attracting a great deal of attention. The principle of municipal ownership of these natural monopolies is one that is steadily growing in favor in every quarter of the union. To have pure water furnished at a low cost; to have good gas or electric lighting facilities furnished at reasonable rates and extended to every quarter of the city; to have prompt and efficient street car service at a cost not greater than it costs to furnish the service, are three questions that concern every resident of a town or city as vitally, if not more so than any other three questions pertaining to city government. To have these important services cheap and efficient is not only of vital concern to those who live in a city, but is the best possible advertisement and inducement to bring desirable additions to a city's population and business enterprises. That these important functions, supplying vital necessities to a city's welfare, should be put in the hands of two or three private monopolies, often foreign capitalists will use these monopolies with a view solely to their own profit, is unbusinesslike, to say the least—it is worse than that, it is folly, it is suicidal. As a rule the cost of these necessities can be reduced upon an average more than one-half over the entire country, and each city furnish the people a better and more reliable service.

Nearly every city today where private monopolies hold these important functions and franchises would change at once to municipal ownership if a majority of the citizens could express their will and have it enforced. The fatal mistake is made when a city grants these franchises to a private monopoly. At once the monopoly wrings from the public enormous profits to control the city elections and city government. Soon the people find that they can not elect any man for mayor, councilman, or alderman unless he is a man too friendly to the interests of these private monopolies. The money and monopoly will proceed to rule the cities—the voice of the people will be defeated, if not drowned and hushed.

A few days ago while the writer of this article was in New York attending the Grant monument exercises, he was very much impressed with the inefficiency of the car service of that great metropolis. He asked a citizen of the city why there was no electric or cable street car lines instead of here and there an antequated horse car line, to help the elevated roads to move the great surging mass of humanity to be seen in that city every day. He pointed to the elevated railroads and said: "They will not allow it." I then asked him if cable and electric companies had built surface roads and gotten established first if they would have elevated roads. He said "no; if the cable and electric road had been built and they had grown strong enough to control the city government then we would have no elevated roads. They would not desire any competition, and would want all the business themselves, and what of the public they could not accommodate, might suffer and walk and go unaccommodated."

This tells the whole story. A city foolingly grants an important public franchise that concerns every citizen to a private corporation. The franchise is a monopoly, and then corporation becomes a monopoly and use the franchise not for the public interest except as the street interest can be served to put money into the pockets of the private corporations. Of course the private corporation uses its monopoly to make immense profits and then uses these profits to control the city elections and city government: and thus we have the spectacle of street railroads, gas and electric plants and water works running the city in the interest of the private owners of the public franchises instead of the city running these important functions in the interest of the city and its citizens. There is but one remedy to give the people justice and to purify politics; and that is for the city to own and operate these public franchises. Surely if reason, common sense and common business principles are to be observed, soon these reforms must come in every city. Thus it will be seen that the principles of the People's party apply to the welfare and interests not only of the farmers and country population, but applies also equally strong to the welfare and interest of the residents of our towns and great cities. In short, the principles of the People's party must be applied to insure the people good government in the nation, in the state, and in every local and city municipality in the nation. The people will suffer until it comes.

The Refuge of the Ignoramus.

"Over-production" is the first and last refuge of the ignoramus who tries to convince himself and others that our monetary system has nothing to do with present prices of farm products.—Farm, Stock and Home.

PROGRESS IN POLITICS.

Municipal ownership will enter largely into the coming mayoralty contests in this city, says the Twentieth Century of New York. The Platt and Strong administrations, that have posed as reform ones, have made the name odious, and further masking of wolves in sheeps' clothing will scarcely work. It requires no argument to convince an honest man that the value created by a community belongs to the community. Therefore, the holding of a franchise by a corporation, or an individual, is theft, because the community alone can give it value, which value belongs, collectively, to all, individually to none. Now, the issues before the people are simple. There is no chance to get mixed up on them, although the mud-throwers will, no doubt, be actively set to work to make them as obscure as possible. Whether the political ring shall rule the city, for its own benefit, or whether the people are ready to take control of their own affairs, at least to a limited extent, is now the question. The party that makes its platform simply the public ownership of public franchises, no matter under what name it sails, should command the support of every voter. Let the political vultures and their clients, the corporation magnates howl as they will; a people knowing their rights, and determined to have them, can win in spite of them.

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Senator Allen introduced a resolution expressing sympathy with Greece in her heroic and patriotic struggle against the tyrannous and oppressive Turks. The bond-holders and usurers of Europe are on the side of Turkey in this fight against Christianity and liberty. They care more for their profits from Turkish bonds than they do for justice, humanity and religion. The resolution was reported to the committee on foreign relations.

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Six years ago only 20 cities of the United States owned their electric-lighting plants; now the number has reached 150, and in no case can it be said that municipalization was not a success.

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Senator Foraker has a pooling bill in congress, and Vice President Hobart is a member of the board of directors in the railroad trusts. That looks like a cinch, and the railroads have little cause for worry. Senator Chandler is fighting the dragon of trusts. What help can be given him should be forthcoming, says the Grand Rapids Workman. The Federation of Labor, boards of trade and commerce should speak, and at once.

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There are 71 chartered cities in Michigan and 69 of them have electric light plants, of which 22 are owned by the cities themselves. Of the 29 cities having gas plants, 3 own them; and of the 69 having water plants, 52 are owned by the municipality. Of the 79 villages having electric light, 24 own their plants.

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The currency question is absorbing the public attention in Ohio, and the common herd are beginning to understand that it is not the tariff but the free coinage of silver that will inaugurate an era of good times.—Ex.

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The Cuban republic is now to have money of its own, a million silver dollars being in process of mintage. "Patriotic" New York capitalists will advance $10,000,000 if necessary for the purpose, taking Cuban guaranties to "make it right" when Cuban independence is acknowledged. This shows two things: Capitalist belief that Cuba is sure to win; and that Cuba is already at the mercy of the money sharks who always make patriotism pay well in dollars and cents.

COMING TRANSFORMATION.

John J. Ingalls and William T. Stead Have Seen the Signs.

The American working people have had an easier—or rather a less onerous—time than their foreign brothers in Europe, it is true; but do not doubt that we are surely, even rapidly, approximating their methods of existence Ex-Senator John J. Ingalls, of Kansas, said, on Jan. 14, 1891, in speaking of the plutocratic evolution:

"But I cannot forbear to affirm that a political system under which such despotic power can be wrested from the people, and vested in the few, is a democracy only in name."

On page 362 of "If Christ Came to Chicago," William T. Stead said:

"The transformation is hidden from the multitude, because the coming despot eschews the tawdry tinsel of the crown; and liberty is believed to be as safe as, well, let us say, as the populace of Rome believed the republic to be when Julius Caesar refused the imperial purple. But everywhere the money power has the people by the throat. * * * The poor man is the servant of the rich, and at present stands in some danger of becoming his slave."—The Coming Nation.

Something Is Wrong.

Things look bad. All these great fortunes have been accumulated in the last thirty or forty years, and the world has never known anything like it. The poor and helpless seem to be increasing all the time. The moderately well off are falling among the poor, and the very rich are growing richer every day. Something is wrong, and it is time for the churches to find out what it is, and apply the remedies. The churches of this country have the numbers and the wealth to do it, but the trouble seems to be that the religion is dominated by the wealthy instead of the wealth by religion.—Dwight L. Moody.

NEARING A CRISIS.

RESENTMENT TOWARD ADMINISTRATION IS ALARMING.

The Rising Tide in Favor of "Bryandam" Likened Unto the Clamor for the States-General in 1789—Potency of the Ballot Threatened.

From the St. Louis Post-Dispatch:

It is very seldom indeed that the comments of English newspapers upon political affairs of the United States are informing or even intelligent, and of all the journalistic blunderers, the Saturday Review has been in the past the most persistent and consistent, because the most bigoted and prejudiced. Yet a recent issue of the Saturday Review contains an article on Mr. Bryan's book, "The First Battle," which is suggestive, because it is the opinion of a well informed and disinterested observer.

The title of the Saturday Review's article is "The Coming American Revolution." Speaking of the last presidential camgain, which Mr. Bryan commemorates in his book, it says:

"It was an event of profound historical significance from every point of view—political, social, ethical, international. There is no exaggeration in putting it among the great epoch-making occurrences, like the gathering of the States-General in May of 1789. Here in Europe we still see not much beneath its quaint and naive surface, which was undoubtedly both exciting and entertaining. But in America everything has been changed by it. Opinions and aspirations which lurked half formless in unnamed depths of the public consciousness a twelmonth ago, are now on top, familiar to all eyes and ears."

After a personal sketch of Mr. Bryan, which was evidently written by some one who has seen and observed him keenly, and who does not derive his impressions from the portraits in the book, the Saturday Review says: "Very likely Mr. Bryan would have made what even his enemies would call a good president—commonplace, perhaps, but reasonably conservative, and above all things scrupulously attentive to appearances." It then adds—and this is the most significant utterance in the article:

Mr. Mcinley was elected instead, and a brief month of his administration has carried the revolution forward as swiftly as the spring sunshine and showers are bringing forth the leaves and buds. * * * Where there were four Bryan men last summer, there are already five this summer, and there is discernible nowhere any reason for supposing that their increase will be checked on this side of the crucial year of 1900.

This shows that the growth of "Bryanism"—the increasing hold which the principles embodied in the Chicago platform are obtaining upon the American people—is impressing itself upon foreign observers as well as upon those who have the advantage (or is it a disadvantage?) of a closer point of view.

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The above expressions from a leading English paper and a leading American paper are the first open ones that have so far been called to our notice. The meaning is very plain. The sad and terrible truth is that politically speaking the United States is resting as it were on a keg of dynamite. That prosperity fraud is bearing its legitimate fruits. The people are growing doubtful of the potency of the ballot. Prosperity must be produced if even at a late date. Otherwise it will be difficult to conduct the victims of a great fraud to another campaign. Class hatreds are becoming intense. Every Christian, every patriot should pray for the preservation of peace.

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While writing the above our attention has been called to a leader in the Chicago Record of June 15. That paper is nothing if not conservative. Yet it sees that the time has come to warn the people of an impending crisis. Here is what it says: "There is today, however, call for an exhibition of patriotism of even a higher type than that manifested in rushing to the defense of country when attacked from without or threatened with armed rebellion from within. The foundations of government are subject to attack by foes more dangerous than a European army, because they work more insidiously. There are traitors in positions of public trust today whose treason is as harmful to the commonwealth as was that of Benedict Arnold in selling his country for British gold. The man who betrays a trust reposed in him by the people and disposes of public privileges for a private consideration is a traitor. The men of wealth who seek to secure from legislatures and city councils by corrupt means concessions to which they are not entitled are enemies of everything which the patriot holds dear.

"The time is opportune for revival of the old idea of the Fourth of July as a day for patriotic consideration of evils that threaten the country, and especially those that are manifestly in connection with the state and the municipality. The movement to establish a "new Fourth of July," which will simply mean the application to present day conditions of the spirit animating the framers of the declaration of independence, is worthy of sanction. The day should be set apart for the inculcation of patriotism of the aggressively honest type that looks upon "boodling" as treason and upon wealthy bribe-givers as dastardly enemies to the commonwealth."

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There can be no real prosperity without justice.

POINTS FROM THE PRESS.

The industrial masses of this country are like a man in the quicksand. The more they struggle to get out the farther they get in.—Star and Kansan.

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It is a rare day in American history when some Republican official is not arrested.—Independent Era.

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The readjustment of wages which was promised to follow the election of McKinley, has taken place in many industries, but in not a single instance has the "readjustment" been satisfactory to the wage-earner. The tendency is ever downward.—Stockton Mail.

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We hope to live to see an industrial system under which the destruction of property won't be a godsend to the workingmen who are employed to replace it.—Star and Kansan.

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The idea of holding meetings to devise some means to prevent people dying from hunger in a land fabulously rich in every resource necessary to the wants of mankind! Oh, the irony of it!—Los Angeles Picayune.

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McKinley and his partners are the ossified fossil remnants of a once grand political party, but they have outlived their usefulness.—American Nonconformist.

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When will present-day Americans quit bragging about the heroism of their forefathers and take a good square look at the enslaved condition of themselves?—Grander Age.

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It is sincerely to be hoped that the near approach of the state elections will stimulate all believers in the rights of labor, in the equality of rich and poor before the law, and in the promotion of the idea of universal brotherhood, to combine, and to incur no more inexcusable risks of being beaten by the forces of monopoly and tyranny.—Commonwealth.

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Senator Butler in a speech in the United States senate said "Railway monopolies were the most powerful and effective allies of the gold trust in the last campaign. The transportation monopoly and the money monopoly are the twin parents of all other combines and trusts." We agree. And the only political party that proposes an adequate remedy is ours.—Nebraska Independent.

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When a safe deposit and savings bank bursted at Kansas City it owed eighty thousand depositors $2,000,000, and had only $11,000 cash on hand. Of course we need no government savings banks.—Commonwealth.

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Lord Chatham said: "You cannot indict a whole nation." A very few moneyed men who believe the world is theirs because they have the most of the money in it, should remember the people are necessary to keep it running, and some day they may take a notion to all violate the law at the same time. —Ottawa Journal.

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Government by injunction means that a judge may at will crowd the people into a position where they must all be either slaves or criminals.—Saturday Critic.

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"All men are equal in the sight of the law," used to be at least an ordinarily respected maxim. Today it is a barefaced falsehood—Duluth Labor World.

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The Labor Exchange entering our present dry rot industrial system is like a fresh stream or shower entering a stagnant pool, yet it arouses and awakens all the latent energy, genius and ingenuity in man. The lady with a natural tact for painting will find a place for her product at the exchange at all times, the blacksmith or carpenter can make something useful all the year round and find a place for his product. The natural tendency of our competitive system built up the Labor Exchange. The "small fry" manufacturer who is driven out can at once fall in with the Labor Exchange and all the syndicates on earth cannot drive him out, as he and his laborers produce, for what they consume to live and use in raw material, being independent of the large corporations. When any article of commodities accumulate at a certain branch, that branch will advertise in the monthly, what that branch has to dispose of and what it needs. All branches are numbered.—Herald, Oberlin, Kan.

Wages and Farm Products.

Since the beginning of the year the cutting of wages has gone on with dreary and pathetic monotony, which was not broken or interrupted by that national red-letter day—March 4. But this ought to surprise no one, and least of all those whose wages are cut. A majority of our people declared at the last election that the policy of low prices was the correct one, and should become the established policy of the country. Wage earners were told, and myriads of them believed it, that their interests lay in low prices for what they consumed, low-priced farm products, for instance, and now they must learn by experience that tariffs nor proprietors but the prices of farm products ultimately fix the wages of labor. If those prices must be as low as elsewhere in the world then must wages be correspondingly low.

Contingent.

"The labor question is a hard one, isn't it?" asked Russell Sage.

"That depends upon what you mean by hard," replied Jay Gould. [illegible]

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London Crowded to Her Very Gates With Visitors From All the Countries of the World.—The Programme Covers Seven Days, Dating From Sunday.

A cable letter from London dated June 19, reads as follows: Never in the history of England has London so strikingly shown itself the heart of the world as it does tonight—the eve of the jubilee. At all times the busiest hive of the human race, tonight London is crowded to its uttermost door by a stupendous gathering of strangers representing nearly every race under the sun. The common object of this crowd—participation in the greatest historical pageant yet witnessed in the history of the British Empire—gives tone and complexion to every minute of time, to every thought and action. There is nothing in men's minds at this hour, from the highest prince in the palaces to the lowest sneak thief in the streets but the jubilee.

It is impossible to pass along any of the crowded thoroughfares without everywhere remarking the two predominant notes of the occasion, the world's desire to honor Queen Victoria and the proud wish of her subjects in doing so to impressively demonstrate the strength and vastness of the empire. The streets, hotels and stately mansions of the West End are crowded with the great who have already come to honor the Queen while barracks and bivouacs in and around the metropolis are thronged with soldiers in every uniform known to British administration—from the head-hunting Dyacks of the Berneo police, the mounted men of Australia, India and Africa, fort soldiers from the West Indies, Zaptichs from Cyprus to the stalwart representatives of military government under "Our Lady of the Snows." Suggestively it is a rare kaleidoscopic picture of races, men and creeds, a vivid panorama of the march of that empire upon which, as Daniel Webster said, the sun never sets. The air is alive with expectancy, thousands upon thousands of flags and banners float in the evening breeze, the decorations which have easily cost a million of English money are in place, myriads of lights are glowing or stand ready for their flames—London smiles in self-content.

THE QUEEN'S PROGRAMME.

The jubilee programme, to which Her Majesty has given her assent, covers the seven days, dating from Sunday, June 20, though all envoys are guests of the Queen until Monday, June 29. The programme began appropriately on Sunday—Ascension Day—the sixtieth anniversary of that fair June morning when, as day broke, the Archbishop of Canterbury and the Lord Chamberlain announced to the hastily awakened princess that during the silent watches of the night the mantle of majesty had fallen upon her. The programme is as follows:

Sunday, June 20 (Ascension Day)—Morning: The Queen, with the more immediate members of the royal family, attended a solemn thanksgiving service at Frogmore. Official service for the Lords and Commons at St. Margaret's, Westminster. Official celebration at St. Paul's Cathedral for Her Majesty's judges, the Lord Mayor and corporation of London, Special Ascension Day service in every Church of England edifice throughout the world.

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Friday, June 25.—Afternoon: The Queen, with the Prince of Wales as inspecting officer, reviews the fire brigades of England. Evening: State banquet in St. George's hall, at which all imperial and royal guests will be present.

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Do any of the Republican statesmen imagine that they can distract attention from their internal and infernal domestic policy by bringing forward the mildewed old scheme of Hawaiian annexation?—N. Y. World.

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The Peruna Drug Manufacturing Company of Columbus, Ohio, are sending free to any person writing for it, a neat little pamplet devoted exclusively to the treatment of female diseases, written by Dr. Hartman.

My Loved Little Carey.

"Death loveth a shining mark." This has been forcibly illustrated in the death of little Cary Green. God has gathered to Himself one of His brightest jewels. A tiny bud has been plucked ere its petals had begun to unfold—no, not to unfold, for the little mind was too rapidly developing for the delicate little frame that enclosed it. We shall miss her in the school-room. She could rightly have been called little sunbeam, for she always brought brightness with her. I shall miss her, for to me she was ever a dutiful, obedient and loving little pupil. Her short life (only seven summers) has been well spent. I hope her influence may live, and her example be followed by many of her little schoolmates. She was a child of a most amiable and unselfish disposition. How often have I watched her upon the playground dividing her lunch with her little playmates, and when any disagreement arose among them I have seen her walk quietly into the schoolroom, and without a word of complaint pick up a book and begin to read. I shall often recall her standing by my side (that seemed to be her undisputed right and privilege, owing to her size) with her little face looking inquiringly up into mine to see if the reading of her class was meeting with my approval. She being a natural reader readily saw the mistakes made by others. Yes, we shall miss you, Cary, but as God in His all wise providence has seen fit to withdraw you from us we should submit and be resigned to His will, knowing that He doeth all things well, and that our loss will be your gain. We commend this precious thought, and it is all we have to commend, to the bereaved parents and loved ones.

Her loving Teacher,
Mrs. E. Y. McMORRIES.

Something to Depend On.

Mr. James Jones, of the drug firm of Jones & Son, Cowden, Ill., in speaking of Dr. King's New Discovery says, that last winter his wife was attacked with La Grippe and her case grew so serious that physicians at Cowden and Pana could do nothing for her. It seemed to develop into Hasty Consumption. Having Dr. King's New Discovery in store, and selling lots of it, he took a bottle home, and to the surprise of all she began to get better from first dose, and half dozen dollar bottles cured her sound and well. Dr. King's New Discovery for Consumption, Coughs and Colds is guaranteed to do this good work. Try it. Free trial bottle at Dr. J. S. Johnson's Drug Store.

IN MEMORIAM.—H. J. C.

Rest, wearied spirit, rest.
Your fight is o'er; your struggles cease.
In calm repose you lie so still,
Rest! And leave the affairs of men
To living men, to sorrowing, toiling men
Who fain would seek the sweet surcease
And respite from their toil.

A narrow mansion holds the frame
That you have left. No longer now
Do earthly cares restrain you here;
But free, so free you course the air
To find the place triumphant, made
And promised you by God Himself.

Oh, friends! Oh, brothers of the man!
A short sojourn within the summerland
Of peace he makes apart from you.
Then, when in death's firm grasp he lies
Remember he is victor, and the foe
Was conquered long before his time.
He dies, yet lives amongst us still
And speaks in mightier tones
Than living man has ever spoken yet.

Rest, wearied spirit, rest
With God and in the heart of man.

NOTICE.

The State of Alabama, }
Chilton County, }
Commissioners' Court,
June Term 1897.

Notice is hereby given that the book of assessments for Chilton County for 1897 has been prepared and is now on file in this office for inspection, and that the court will sit on the 12th day of July 1897, to examine same and correct any errors therein.

This June 21, 1897.

R. M. HONEYCUTT,
Judge of Probate.

Political Points.

People's Press Bureau, St. Louis, Mo., June 23, 1897.

Eugene V. Debs in his opening address before the A. R. U. convention at Chicago on the 15th of June spoke of the impossibility of a labor organization holding together politically or keeping wages up to a living standard and advocated co-operation as the only salvation for the unemployed, or those whose wages have been reduced to the starvation point. He unfolded a plan for putting a hundred active organizers in the field at once with the hope that they could secure an enrollment of a million members, from whom an income could be collected sufficiently large to establish the co operative colony in that state which offers the best inducements. He urged that the movement be conducted soberly and with dignity, since it is an effort of honest men to support themselves and their families and not gotton up to attract attention or secure noteriety for leaders. Only honest and industrious men can secure membership in the proposed colony. Washington, Tennessee, Utah and Arkansas offer inducements for the colony.

Mr. Bryan's recent visit to New York was a continued ovation. He was urged to speak at Cooper Union where the workingmen met to discuss municipal ownership of steel railways and other public works, but was forced to decline owing to an engagement in Virginia on that date. He has also been invited to speak at Tammany Hall on July 4 which invitation he had to decline on account of an engagement in California July 5.

Incensed by the Chicago street railway bill by the Illinois legislature, Gov. Pingree of Michigan who is a republican by name only says: "If this were a matter of abstract discussion it would be of little consequence, but in the city of Chicago thousands of people are suffering for the ordinary necessities of life, while those who are supposed to protect their interests are selling them as heartlessly as though human liberty and life were but a mere commodity.

"I tell you that it wont do to sit down and try to gloss over these things. Campaign speeches and fourth of July orations will never replace the millions that corrupt legislatures have taken from the pockets of the people and handed over to corporate highwaymen. To-day we need something more than talk. We need plain vigorous action. I know that men are called anarchists for pointing out those conditions, but let me say this to you: The best patriots are not the men who are blind to abuses such as those practiced by the Illinois governor and legislature. The men who have the country's interests at heart are those who see these abuses and, seeing them try to apply the proper remedy. I believe that if all patriotic citizens would do this such disgraceful legislation as that recently enacted in Illinois would be outside the range of the possibilities."

Alleged members of the People's party in various states continue to issue calls for conventions to elect representatives to the Coxey-Van-Dervoort meeting at Nashville, Tenn., July 4. It is remarkable how many of these agitators and bolters were conspicuous in the service of the republicans last year.

The New York Journal publishes a statement based on a careful investigation of the business conditions of Ohio and reports the number of losses, failures, foreclosures and a schedule showing wage reductions that have occurred since Mr. McKinley's election. The showing is almost incredible. The wave of free silver that is just now sweeping over Ohio is astonishing and bids ill for the republicans in the Buckeye state.

The plutocratic press of the east is agitating the question of a new presidential residence being erected to take the place of the present "White House" which is dominated as "dilapidated" "old style," "small" and "unfit for the residence of the chief executive." The people of the west consider it good enough for the times.

A. R.

Depression of Spirits

so common in summer-time, accompanied by loss of energy, lack of thought-power, means a deficient supply of nourishment. The vital force is lost. It isn't a question of muscle and sinew, but of resistance and endurance. At any age, but especially in youth, it involves the risk of lung disease. Loss of flesh and a cough are threatening signs.

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Kincheon, June 15, 1897.

Editor BANNER: We have had a nice rain, which was very refreshing

Crops are small but looking well I send you a cotton bloom which is something I have not seen published in your paper this year. This is not our first, for there are many in the patch.

Oat crops are cut short this year on account of dry weather.

W. H. MILLS.

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Old People.

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Jemison, Ala., June 21, 1897.

Editor BANNER: I notice that the farmers are buying more on a credit this year than they have in quite a number of years. The mortgages given by farmers, i.e., the number of mortgages given this year, remind me of the year 1887. Those who will go with me back to that year will readily see similarity. In 1887 and 1897 in one particular to-wit, the giving of mortgages by the farmers, and the amount of goods bought on time, the people have already in this section taken up the amount that the merchants have agreed to furnish them. It is time the farmer should appreciate the help of his neighbor, but this credit system has always been expensive to those who buy on a credit. The merchant cannot afford to sell on time as cheap as he can for cash, but 10 cents for meat that can be bought for 5 and 6 cents is a big interest, and this interest is paid by those who are least able to bear it. When, oh when will the people learn to live at home. It seems that it is difficult for us to learn this all important lesson. But I well remember that in 1887 the same state of things existed that exists now, the people were in debt and mortgages were the currency and just about that time the organization of the farmers into the Alliance began t otake effect in this and other southern States, and the people began to discuss the question of mortgages and credit, and being organized and meeting together they resolved to buy less and to make an honest effort to check the onward march of debt and thereby save the interest that they were paying—and I wish to ask every Allianceman who may chance to read this, what was the result in three years? And I venture to write the answer, and I feel confident that many will join me when I say that in three years' time through and by the help of the Alliance the people had just about gotton out of debt and mortgages in this section were very few. Now, I know that the people can do this without organization, and I know also that there is no power in the form of law to drive the people in debt; but the experience of the past convinces me beyond a doubt that the very best method to encourage and help the farmer to improve his condition, is organization. I do not hesitate to say that the Farmers Alliance was the organization that encouraged and helped the people out of debt in the first three or four years of its existence in this State. But just as soon as the people became some what independent, the members of the Alliance began to say, "Well, I dont see that the Alliance is doing me any good and I believe I will quit paying dues and losing time with it," and this idea was pushed by the enemies of the Alliance for all it was worth, and finally we bid the Alliance good-by. We met the last time in our primaries, and I wish to remind the reader, and I have no doubt that he will be my witness when I say that the farmers are now just where they were in 1887. I believe that they can better their condition in the same way that they did ten years ago. It seems that it requires organization and co-operation and that alone will help the people to think and act together for each other's good. I believe now that the farmers could handle the Alliance much more to their interest than they did ten years ago. We could profit by our mistakes, and shun the breakers much better than we did in the past and some of us believe as firmly in the principles of that institution now as we ever did and I for one would be glad to see the organization revived. Will anyone second the motion?

S. M. ADAMS.

HOW TO FIND OUT.

Fill a bottle or common glass with urine and let it stand twenty-four hours; a sediment or settling indicates an unhealthy condition of the kidneys. When urine stains linen it is positive evidence of kidney trouble. Too frequent desire to urinate or pain in the back, is also convincing proof that the kidneys and bladder are out of order.

WHAT TO DO.

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Editor BANNER: "Free Thinker" must be a queer fellow. His reply to my card indicates that he has nothing and wants nothing. He wonders if I have any vehicles as though he has none and that it would be astonishingly strange if I should have any. Again he wonders if it would not be better for me to be at home working for my family instead of traveling about, as though my family was in dire distress and that I should not travel to town, to mill, to post office to get my mail, nor even go to church or Sunday-school, but just stay at home and work for my family. It appears to me that if he was so industrious himself he ought to own a vehicle and not require his family to foot it every where they go. Then he would need a road, a good one, and would be willing to help keep it in good condition and would be ashamed that he had come out in public print and said, "I am one to say give us a chance to rid ourselves of road bondage and be free men the year round," and then adds, "success to the BANNER" at the same time the BANNER is pleading for good roads. I would like to know what he weans by "give us a chance to rid ourselves of road bodage and be free men." Well, I guess he pays no taxes and all the public get out of him is a little work on the public roads and I amagine the overseer has a tough job getting it. It might be a good plan to keep up roads by taxation and that perhaps would set "Free Thinker" completely free, i.e., if he pays no taxes. In conclusion I wish to say to Mr. F. T. that I have plenty of vehecles and every thing else my family needs except good roads. A man who loves good roads loves his family, his country, and his God.

OBSERVER.

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THE STATE OF ALABAMA }
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In Chancery at Clanton, Alabama, Seventh District North-eastern Chancery Division. June 18, 1897.

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It is therefore ordered by the Register that publication be made in The Banner a newspaper published in Chilton County, Alabama, once a week for four consecutive weeks, requiring her, the said Alice Hayes, to answer or demur to the same within thirty days after the 26th day of July, 1897, and failing so to do a decree pro confesso will be taken against her in said cause.

Done at office in Clanton, Alabama this 18th day of June, 1898.

W. E. STEWART,
Register in Chancery.

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We desire to call the attention of parents and others to the adv. of the University School, Clanton, which will be found in another column. The reputation established by the school makes it a very desirable one for young people to attend. Commencing July 12 the Principal will conduct a Business session of one month. This is an excellent opportunity for city young men to combine recreation with profit.

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Do any of the Republican statesmen imagine that they can distract attention from their internal and infernal domestic policy by bringing forward the mildewed old scheme of Hawaiian annexation?—N. Y. World.

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The best salve in the world for Cuts, Bruises, Sores, Ulcers, Salt-Rheum, Fever Sores, Tetter, Chapped Hands, Chilblains, Corns, and all Skin Eruptions, and positively cures Piles, or no pay required. It is guaranteed to give perfect satisfaction or money refunded. Price 25 cents per box. For sale by J. S. Johnson Jr.

At Your Home

You Can Consult a Renowned Physician.

In view of the great multitude of women suffering from some form of female diseases, and yet unable to find any cure, Dr. Hartman has announced his willingness to direct the treatment of as many cases as make application to him during the summer months, without charge. The treatment will be conducted by correspondence. The doctor will prescribe all medicines, applications, hygienic and dietary regulations necessary to complete a cure. The medicines prescribed can be obtained at all drug stores. This offer will hold good only during the summer months. Any woman can become a regular patient by sending a written statement of her age, condition of life, history and symptoms of derangements. All correspondence will be held strictly confidential. No testimonials of cures will be given to the public except by the express wish of the patient. The principal remedy he relies upon in such cases is Peruna, which every woman should have who has any affection of this kind. Those wishing to become patients should address Dr. Hartman, Columbus, Ohio.

The Peruna Drug Manufacturing Company of Columbus, Ohio, are sending free to any person writing for it, a neat little pamplet devoted exclusively to the treatment of female diseases, written by Dr. Hartman.

My Loved Little Carey.

"Death loveth a shining mark." This has been forcibly illustrated in the death of little Cary Green. God has gathered to Himself one of His brightest jewels. A tiny bud has been plucked ere its petals had begun to unfold—no, not to unfold, for the little mind was too rapidly developing for the delicate little frame that enclosed it. We shall miss her in the school-room. She could rightly have been called little sunbeam, for she always brought brightness with her. I shall miss her, for to me she was ever a dutiful, obedient and loving little pupil. Her short life (only seven summers) has been well spent. I hope her influence may live, and her example be followed by many of her little schoolmates. She was a child of a most amiable and unselfish disposition. How often have I watched her upon the playground dividing her lunch with her little playmates, and when any disagreement arose among them I have seen her walk quietly into the schoolroom, and without a word of complaint pick up a book and begin to read. I shall often recall her standing by my side (that seemed to be her undisputed right and privilege, owing to her size) with her little face looking inquiringly up into mine to see if the reading of her class was meeting with my approval. She being a natural reader readily saw the mistakes made by others. Yes, we shall miss you, Cary, but as God in His all wise providence has seen fit to withdraw you from us we should submit and be resigned to His will, knowing that He doeth all things well, and that our loss will be your gain. We commend this precious thought, and it is all we have to commend, to the bereaved parents and loved ones.

Her loving Teacher,
Mrs. E. Y. McMorries.

Something to Depend On.

Mr. James Jones, of the drug firm of Jones & Son, Cowden, Ill., in speaking of Dr. King's New Discovery says, that last winter his wife was attacked with La Grippe and her case grew so serious that physicians at Cowden and Pana could do nothing for her. It seemed to develop into Hasty Consumption. Having Dr. King's New Discovery in store, and selling lots of it, he took a bottle home, and to the surprise of all she began to get better from first dose, and half dozen dollar bottles cured her sound and well. Dr. King's New Discovery for Consumption, Coughs and Colds is guaranteed to do this good work. Try it. Free trial bottle at Dr. J. S. Johnson's Drug Store.

IN MEMORIAM.—H. J. C.

Rest, wearied spirit, rest.
Your fight is o'er; your struggles cease.
In calm repose you lie so still,
Rest! And leave the affairs of men
To living men, to sorrowing, toiling men
Who fain would seek the sweet surcease
And respite from their toil.

A narrow mansion holds the frame
That you have left. No longer now
Do earthly cares restrain you here;
But free, so free you course the air
To find the place triumphant, made
And promised you by God Himself.

Oh, friends! Oh, brothers of the man!
A short sojourn within the summerland
Of peace he makes apart from you.
Then, when in death's firm grasp he lies
Remember he is victor, and the foe
Was conquered long before his time.
He dies, yet lives amongst us still
And speaks in mightier tones
Than living man has ever spoken yet.

Rest, wearied spirit, rest
With God and in the heart of man.

NOTICE.

The State of Alabama, }
Chilton County, }
Commissioners' Court,
June Term 1897.

Notice is hereby given that the book of assessments for Chilton County for 1897 has been prepared and is now on file in this office for inspection, and that the court will sit on the 12th day of July 1897, to examine same and correct any errors therein.

This June 21, 1897.

R. M. Honeycutt,
Judge of Probate.

Political Points.

People's Press Bureau, St. Louis, Mo., June 23, 1897.

Eugene V. Debs in his opening address before the A. R. U. convention at Chicago on the 15th of June spoke of the impossibility of a labor organization holding together politically or keeping wages up to a living standard and advocated co-operation as the only salvation for the unemployed, or those whose wages have been reduced to the starvation point. He unfolded a plan for putting a hundred active organizers in the field at once with the hope that they could secure an enrollment of a million members, from whom an income could be collected sufficiently large to establish the co operative colony in that state which offers the best inducements. He urged that the movement be conducted soberly and with dignity, since it is an effort of honest men to support themselves and their families and not gotten up to attract attention or secure notoriety for leaders. Only honest and industrious men can secure membership in the proposed colony. Washington, Tennessee, Utah and Arkansas offer inducements for the colony.

Mr. Bryan's recent visit to New York was a continued ovation. He was urged to speak at Cooper Union where the workingmen met to discuss municipal ownership of steel railways and other public works, but was forced to decline owing to an engagement in Virginia on that date. He has also been invited to speak at Tammany Hall on July 4 which invitation he had to decline on account of an engagement in California July 5.

Incensed by the Chicago street railway bill by the Illinois legislature, Gov. Pingree of Michigan who is a republican by name only says: "If this were a matter of abstract discussion it would be of little consequence, but in the city of Chicago thousands of people are suffering for the ordinary necessities of life, while those who are supposed to protect their interests are selling them as heartlessly as though human liberty and life were but a mere commodity.

"I tell you that it wont do to sit down and try to gloss over these things. Campaign speeches and fourth of July orations will never replace the millions that corrupt legislatures have taken from the pockets of the people and handed over to corporate highwaymen. To-day we need something more than talk. We need plain vigorous action. I know that men are called anarchists for pointing out those conditions, but let me say this to you: The best patriots are not the men who are blind to abuses such as those practiced by the Illinois governor and legislature. The men who have the country's interests at heart are those who see these abuses and, seeing them try to apply the proper remedy. I believe that if all patriotic citizens would do this such disgraceful legislation as that recently enacted in Illinois would be outside the range of the possibilities."

Alleged members of the People's party in various states continue to issue calls for conventions to elect representatives to the Coxey-Van-Dervoort meeting at Nashville, Tenn., July 4. It is remarkable how many of these agitators and bolters were conspicuous in the service of the republicans last year.

The New York Journal publishes a statement based on a careful investigation of the business conditions of Ohio and reports the number of losses, failures, foreclosures and a schedule showing wage reductions that have occurred since Mr. McKinley's election. The showing is almost incredible. The wave of free silver that is just now sweeping over Ohio is astonishing and bids ill for the republicans in the Buckeye state.

The plutocratic press of the east is agitating the question of a new presidential residence being erected to take the place of the present "White House" which is dominated as "dilapidated" "old style," "small" and "unfit for the residence of the chief executive." The people of the west consider it good enough for the times.

A. R.

Depression of Spirits

so common in summer-time, accompanied by loss of energy, lack of thought-power, means a deficient supply of nourishment. The vital force is lost. It isn't a question of muscle and sinew, but of resistance and endurance. At any age, but especially in youth, it involves the risk of lung disease. Loss of flesh and a cough are threatening signs.

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Kincheon, June 15, 1897.

Editor Banner: We have had a nice rain, which was very refreshing

Crops are small but looking well I send you a cotton bloom which is something I have not seen published in your paper this year. This is not our first, for there are many in the patch.

Oat crops are cut short this year on account of dry weather.

W. H. Mills.

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Old People.

Old people who require medicine to regulate the bowels and kidneys will find the true remedy in Electric Bitters. This medicine does not stimulate and contains no whiskey nor other intoxicant, but acts as a tonic and alterative. It acts mildly on the stomach and bowels, adding strength and giving tone to the organs, thereby aiding Nature in the performance of the functions. Electric Bitters is an excellent appetizer and aids digestion. Old People find it just exactly what they need. Prices 50 cents and $1.00.

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Jemison, Ala., June 21, 1897.

Editor Banner: I notice that the farmers are buying more on a credit this year than they have in quite a number of years. The mortgages given by farmers, i.e., the number of mortgages given this year, remind me of the year 1887. Those who will go with me back to that year will readily see similarity. In 1887 and 1897 in one particular to wit, the giving of mortgages by the farmers, and the amount of goods bought on time, the people have already in this section taken up the amount that the merchants have agreed to furnish them. It is time the farmer should appreciate the help of his neighbor, but this credit system has always been expensive to those who buy on a credit. The merchant cannot afford to sell on time as cheap as he can for cash, but 10 cents for meat that can be bought for 5 and 6 cents is a big interest, and this interest is paid by those who are least able to bear it. When, oh when will the people learn to live at home. It seems that it is difficult for us to learn this all important lesson. But I well remember that in 1887 the same state of things existed that exists now, the people were in debt and mortgages were the currency and just about that time the organization of the farmers into the Alliance began to take effect in this and other southern States, and the people began to discuss the question of mortgages and credit, and being organized and meeting together they resolved to buy less and to make an honest effort to check the onward march of debt and thereby save the interest that they were paying—and I wish to ask every Allianceman who may chance to read this, what was the result in three years? And I venture to write the answer, and I feel confident that many will join me when I say that in three years' time through and by the help of the Alliance the people had just about gotton out of debt and mortgages in this section were very few. Now, I know that the people can do this without organization, and I know also that there is no power in the form of law to drive the people in debt; but the experience of the past convinces me beyond a doubt that the very best method to encourage and help the farmer to improve his condition, is organization. I do not hesitate to say that the Farmers Alliance was the organization that encouraged and helped the people out of debt in the first three or four years of its existence in this State. But just as soon as the people became some what independent, the members of the Alliance began to say, "Well, I dont see that the Alliance is doing me any good and I believe I will quit paying dues and losing time with it," and this idea was pushed by the enemies of the Alliance for all it was worth, and finally we bid the Alliance good-by. We met the last time in our primaries, and I wish to remind the reader, and I have no doubt that he will be my witness when I say that the farmers are now just where they were in 1887. I believe that they can better their condition in the same way that they did ten years ago. It seems that it requires organization and co-operation and that alone will help the people to think and act together for each other's good. I believe now that the farmers could handle the Alliance much more to their interest than they did ten years ago. We could profit by our mistakes, and shun the breakers much better than we did in the past and some of us believe as firmly in the principles of that institution now as we ever did and I for one would be glad to see the organization revived. Will anyone second the motion?

S. M. Adams.

HOW TO FIND OUT.

Fill a bottle or common glass with urine and let it stand twenty-four hours; a sediment or settling indicates an unhealthy condition of the kidneys. When urine stains linen it is positive evidence of kidney trouble. Too frequent desire to urinate or pain in the back, is also convincing proof that the kidneys and bladder are out of order.

WHAT TO DO.

There is comfort in the knowledge so often expressed, that Dr. Kilmer's Swamp-Root, the great kidney remedy fulfills every wish in relieving pain in the back, kidneys, liver, bladder and every part of the urinary passages. It corrects inability to hold urine and scalding pain in passing it, or bad effects following use of liquor, wine or beer, and overcomes that unpleasant necessity of being compelled to get up many times during the night to urinate. The mild and the extraordinary effect of Swamp-Root is soon realized. It stands the highest for its wonderful cures of the most distressing cases. If you need a medicine you should have the best. Sold by druggists, price fifty cents and one dollar. You may have a sample bottle and pamphlet both sent free by mail. Mention The Banner and send your address to Dr. Kilmer & Co., Binghamton, N.Y. The proprietor of this paper guarantees the genuineness of this offer.

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Editor Banner: "Free Thinker" must be a queer fellow. His reply to my card indicates that he has nothing and wants nothing. He wonders if I have any vehicles as though he has none and that it would be astonishingly strange if I should have any. Again he wonders if it would not be better for me to be at home working for my family instead of traveling about, as though my family was in dire distress and that I should not travel to town, to mill, to post office to get my mail, nor even go to church or Sunday-school, but just stay at home and work for my family. It appears to me that if he was so industrious himself he ought to own a vehicle and not require his family to foot it every where they go. Then he would need a road, a good one, and would be willing to help keep it in good condition and would be ashamed that he had come out in public print and said, "I am one to say give us a chance to rid ourselves of road bondage and be free men the year round," and then adds, "success to the Banner" at the same time the Banner is pleading for good roads. I would like to know what he weans by "give us a chance to rid ourselves of road bodage and be free men." Well, I guess he pays no taxes and all the public get out of him is a little work on the public roads and I amagine the overseer has a tough job getting it. It might be a good plan to keep up roads by taxation and that perhaps would set "Free Thinker" completely free, i.e., if he pays no taxes. In conclusion I wish to say to Mr. F. T. that I have plenty of vehecles and every thing else my family needs except good roads. A man who loves good roads loves his family, his country, and his God.

Observer.

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Mr. Isaac Horner, proprietor of the Burton House Burton, W., Va., and one of the most widely known men in the state was cured of rheumatism after three years of suffering. He says: "I have not sufficient command of language to convey any idea of what I suffered, my physicians told me that nothing could be done for me; and my friends were fully convinced that nothing but death would relieve me of my suffering. In June, 1894, Mr. Evans, then salesman for the Wheeling Drug Co., recommended Chamberlain's Pain Balm. At this time my foot and limb were swolen to more than double their normal size and it seemed to me my leg would burst, but soon after I began using the Pain Balm, the swelling began to decrease, the pain to leave, and now I consider that I am entirely cured. For sale by J. S. Johnson, jr., druggist.

Non-resident Notice.

The State of Alabama }
Chilton County }

James P. Hayes, Complainant, vs. Alice Hayes, Defendant.

In Chancery at Clanton, Alabama. Seventh District North-eastern Chancery Division. June 18, 1897.

In this cause it is made to appear to the Register, by the affidavit of W H Foshee, that the Defendant, Alice Hayes is a non-resident of the State of Alabama, and further, that in the belief of said affiant, the Defendant is over the age of twenty-one years.

It is therefore ordered by the Register that publication be made in The Banner a newspaper published in Chilton County, Alabama, once a week for four consecutive weeks, requiring her, the said Alice Hayes, to answer or demur to the same within thirty days after the 26th day of July, 1897, and failing so to do a decree pro confesso will be taken against her in said cause.

Done at office in Clanton, Alabama, this 18th day of June, 1898.

W. E. Stewart,
Register in Chancery.

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TOWN ITEMS

Commissioners' Court meets second Monday in February, first Monday in April, second Monday in May, second Monday in July, second Monday in August, and first Monday in November.

WANTED!

We want honest, pushing, active salesmen to sell the Improved Singer Sewing Machines and collect on accounts in the different counties in Alabama. No experience necessary, or capital required. Applicants must, however, furnish their own horse and harness; we supply a wagon and machines. A $500 no honesty bond is required. Address,

THE SINGER MFG. CO.,
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Eugene Chesnutt, who has recently accepted a position in Birmingham, was down on a visit to relatives Sunday. Eugene is a steady young man and we wish for him a bright future.

The protracted meeting at the Baptist church has been well attended and we hope much good may result from their labors.

We return many thanks to our genial friend, O. C. Durbin, who presented us with a nice watermelon yesterday—it's quite early for the season.

Hundreds of thousands have been induced to try Chamberlain's Cough Remedy, by reading what it has done for others, and having tested its merits for themselves are to-day its warmest friends. For sale by J. S. Johnson, Druggist.

A number of our young men went to Jemison to-day to attend the Masonic Installation.

John Wright and family are visiting relatives in our town.

Mrs. W. H. Wright is among friends here.

Miss Glennie McMorries left yesterday for a visit to friends in La Pine, Ala.

Mrs. E. Y. McMorries is visiting relatives in Verbena.

The BANNER office is the only Job Printing establishment in Chilton and Coosa counties. We give you best work at lower prices than you can get elsewhere. Give us a trial.

Mrs. May and children, of Montgomery, have been visiting the family of Mrs. Hester the past week.

A Fourth of July celebration will be held at the Lowe settlement, one mile north of Clanton on the third of July which will be next Saturday week. Everybody invited to come. Those coming from some distance dinner will be prepared and all living near by are invited to bring dinner and a good place will be prepared for them to eat.

W. E. LOWE,
D. B. LOWE.

The painting of Mr. Sampey's store, is nearing completion.

Bascom McMorries, O. R. Bell, J. R. Mullins and Miss Emma Mullins visited Jemison last Sunday.

O. A. Duke and wife are among friends in our town this week.

Mrs. R. H. Croswell and little daughter are visiting relatives here.

Miss Mattie Sue Chandler is visiting relatives in Birmingham.

"For three years we have never been without Chamberlain's Colic, Cholera and Diarrhœa Remedy in the house," says A. H. Patter, with R. C. Atkins & Co., Indianapolis, Ind. and my wife would as soon think of being without flour as a bottle of this Remedy in the summer season. We have used it with all three of our children and it has never failed to cure—not simply stop pain, but cure absolutely. It is all right, and anyone who tries it will find it so." For sale by J. S. Johnson Jr.

Marriage licenses have been granted this week by the Probate Judge to the following persons.

Mr. Charles A. Mariar and Miss Ivor B. Broadhead.

Colored. John Sanders Gena Dix; Jim M Griffin and Millie Houston.

On last Thursday our hearts were made sad indeed to witness the death of Mrs. Susie P. Dunlap wife of Mr. Tom Dunlap of Ehrman's mill, and daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Thacker. Mrs. Dunlap was born May 20, 1870, and died June 17, 1897. On Monday morning, the 14th, the death angel came and took her little babe, Rosa, born May 7, 1897, to dwell with Jesus in the realms of perfect bliss and on Thursday the Lord saw fit to again unite the mother and babe and the angel of death again visited the same family and this time the mother was called to come home. While the hearts of loved ones were breaking to give up this dearly beloved daughter, wife and mother, her soul was united to God who gave it but they weep not as those who have no hope for she had told them she was going and was perfectly conscious when the death angel came. She told them this is death and kissed her husband, father and mother and kissed them good-bye. She told her mother days before she when the last breath left her body she wanted her to shout for joy for she would be perfectly happy and with her Saviour.

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Notice of Administrator's Settlement.

The State of Alabama } Probate Court,
Chilton County } June Term, 1897

Final settlement in the matter of the estate of A. B. Hill, Deceased.

This day came A. C. Smith, Administrator of the estate of A. B. Hill deceased, and presents to the Court, under oath, his account, vouchers, evidence and statement for final settlement of his administration.

It is ordered that Monday the 12th day of June, 1897, be appointed a day for making such settlement, at which time all parties in interest can appear and contest the same if they think proper.

Witness, at office, this 16 day of June 1897.

R. M. HONEYCUTT,
Judge of Probate.

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Program Teachers' Institute.

An Institute for the white teachers of Chilton county will be held at Cooper Station, Friday and Saturday, July 9-10, 1897.

Friday—9 a. m. Devotional exercises. Welcome address, P. C. Dennis. Organization.

10:00 A plan for grading the schools of Chilton county, W. C. Robinson, Miss M. J. Milford.

10:30 Physiology and Hygiene, J. Alex Moore.

11:00 Methods of opening schools the advantage of variety, B. T. Calloway, Mrs. P. Staples.

11:30 The word method of teaching reading, illustrated with a class C. C. Slaton.

2 p.m. Debate: Resolved that prizes should not be offered in our schools; affirmative, L. E. Zoch, J. Alex Moore. Negative, Judson Strock, E. Y. McMorries.

3:00 How to make arithmetic interesting, J. W. Smith, Wm. Askins.

Saturday—9 a.m. Devotional exercises.

9:30 How and why to correct common errors in spoken language J. M. Scott, E. C. Jones.

10:00 Current History. Its importance and how to teach it, L. E. Zoch, Watts Moore.

10:30 Geography of Alabama with a class, Walter Slaton.

11:00 Public school law, E. Y. McMorries.

11:30 Alabama in Literature, (essay) Miss Kate Garner.

2 p.m. History of Alabama, Judson Strock.

2:30 Question box.

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The Contest Began June 1. We began then to keep accurate account of the subscriptions received with guesses, and on July 1 we will publish how much is to the credit of the subscribers guessing, and during July and August we will publish each week how the fund has grown.

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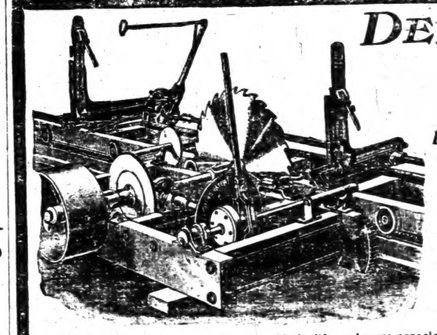

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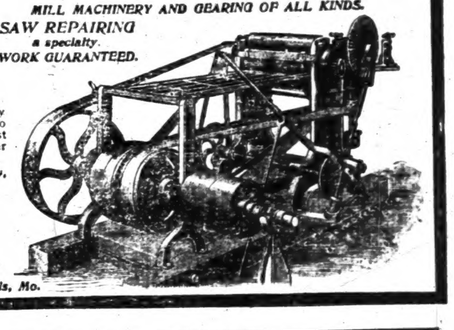

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Self-Sacrifice.

Hubby—Yes, dear, you look nice in that dress, but it cost me a heap of money.

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"And she didn't shrink from the notoriety?" "Shrink! Why, she used to fill only the smallest roles, and now she is one of the greatest actresses of her day." There was a tide in the affairs of women, as well as men, which, taken at its flood, led on to fame and $250 a performance.—Detroit Tribune.

Summer Care of Blankets.

Blankets after the winter use are never clean, and should not be put away without being washed. Many housekeepers in view of the shrinking and discoloring caused by washing, satisfy themselves with airing and shaking their blankets, but this is a great mistake, for if the work is properly done the soft appearance and whiteness may be retained for years. The most important consideration in washing blankets is to have plenty of soft water and good soap. An inferior cheap soap is really the cause of the injury done woolen goods in washing, as it hardens and yellows the fibre. When ready to begin the work, shake the blankets free of dust, fill a tub nearly full of soft hot water, and dissolve a third of a cake of Ivory soap in it. Put one blanket in at a time and dip up and down, gently washing with the hands. Never rub soap on blankets, or wash on the washboard. After the blankets are clean, rinse them in warm water until free of suds. Add a little bluing to the last water. Shake and squeeze (rather than wring, and hang on the line until dry. Then fold and pack away in a box securely to exclude the moth. Blankets washed in this way will keep their original freshness and wear very much longer than if put away soiled year after year. ELIZA R. PARKER.

"Well," said the absent-minded and new arrival in Hades, as he mopped his perspiring brow, "there's something to be thankful for down here, anyway. Folks won't always be yelling at me to shut the door."—Baltimore News.

"Yes, sir," said Mr. Winbiddle to a stranger, "I insist that all water used for drinking and culinary purposes should be boiled at least half an hour." "You are a physician, I presume?" "No; I am a coal dealer."—New York Journal.

Briggs—Simmerson, the inventor, says his wife doesn't even know what business he is in. Griggs—Why has he concealed it from her? Briggs—He is afraid she might get the impression that he could do odd jobs around the house.—Life.

Mrs. Gulle—Does Mr. Circuit drink? Gulle—No; what makes you ask? Mrs. Gulle—Mrs. Bingo told me that he went out on a little periodical frequently. Gulle—She doubtless meant the term in a business sense; Circuit travels for the "Weekly Gusher."

First Thespian—Have a warm reception in the last town you played, old man? Second Thespian—Well, rather. Papers roasted me, hotel burnt down with all my clothes, and eleven creditors were hot after me all the while.—Cincinnati Commercial Tribune.

He—I am really surprised at Dr. White. After being our family doctor for years, and treating me for all sorts of things, and to think of all the money we've paid him, too! She—What has he done? He—He wouldn't pass me for the life insurance company!—Tid-Bits.

Mrs. Ferry (proudly)—Our pastor is going to have special bicycle services regularly every third Sunday this summer. Mrs. Wallace (calmly)—Indeed? Our church intends giving a free base ball game and prayers for the conversion of the umpire.—Cincinnati Enquirer.

A New York scientist says that "the average person is supposed to use abbut 12,000 words a day." Is he a married man?

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The Complete Text of the Hawaiian Treaty.

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The President's Message to the Senate States That Annexation is the Inevitable Consequence of Relations Long Maintained. Other Matters of Interest.

Will Go to Chicago.

President McKinley and his cabinet have accepted an invitation to take part in the unveiling of John A. Logan statue, in the Lake Front Park, Chicago, provided the date set, July 22, should not be the day of adjournment of congress or very close to the last of the session.

Wants Half a Million.

John S. Miller, counsel for Alonzo B. Bowers, of California, and John B. Brown, of Illinois, recently filed a petition in the court of claims demanding a judgment against the United States for $500,000 for the use by the government of a patented dredging machine owned by the claimants.

Will Affect Pension Claims.

Assistant Secretary Davis, of the interior department, has rendered a decision that will affect many claims for pensions. He has reversed the action of the pension office in the case of Catherine Geronzin, which rejected the claim for pension because there was no proof of the death of the soldier.

Heading Off Dingley Bill.

More tea is now afloat on the Pacific ocean than ever before at one time. The importers of New York and other eastern cities have made large purchases in China and Japan for immediate delivery and are having it hurried across the Pacific in order to enter it before the Dingley bill goes into effect.

Our Minister to Spain.

The president has nominated Stewart L. Woodford, of New York, to be minister to Spain. Mr. Woodford is an old friend of Senator Platt, and the two have been on intimate terms since they were colleagues in Chicago a score of years ago. Woodford was born in New York September 6, 1835, and is a lawyer by profession.

Jamaica Wants Reciprocity.

In anticipation of the passage of the pending tariff bill by congress the legislative council of Jamaica has taken up a bill on its own account and according to the views of the United States commercial agent, Walton, at Port Antonio, duties on articles imported from the United States are to be largely increased, with the exceptation that later on a reciprocity treaty may be negotiated.

Japan Protests.

Before the final signature of the Hawaii treaty the secretary of state was presented a formal protest by the Japanese government, through its legation here, against the consummation of the agreement. The protest is understood to be based on apprehension that the special treaties now existing between Japan and Hawaii, under which the Japanese enjoy advantages, will be affected injuriously by complete annexation.

Full Text of the Hawaiian Treaty.

The following is a full text of the Hawaiian treaty sent to the senate last week:

The United States of America and the Republic of Hawaii, in view of the natural depency of Hawaiian islands upon the United States, or their geographical proximity thereto, of the preponderant share acquired by the United States and its citizens in the industries and trade of said island, and of the expressed desire of the government of the Republic of Hawaii that those islands should be incorporated into the United States as an integral part thereof, and under its sovereignty, have determined to accomplish by treaty an object so important to their mutual and permanent welfare.

To this end the high contracting parties have couferred full powers upon their respectively appointed plenipotentiaries, to wit: The president of the United States; John Sherman, secretary of state of the United States; the president of the Republic of Hawaii; Francis March Hatch, Lorrin A. Thurston and William A. McKinney.

ARTICLE I.

The Republic of Hawaii hereby cedes absolutely and without reservation to the United States of America all rights of sovereignty of whatsoever kind in and over the Hawaiian islands and their dependencies; and it is agreed that all the territory of and appertaining to the Republic of Hawaii is hereby annexed to the United States of America under the name of the Territory of Hawaii.

ARTICLE II.

The Republic of Hawaii also cedes and hereby transfers to the United States the absolute free and ownership of all public government or crown lands, public buildings or edifices, ports, harbors, military equipments, and all of other public property of every kind and description belonging to the government of the Hawaiian islands, together with every right and appurtenance thereunto appertaining.

The existing laws of the United States relative to public lands shall not apply to such lands in the Hawaiian islands; but the congress of the United States shall enact special laws for their management and disposition; provided, that all revenue from or proceeds of the same, except as regards such part thereof as may be used or occupied for the civil, military or naval purposes of the United States, or may be assigned for the use of the local government, shall be used solely for the benefit of the inhabitants of the Hawaiian islands for educational and other public purposes.

ARTICLE III.

Until congress shall provide for the government of such islands all the civil, judicial and military powers exercised by the officers of the existing government in said islands shall be vested in such person or persons and shall be exercised in such manner as the President of the United States shall direct; and the President shall have power to remove said officers and fill the vacancies occasioned.

The existing treaties of the Hawaiian islands with foreign nations shall forthwith cease and determine, being replaced by such treaties as may exist exist, or may be hereafter concluded between the United States and such foreign nations. The municipal legislation of the Hawaiian islands not enacted for the fulfillment of the treaties so extinguished, and not inconsistent with this treaty or contrary to the constitution of the United States, nor to any existing treaty of the United States, shall remain in force until the congress of the United States shall otherwise determine.

Until legislation shall be enacted extending the United States custom laws and regulations to the Hawaiian islands the existing customs relations of the Hawaiian islands with the United States and other countries shall remain unchanged.

ARTICLE IV.

The public debt of the Republic of Hawaii lawfully existing at the date of the exchange of ratifications of this treaty, including the amounts due to despositors in the Hawaiian Postal Savings banks, is hereby assumed by the government of the United States but the liability of the United States in this regard shall in no case exceed $4,000,000. So long, however, as the existing government and the present commercial relations of the Hawaiian islands are continued, as hereinbefore provided, said government shall continue to pay the interest on said debt.

ARTICLE V.

There shall be no further immigration of Chinese into the Hawaiian islands, except upon such conditions as are now or may hereafter be allowed by the laws of the United States, and no Chinese by reason of anything herein contained shall be allowed to enter the United States from the islands.

ARTICLE VI.

The President shall appoint five commissioners, at least two of whom shall be residents of the Hawaiian islands, who shall, as soon as reasonably practicable, recommend to Congress such legislation concerning the Territory of Hawaii as they shall deem necessary or proper.

ARTICLE VII.

This treaty shall be ratified by the President of the United States, by and with the advice and consent of the United States Senate on the one part, and by the President of the Republic of Hawaii, by and with the advice and consent of the Senate, in accordance with the constitution of the said Republic, on the other part, and the ratifications hereof shall be exchanged at Washington as soon as possible.

In witness whereof, the respective plenipotentiaries have signed the above articles and have hereunto affixed their seals.

Done in duplicate at the city of Washington this sixteenth day of June, one thousand eight hundred and ninety seven.

JOHN SHERMAN, (Seal)
FRANCIS MARCH HATCH, (Seal)
LORIN A. THURSTON, (Seal)
WM. A. KINNEY, (Seal)

SITUATION SOME WORSE.

The Trocha is a Pestilential Ditch, Hundreds Will Die.

A dispatch from Havana says: Extermination on the island is an appalling, actual fact. The death rate is actually increasing. A prominent Spaniard medical officer who has full knowledge of the interior says that should the war be prolonged fifteen months the western half of the island will be entirely depopulated. The death rate is likely to double next month. Contagion will then mow the people down rapidly.

The rains have turned the interior into quarmires in many places. The trocha is a pestilential ditch. The soldiers are suffering terribly from from fever and dysentery. Little smallpox vaccination is effective. With foresight thousands of pacificos might easily have been saved by vaccination.

A sanguinary engagement occurred Wednesday at Managua, fifteen miles from Havana. The insurgents attacked a column of Spanish and the latter lost heavily. The details were suppressed here.

Many ambulances with wounded have arrived here.

The rebels are certainly concentrating around Havana. Trains have been fired into repeatedly. A Spanish force while reconnoitering was ambushed near San Miguel. They fought, but were compelled to retire.

General Rivera is sick and appears indifferent as to his fate. He will assuredly be shot unless some action is taken by the United States government.

LOSS, $100,000.

The Pickwick Hotel Entirely Destroyed by Fire.

At 2 o'clock Sunday morning the Pickwick hotel cafe and annex, 119 and 121 Carondelet street, New Orleans, La., and the building adjoining, occupied by W. H. Moore, fishing tackle, guns, etc., were gutted by fire, as were also the two upper stories of the Pickwick hotel. There were but few guests in the hotel and all escaped without injury. The total loss by fire is $100,000; fully insured.

QUITE EMPTY.

Pennsylvania's State Treasury Is Short $3,500,000.

At Harrisburg, Pa., Deputy Attorney-General Elkin gave out a statement on the condition of the State finances, in which he showed that there is a deficit of $3,500,000 in the State treasury. Mr. Elkin says the legislature has for several years appropriated more money than the net revenues received by the State, hence the present large deficiency.

STATE TOPICS.

Late News Items of General Interest to Alabamians.

State Bar Association.

The twentieth annual meeting of the State Bar Association will be held in Montgomery on Wednesday and Thursday, June 30 and July 1, 1897.

John Warren Acquitted.

John Warren, the sawmill man, at Vincent, who shot and killed Henry Armstrong, his sawyer, a few days ago, was given a preliminary trial before a Justice of the Peace and acquitted at Harpersville.

State School Laws.

Superintendent of Education Turner has given out the special public school laws of the State and revised list of county and city superintendents. It contains all the school laws and is more complete than ever before.

Board of Pension Examiners.

The county board of examiners of applications of disabled Confederate veterans, after being in session at Huntsville for several days, adjourned last Thursday. They granted eighty-nine pensions—sixty-three men and twenty-six widows.

Greensboro University.

The commencement exercises of the Southern Univertity closed at Greensboro last week, and the session was found, on a cast-up, to have been one the most successful of the school's history. At a meeting of the trustees it was decided to enlarge the building and equip a first-class gymnasium.

Broke His Neck.

Moses Higgins, a worthy colored man, about 60 years of age, while engaged in stacking wheat on W. F. McCully's farm, near Oxford, fell from the top of a high stack head foremost to the ground. The force of the fall broke his neck, and killed him instantly.

Want a Railroad.

The matter of a railroad connection with Abbeville is being discussed among the prominent business men of Eufaula, some of whom feel confident that the project will not be delayed very long. Several citizens have already expressed a willingness to subscribe liberally and seem to think the scheme would redound in great good to the city.

Crops and Property Damaged.

A severe storm passed over Montgomery Saturday afternoon. The wind for several minutes registered fifty-four miles an hour, and three-fourths of an inch of water fell and the thermometer dropped 20 degrees in twenty minutes. Great damage to crops and property is reported in the territory within 100 miles south and twenty miles north of Montgomery. Many fatalities are feared.

Handsome Residence Burned.

The handsome residence of Albert Adler on the South Highlands, Birmingham, was destroyed by fire last week. There was no one on the premises at the time except two servants, and it is a mystery how the fire originated. The total loss is $10,000, with partial insurance. The residence of J. Fies, only fifteen feet from the Adler house, took fire, but was extinguished and saved without material damage.

A Young Farmer Shot.

W. T. Chilcoat, a young farmer about 23 years of age, was shot and mortally wounded by Hollis and Charles Scroggin one day last week on the farm of Matt Bradford, five miles southwest of Courtland Meeting Chilcoat in the road, the brothers immediately opened fire upon him, seven bullets entering his body. The general information in regard to the tragedy is that Chilcoat is alleged to have deceived a sister of his assailants with promise of marriage while in the employ of their father last fall.

Alabama Day at Nashville.

The governor has been in correspondence with a view of fixing Alabama day. The governor desired to fix the day during the reunion, and whilst the management were ready to yield, it was evident they thought it would conflict with the programme of the reunion, and be best to have some other day; so the result of the correspondence was that Wednesday, the 29th day of September, has been fixed as Alabama day. Many think this is much better than to have it during June, whilst it is so hot. It is understood that efforts will be made to have a turnout and programme worthy of Alabama.

Alabama's Internal Revenue Collections.

The fiscal year in the United States departments will be completed on the 30th instant. Great gains will be shown in the Internal Revenue Department the current year as compared with preceding fiscal years. As to raids on illicit distillery outfits there will be a gain of about thirty-five. Last year there were 286 illicit distillery outfits destroyed. It is believed that the figures will run up above 300 this year. One Deputy Collector during the month of May alone destroyed twenty five outfits. It was Deputy John E. Logwood, and he did his work in the northern part of the State. There will be an increase in the manufacturing of cigars, liquor, and other things that require licenses at the hands of the government.

Wages to be Cut.

Following up the action of the Tennessee Coal, Iron & Railroad Company in effecting a reduction in wages for part of its miners, the Sloss Iron & Steel Company, at Birmingham, has posted notices of a reduction in wages for its miners, to take effect July 1. The rate is reduced from 40 to 35 cents per ton, based on No. 2 foundry iron at $7 per ton with 2½ cents advance in wages for every rise of 25 cents per ton in iron. The same notice also announced a reduction of 10 per cent. in house rents. The miners will sign in the new scale.

Professor Powers Chosen.

Professor James K. Powers, of Florence, will be the next president of the University of Alabama.

The nominating committee of the board of trustees, composed of Mr. James E. Webb, of Birmingham; Judge William Richardson, of Huntsville, and Judge W. S. Thorington, of Montgomery, met Tuesday morning at the office of Mr. Webb in Birmingham.

As the result of their conference Professor Powers was nominated for the University presidency. His nomination is equivalent to an election, as it is understood that the full board of trustees has pratically clothed the committee on nominations with complete power in the matter of filling the University chairs.

The dean of the law faculty was not chosen, nor were any other selections that might have been determined upon given out.

A Brief Sketch.

Professor Powers is the president of the State Normal School at Florence. He is one of the best known and ablest educators in Alabama. The following brief sketch of him is taken from the "Memorial Record of Alabama," published in 1893:

"James K. Powers, A. M., President of the State Normal School at Florence, Ala., was born in Lauderdale county, August 15, 1851. He was educated at the Florence Wesleyan University, and University of Alabama, and was a tutor in the former institution in 1870–71. In 1873 he was graduated from the State University, with the degree of Master of Arts, when that institution was granting that as a graduating degree, for a grade of ninety or over in every department in the institution. Immediately after his graduation, he was appointed Professor of Mathematics in the State Normal college.

In 1888 he was elected president of the Normal college, and was re-elected in 1890 and 1892. Under his presidency the Normal college has reached the highest point of efficiency and attendance in its history. The average attendance in 1891 was 291, whereas the highest enrollment, previous to his election to the presidency, never exceeded 240 in any one year. It has attained the position of a Normal school, principally under his management. Professor Powers was one of the originators of the Alabama Educational Association, and has served as chairman of the executive committee for two years, and president for one year. He has a very extensive acquaintance among the teachers of the South, and has probably supplied more places with teachers than any other man in the South. He is a member of the Methodist Episcopal church, is a Knight of Pythias, and is a Past Grand Dictator for the state in the order of the Knights of Honor. He was married January 30, 1879, at Nashville, Tenn., to Miss Lula Reynolds, daughter of the late Calvin A. Reynolds, of Giles county. As Professor Powers' connection with the Normal college dates from the first day of the first session, he is now completing his twentieth year's service. Every graduate and under-graduate sent out by the institution (hundreds in number) has passed through his hands. These fill many of the most important positions in Alabama. To know these facts is to realize the influence that Professor Powers has had in molding the educational sentiments of the state."

The Crop Report.

The following is the crop report of Alabama, made by Commissioner of Agriculture I. F. Culver, up to June 10. This report is made up from the replies of 284 correspondents, embracing every county in the state except two. The condition of crops as compared with last year at same date is: Cotton 84, corn 90, oats 85, wheat 106, gardens 88, tobacco an increase of acreage and doing well, farm animals 84, milk cows 100, sheep and goats 100, hogs 97, poultry 100. The report for last month in acreage was: Cotton 10 per cent increase; corn, 5 per cent decrease. Crops of all kinds have been well cultivated, are clear of grass and weeds, and with good seasons will grow very rapidly. Since the last report cotton and corn have improved, but small for the season of the year and about three weeks behind last year. Some complaint is made of lice on cotton, killing it in places. Early planting of corn is now being laid by. Late corn is about all planted; oats have been harvested. The fall planting was fine, but the spring crop poor. Wheat is about an average. Field peas have been planted. Gardens show good condition but are suffering for rain. The Irish potato crop is the best in several years. Horses and mules on the farm are in good condition. The latest information is that rain is falling in various sections of the state, and the crops are improving rapidly.

Briefly Noted.

Work will begin at once on a handsome Methodist church at Alabama City.

Ex-Governor Oates has opened a law office in Montgomery.

The fruit crop in Barbour county is pronounced almost a failure.

Auditor White has just had published the Revenue Code, which will be a great convenience.

Eufaula merchants are making rent contracts for the coming year. The demand for houses is great.

W. H. Hanna, a Populist, has been oppointed postmaster at Iron City.

The little son of Thomas Kendrick, of Victoria, Coffee county, was killed by lightning.

REQUESTED TO STEP DOWN.

Emperor William Orders the Sultan to Evacuate Thessaly.

It is redorted at Athens that Emperor William has sent a telegram to the sultan requesting him to take measures for the speedy evacuation of Thessaly. There is no indication that a settlement has been reached in the peace negotiations.

There was a conflict the other day at Hirappetra, island of Crete, between the insurgents and the inhabitants of the town, and an Italian gunboat fired two shots into the town.

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Strange Himalayan Tribes.

MM. Olafsen and Philipsen, two Danish officers who recently explored the Pamir country north of the Himalayas, found there unknown tribes who are fire worshipers and ignorant of the use of money. Their animals are all dwarfed, the cows being the size of ponies, the donkeys of large dogs and the sheep of small poodles. Women are sold for five or six cows or fifteen sheep apiece. Their chief article of barter is furs.

In the Family Circle.

The Rich Uncle—You'll all have forgotten me when I shall have been dead for a month.

The Black Sheep—Oh, no, we won't, sir. It takes years, you know, for the Supreme Court to decide a case.—New York Journal.

France, Italy, Spain, Portugal, Switzerland, Belgium, Holland and Luxemburg have just signed at the Hague the first international treaty on private law, the treaty relating to civil procedure. All these nations use the Roman law in some form. The Swedish and Norwegian commissioners made certain reservations which prevented their signing the agreement. The treaty is to be followed by others on different portions of the law.

Chumley—"I hear one of your firemen was pretty badly injured the other day. How was it?" Hankins—"Why, it was in the elocution and oratory class. He has such a heavy voice that he strained his back in trying to raise it."—University of Michigan Wrinkle.

Advance Agent—"You Western people don't seem to be quite up to opera. Everywhere we go the audiences weep in the wrong place." Local Manager—"You won't have any trouble here. My ushers are instructed to eject anybody who does not weep in the cuspidor."—Detroit Journal.

Mabel (studying her lesson)—"Papa, what is the definition of volubility?" Mabel's Father—"My child, volubility is a distinguishing feature of your mother when, on acount of urgent affairs, I don't happen to reach home until after 2 o'clock in the morning."—Baltimore News.

Mother—"Mary, that young Spinners has been paying a great deal of attention to you of late. Do you think he means business?" Mary (with a far-away look)—"I'm afraid he does, mother. He is the agent for a bicycle firm, and he has done nothing but try to sell me a bicycle ever since he has been coming here."—Spare Moments.

We are all looking for appreciation, though few of us deserve it.

"Did you take the waters at Saratoga, Col. Kentuck?" "No, suh; I nevah mix my drinks."

Customer—What can you give me for a modest lunch? Waiter—Well, there's veal with dressing.—Detroit Tribune.

"If you kiss me again I will call mamma." "Well, I don't mind; she is still a young-looking woman."—Town Topics.

He—What will the world say at our divorce?" The millionaire spouse—That a fool and his money are soon parted."—Life.

Mamma—I wish you could get George a nice situation. Papa—I'm afraid I can't suit George. He wants a place in which time will hang heavily on his hands.—Puck.

Daughter—George says he fears he can't support me in the style I'm accustomed to. The father—Marry him, anyhow. I can't keep it up much longer myself.—Town Topics.

The Giddy Young Thing—What is that proverb about there being no marrying in heaven? The Chronic Bachelor—Fools rush in where angels fear to tread.—Indianapolis Journal.

"I should like to go to my mother-in-law's funeral this afternoon, sir," said the book-keeper to the "old man." "So should I," replied the proprietor, as he turned to his desk again.—Puck.

At an official ball: "Sir, allow me to shake hands with you, just by way of showing that I know somebody here." "With pleasure, sir, as I am precisely in the same boat as yourself."—Le Gaulois.

Lady in pony cart (who has made several unsuccessful attempts to pass persevering beginner occupying the whole road)—Unless you soon fall off, sir, I'm afraid I shall miss my train.—Punch.

"I shall hold him in sweet remembrance," said the potentate of Bwkplo. He could hardly have done otherwise. Even at home the young missionary had been spoken of as one of excellent taste.—Cincinnati Enquirer.

A Brain Estimate.

If the entire population of the world is considered to be 1,400,000,000 the brains of this number of human beings would weigh 1,922,712 tons, or as much as 96 ironclads of the ordinary size.

Abused Her.

"I understand that the Dudleys have parted. What's the trouble?"

"She claims that he abused her. He always plugged his ears full of cotton whenever he entered the house."—Cleveland Leader.

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BY THE GOLD CRAZE.

THE EVILS THAT HAVE BEEN ACCOMPLISHED.

Americans Should Arouse Themselves to the Monstrous Spoliation of Their Industries Through the Attempted Firm Establishment of the Gold Standard.

(Hon. J. W. Porter.)

How long will the American people submit to the monstrous spoliation of their industries by the attempted firm establishment of the changed standard, payment for their vast public expenditure and private debts, and for the support of the costly governmental establishments fixed upon money dearer and more abundant? The people of this country are morally responsible to the world for the continued existence of the gold standard, which has placed such untold burdens upon the producing classes of other nations; for the bimetallic law, which provided for the unlimited use of all gold and silver as money could not have been broken but by American action, nor could the sole gold standard be maintained now without American concurrence. This is well understood abroad that every effort has been made to prevent American action, which would sound the death knell of gold monometallism.

When under the impulse of the Sherman purchasing act silver rapidly rose as soon as its passage was assured, and was rapidly certain to reach coin par, there came by some secret work of unscrupulous hands abroad, no doubt aided and abetted by traitors in our un-American Walt Street, action taken to those apparently a large quantity of silver purchased shipped to break our markets, no bids for silver but wheat and cotton, which advanced with the gold price of silver. This rise in silver, wheat and cotton, our great American staple products, was really a fall in gold.

Why the financial magnates abroad and their ever ready allies in our great part, could afford to spend millions to defeat the will of the American people in this matter,

In that one year they saved more than $50,000,000 by the forced decline of wheat and cotton, or in other words, reversing the decline in gold and adding it for the decline of silver since 1873 has been really the appreciation of gold!

Nothing was easier to do. To ship our silver coin of even par value under the laws of all continental Europe. It needed not to be gold nor even melted, but only offered, to bear the American mailed. Aided by their American pals in the gigantic plot, they easily affected their purpose, and silver again fell and gold went up.

Forthought we know the silver shipment may then have been returned to Europe.

Although not primarily responsible for the original wrong—the act of February 12, 1873—an act of treason to the people of this country, inasmuch as it aided and abetted the enemies of our country, more effectively than would the marshaling of armies upon our borders, our people are responsible to the world for so long condoning the wrong after its withering exposure in the halls of congress prior to the passage of the Bland-Allison act of 1878, and in the great debates since. Egypt, helpless and powerless under its three-fold burden of its debt to the Rothschilds, and Portugal with its debt of $500,000,000, owe their miseries to America's action. Portugal affords a noteworthy example of the terrible oppression of this octopus of an appreciating standard. A brave and frugal people, numbering but little more than the people of Ohio, with revenues pledged to the Rothschilds as trustees in London, for the payment of interest, they are struggling with constantly falling prices for their exportable produce, and are being reduced to the verge of despair.

The condition of all southern Europe is almost as bad; and Americans may well reflect upon their responsibility to the people of other lands as well as to our own land.

We fell unwittingly into the scheme of conspirators, the first and most powerful in resources of all nations.

Independent action by our country would not only redeem the world from financial bondage, but would place our country in the forefront of nations.

The humiliating spectacle of pleading at European capitals for permission to legalize to the full legal extent the coinage of silver as money should be spared us.

Or might we appeal to them for international consent as to our right to have a commission appointed to consider it? Indeed, our tariff policy is no more to affect many foreign nations intimately than our financial policies, for they threaten reprisals if they did not do when we discarded gold and silver, and prosper under a greenback regime.

The craze originated to gratify the lust for wealth and power. Sufficient warning has been given that the people will not submit to it, and they are masters of the situation until they abdicate their power, and consent to the rule of a plutocracy pure and simple. Why, then, cannot the situation be accepted and relief measures be adopted, and avert the perils of longer dalliance with the grasping fundholders of Europe. The destructive policy of contracting the paper currency of the people by locking it up, while all over this broad country there is such a dearth of it as to produce the greatest hardship among all classes of citizens, and taxes cannot be paid, nor interest of mortgages can interest upon loaded debts be met, will convince every one who is not a victim of this gold craze of the necessity of prompt action without waiting for a verdict of the people (now in preparation) in 1898. It seems as if judicial blindness had stricken the gold worshipers. Today the sympathies of the world are enlisted in behalf of the struggling Cubans and the Greeks and the Armenians, yet the policies of the leading nations of the world appear to be dominated by the fundholders. To the shame of all Americans, our own administration appears to have been touched by the hand of Midas.

Indeed, our secretary of state has never recovered from that touch in 1868 which transformed him. When in years gone by would an American administration have tolerated, for one month even, the atrocities heaped upon American citizens in Cuba? Ah! those Spanish bonds held in London and secured by a pledge of the revenues of Cuba!

"The powers" (the money bags really) make common cause in the bourse of the world, in New York as well as in London. There will be no big war. That would end the gold craze, for when was war ever successfuly conducted with gold? Honor, sympathy for Armenians, Cretans and Greeks, must be held in abeyance at the behest of the money bags.

The vast armament of Europe, which has made it almost a military camp, is not maintained for war, but to prevent an uprising of the people, as Senator Teller said in the senate more than a year ago.

Americans may have the proud satisfaction of knowing that we are paying the tribute with which Great Britain is building her great navy and lining our borders with fortified naval stations, as the Irish agitator, Michael Davitt, points out, while we, of gigantic strength and resources, are crippling our strength and trying to get through congress some bankrupt bill to relieve the millions of ruined men who are the victims of this British dogma of gold monometallism.

This is, indeed, a picture for Americans to look at, while shouting for "honest" money, under a chief who declares that the credit of our country must be kept as untarnished as its flag, and whose cabinet premier declared in the senate that he would sooner tax the poor man's shirt off his back than permit the nation's credit to be dishonored by the payment of its obligations in depreciated money!

Both, advocating now, the policy which has done, and is now doing, more to break American credit than any other which the worst enemy of our republic could devise, even if possessed of satanic ingenuity and malice, they idly prate of the honor and credit of their country, with policies which are rapidly forcing it along the road to ruin! And they talk of the silver craze, forsooth, adding insult to the intelligence of their countrymen to the deep and damning injury they have inflicted. In what way can it be accounted for but supposing it to be insanity upon the subject of gold—a gold craze, in fact.

"Oh, that God the gift would give them
To see themselves as others see them."

to paraphrase the couplet of Burns.

Blind as bats, not to see the trend of events, they must also be deaf not to hear the rumbling of an outraged and indignant people.

Why they are palliating and defending that which is worse than highway robbery, for the highwayman does not claim to act in the name of "honesty" nor under forms of law fraudulently put upon the statute books, nor does he destroy the resources of his victims, as do those arch enemies of the human race, who devised this cruel scheme to plunder the world by getting it in bonds for one-third its total wealth and then seeming by trickery legislation to make all debts payable in an appreciating standard.

Words cannot express the infamy of the designers of this act, for to support it and continue it, falsehood, deceit, subordination, corruption through paid writers, the purchase and control of the great vehicles of intelligence so as to cause vast numbers of really honest citizens, who would recoil at once from the contract were they permitted to see the truth. Their support and encouragement, obtained by deception is today all that they have to rest upon. These mistaken supporters of the gigantic wrong are not to be included in the domination of those who knowing the right yet the wrong pursue for pelf, place and for power.

A Misnomer.

The United States government is rapidly proving the assertion of our critics that a democracy is necessarily the most extravagant form of government.—Harper's Weekly.

How little magazine and "great daily" writers really know! The United States government is not a democracy, nor anywhere near it.—San Francisco Star.

A Lesson for Dingley.

Make the home trade and exchange correct, and the foreign trade or exchange will take its proper subordinate place.—Auckland (N. Z.), Forward.

The usual symptoms of unrest in the labor world are apparent. On one side the employes are resisting proposed reductions in wages, and on the other hand employers are resisting demands for increase. The United Wood Workers of the States of Minnesota, Michigan, the Dakotas, Illinois and Wisconsin will make organized resistance to the efforts of the proposed sash and door trust to reduce wages and output. The Cleveland tin plate makers are preparing to resist demands of their men for better pay. These are among the evidences of returning prosperity.—Topeka Advocate.

WORKERS OR IDLERS.

WHO MADE THIS NATION AND ITS WEALTH?

The Way in Which Idleness Fattens Upon Distressed Industry—Equality of Opportunity Must Be Restored—Warning to the Plutocrats.

Who made this nation, anyhow? Who built its homes, from its lowliest hut to its grandest palace? Who made its settlements, from its smallest village to its mightiest city? Who built its railroads that span with glittering threads of steel this vast continent, and interlock as with fraternal bands the various states this, the great republic of all time? Who felled the forest and turned the virgin sod? Who drew from nature's storehouse and transformed to meet the needs of men all that furnishes necessities or comforts, or supplies the luxurious demands of advancing civilization? Did idlers do it? Did speculators do it? Not much. These are they who toil not, neither do they spin. These are they who gather where they have not strewn, who reap where they have not sown, who get while they do not produce, who curse and burden those who toil and bless them not. These are the classes who, since history has chronicled the doings of men, have, in every land and in every clime, enslaved those who fed and clothed them and made them all they are. These are they who have wrecked and ruined the mighty empires and republics of the past whose bleaching bones strew the highways of human progress. Today nine-tenths of our people suffer in this land of boundless resources, because idle greed and a sham moneyed aristocracy, jealous of its power, entrenched behind laws made by themselves, have stolen from God's children their birthright to natural opportunities. How long are the many to toil like slaves while the few revel in luxuries unearned? How long are those who add nothing to advanced civilization to live like princes on the proceeds of your toil, while you and your families struggle in poverty? It is time for the common citizen to study up. Idlers amass wealth by only a few methods. One is land speculation. One is interest taking. One is by railroad ownership. One is by telegraph ownership. One is by owning water works. One is by owning light plants. One is by owning street car lines. One is by owning gas works. One is by monopolizing lines of business which should be open to all. No individual or corporation should do any of these things. Private individuals and corporations formerly owned the mail system and taxed the people what they pleased for carrying mail. They also owned the public road and taxed everyone who traveled. They owned the school system and none could get an education except the well-to-do. Part of these systems have been changed, to the great advantage of the public. The rest must be changed before justice will reign supreme. We must be entirely free from public debts, and no individual or corporation should have the power to tax the people on these necessities of civilization.—The Educator.

WHAT OF IT?

Artificial Gold Will Simply Clear the Way for Scientific Money.

What if a man has discovered the process of making gold? It is nothing really surprising.

Nature makes gold out of certain substances transformed and fused together by the volcanic action say of fire and brimstone.

Gold doesn't necessarily come from hell because it is made in that way and can be cornered. If the constituent parts and proportions of gold have been discovered by a chemist named Brice, and if he has applied his furnace and poker according to Hoyle, he has made gold.

If little Preston, of the United States mint, says Brice hasn't made gold, that is nothing to the point. Preston was appointed by Cleveland to say and do what the gold thugs ordered, and he has said that American silver was demonetized in 1853 instead of 1873. Preston's word is a commodity worth about as much as "a dicer's oath" or a harlot's kiss.

That Lyman Gage says there is nothing in Brice's gold discovery proves merely that the Rothschilds and the Anglo-American bankers don't want any more gold. Gage has given himself away, for both a flat and a rascal, by declaring that the artificial production of gold, if a fact, ought to be suppressed. This, of course, means nothing more and nothing less than that Gage wants gold kept scarce and dear, for himself and his fellow-criminals who are robbing, impoverishing, and enslaving the world by the gold standard. Three cheers for Brice, the goldmaker, unless he, too, is as big a humbug as Gage and Preston! He can't be a bigger one, anyhow. If he is honest, he has done the best thing of his age. Good by, "Intrinsic Value," with all your fools. Good-by, Rothschild, with all your knaves. Come in, Scientific Money, and take a seat.—Silver Knight Watchman.

Armed men prevent the passage of citizens along public roads in Pennsylvania. War? Well, not exactly. The private owners of mines up there want to prevent their men from organizing and demanding more wages, and hired assassins to prevent any communications of the white slaves with outsiders. No, it isn't war, but it ought to be, if necessary, to put an end to such infernal tyranny.—Uncle Sam.

POINTS FROM THE PRESS.

Havemeyer is going to build a miniature Venice on his estate on Long Island, says the Chicago Tribune. Everything will be named as it is in the Italian city. The bridge over which the public at large, who still pay a dollar for eighteen pounds of best A sugar, will pass will probably be called the "Bridge of Sighs."—Journal of Commerce.

Mrs. Custer says the Cheyenne uprising was caused by the fact that the Indians have not enough work to do. The white man is in the same predicament, and it is time our statesmen were learning that idleness is a danger signal.—Salina Union.

Shall the people control the money issues of the country, or shall the money control the people; shall the people own the railroads, or shall railroads own the people; in short, is this to be a people's government, or plutocracy's and monopoly's government? These are as great and vital problems as a people were ever called upon to solve, though they yet seem inconsequential to myriads of persons.—Farm, Stock and Home.

Fourteen savings banks, with a total of 26,000 depositors, have failed since President McKinley's inauguration. Let's see, what was it the banks said would happen if Bryan should be elected?—San Francisco Star.

It is getting so that big monopolists are struck dumb with astonishment when they hear it even mildly suggested that they do not own the country.—Farm, Stock and Home.

The Kansas populist supreme court has just refused to allow a county in its jurisdiction to repudiate its bonds, notwithstanding there are plenty of technicalities on which to base such a decision. Pops are honest if they do want to stop plutocracy from robbing and enslaving the masses.—Iowa Farmers' Tribune.

The now famous three cent car fare law, which a federal judge pronounced null and void in Indianapolis not long ago was, on Friday of last week, declared perfectly constitutional and binding by the Supreme court of Indiana. That fact will not, in all probability, amount to very much. One federal judge, subordinate though he be, is of far more importance that the whole Supreme court of Indiana. Still it does seem odd to have the law banged around in this way.—Twentieth Century.

FROM THE ENEMY.

Some Quotations from Pronounced Opponents.

There is too much freedom in this country rather than too little.—Indianapolis Journal.

If the workingmen had no vote they would be more amenable to the teachings of hard times.—Indianapolis News.

Give the strikers the rifle diet for a few days and see how they like that kind of bread.—Tom Scott.

Hand grenades should be thrown among those who are striking to obtain higher wages as by such treatment they would be taught a lesson, and other strikers could take warning from their fate.—New York Tribune.

The most wealthy must govern in every state, and will, regardless of any attempt to deprive them of that right.—Richmond Whig.

We now have arranged the program for both parties, and now we are willing the dear people shall have their choice of man.—J. Buell, secretary of Bankers' association.

There seems to be one remedy, and that must come, a change of ownership of soil, that is tenant farmers on the one side and landlords on the other, like that which has long existed in England and partly in our own state of California. Everything seems to be ripe for the change, half the farmers of the country are ready to be sold if buyers would appear.—New York Tribune.

It is astonishing, yes, startling, the extent to which faith prevails in money circles in New York, that one ought to have a king.—New York Tribune.

I would give two million dollars if we could elect Grant as a king in New York.—Jay Gould in 1876.

Fifty men in the United States have it in their power by reason of the wealth they control, to come together within twenty-four hours and arrive at an understanding by which every wheel of trade and commerce may be stopped from revolving, every avenue of trade blocked, and every electric key struck dumb. Those fifty men can paralyze the whole country, for they can control the circulation of the currency, and create a panic whenever they will.—C. M. Depew.

The tramp has no right but that society may see fit of its grace to bestow upon him; he has no more right than the sow in the gutter.—Scribner's Monthly.

We need a stronger government. The country demands it. Capital needs protection. Without bloodshed and rivers of it, there will be no political change of administration. The moneyed interest for self-preservation must sustain the Republican party. The railroads, the banks, the manufacturers and importers, and all classes of business in which millions are invested will sustain the supremacy of the Republican party. To avert fearful bloodshed, a strong central government should be established as soon as possible.—Senator Hanna.

J. BULL'S NEW DREAM.

SEES A REVOLUTION DEVASTATING THE REPUBLIC.

Expects to Step in at the Proper Time and Seize Everything in Sight—The Presence of Prosperity Would Be Sure to Foil His Purpose.

Perhaps the wish is the father to the thought with the writer of the following editorial from our ultra-conservative English paper. England, notwithstanding her protestations of peace, would like to see this republic disrupted. It is not to be wondered at that the press of England is sometimes carried away with enthusiasm when writing over the misfortunes that are besetting this people. England hates us. We are her commercial rivals and will drive her ships from every port in the world if peace and unity prevail here. The continued hard times here gives Englishmen great encouragement. They want to see a revolution in the United States. Then at the proper time England would step in and protect her interests. The editorial referred to reads as follows: "The signs of the times indicate that before the sun rises on January 1, 1900, the great American nation will groan and write in agony of revolution, and the streets of her great cities will be slippery with blood—a hundred drops of blood for each gem that flashes on the necks of the rich and pampered women, and ten drops of blood for each tear that has washed the face of the poor. America is no longer a republic. It is a plutocracy. The president is merely the creation of bank directors, railroad kings and coal barrons, and it is the same with some of the governors of the states. The poor whine about their poverty and gnaw their crusts of bread but can always be relied upon to vote for the rich, and nine-tenths of them would shoulder their muskets and lay down their lives in defense of the rich to rob them. A nation such as this, in which one million plutocrats tyrannize over sixty million slaves, will be either overthrown by a foreign foe or die of gangrene. The various labor organizations never think together, vote together, nor work together, and they have no money to buy votes, lawyers and judges. Soldiers and police shoot down the laboring people and are cheered on in their bloody work by monopolists and the clergy. But the day will soon come when there will be a horrible dance to death, lighted up by burning houses and the music of cries and groans and dynamite bombs. Rich idlers amuse themselves at Newport and Tuxedo; poor workers toil ceaselessly in the darkness of the mine and din of the mill. Young men and women dwaddle over iced champagne and oyster parties, old men and women pick rotten food out of garbage cans. Lap dogs are driven through Central park to take the air; children die of overwork in filthy garrets. Piety in the White House enjoying the fruits of bribery—infidelity in the tenement house enduring the punishment of uprightness. These are the signs of the times in America today—signs that point to calamity too dreadful to imagine, but which nothing can avert."—London Echo.

It must be confessed that there is a certain amount of truth in the above. Conditions are shaping themselves in that direction. If it cannot be averted this republic may be destroyed. A great responsibility rests upon the administration. The people are looking toward Washington for succor. If prosperity comes soon they will not see the "Man on Horseback."

And He Was a Good Man, Too.

My lord Fat Purse was a very good man,
He had houses and lands galore,
And with each new day he had some new plan
For aiding the needy and poor.
He gave to the churches, he gave to the homes,
He gave to the tramp by the way,
Yet the terrible curse in the land grew worse
And the poor grew poorer each day.

My lord Fat Purse was troubled and sad
That his thought and toil seemed vain;
"But I do what I can," said this very good man,
"To ease the want and pain.
'Tis the will of heaven that some shall be rich
And many be poor, I see;
I can do no more than give from the store
That a just God gives to me."

Yet acres and acres of fertile soil
Lie idle under the skies,
While my shrewd lord waits and holds his estates
'Till prices in land shall rise.
Deep in the breast of these acres broad
Which are selfishly grasped by one,
Lies wealth for many—free gifts of God,
Like the wind and the rain and the sun.

Food in the ocean and food in the soil—
Free gifts from a hand divine.
And who dare hinder the fisher's toil,
Or say, "Lo; the sea is mine."
Ah, my lord Fat Purse, no wonder the curse
Of poverty hangs like a pall,
When you hold by fraud the lands which God
Has meant for the use of all.

—Ella Wheeler Wilcox.

Some people consider it hard to be poor, but the majority of us find it easy enough.

THE POLITICAL DRIFT.

The Ohio Valley Bimetallic League held a convention at Cincinnati June 22 and 23.—The object of the convention was to perfect an organization of all those in favor of the free and unlimited coinage of gold and silver. All clubs in the Ohio valley and continuous territory in Ohio, Indiana and Kentucky were invited to send delegates.

"If it takes ten years to get a constitutional amendment adopted," said Senator Butler, of North Carolina, "the work cannot begin too soon." Senator Butler had reference to his constitutional amendment, introduced Thursday to place a tax on incomes. "It is not the first time I have taken the step. I introduced a similar amendment two years ago, just after the decision was rendered, and it was referred to the committee on the judiciary, where it slumbered. Last session I had the same experience. Now I propose to know whether it is the intention of the committee to report on my amendment, and if not, I want the senate to consider it in committee of the whole. It is very singular," added Mr. Butler, "that within a few weeks after the Supreme Court renders a decision adverse to railroad combinations a determined effort should be made to rush a pooling bill through congress, while two years have elapsed since the income tax was declared unconstitutional and nothing has been done. This is not exactly fair to the people who have to bear the burdens, especially with a period of high taxation approaching."

The New York Central Labor Union has sent a circular letter to central labor bodies in other cities asking their opinion as to the causes of involuntary poverty and the remedy therefor. A big mass meeting will be held in New York to discuss the answers.

Senator Allen has often in times past spoken against the passage of private pension bills giving a considerable sum per month to the widows of officers in the late war, while a much smaller sum was the highest rate ever allowed to the widow of a private soldier. He has been preparing for a speech on this subject, in which some notable instances are to be mentioned, and that speech will soon be ready to deliver. Saturday he introduced a resolution declaring against such discrimination, and gave notice that at a later day he would address the Senate upon it.

Oregon Populists did not declare against future union with other reform forces; they simply resolved to retain autonomy and hold the party in shape to defend the party principles regardless of whether the other elements remain true or not. There are no Populists that want to do otherwise, and it is the proper course.—Iowa Farmers' Tribune.

Farmers and residents of Powell, in Delaware county, Ohio, have banded together in a community of their own, which will issue its own money, and in such quantity as is deemed necessary. The organization will be called "The Labor Exchange," and its money will be good for the labor or the product of labor among members of the community. The community will aim to include men of every occupation so as to be self-supporting.

National headquarters of the silver Republicans will be in charge of ex-Congressman Charles A. Towne of Minnesota, and for the present will be at Duluth. The committee favored immediate organization for the congressional elections of 1898, and also for the campaign of 1900, and instructed Chairman Towne to push this work as rapidly as possible. Chairman Towne said that the conference was better attended than he expected, and that he believed that it indicated that the silver Republicans would hold the balance of power in the congressional and presidential elections.

Will It Be Bryan in 1900?

The defeat of Mr. Bryan last year was in its effects a victory. In the first place it was a victory over Clevelandism in the Democratic party. It had the effect of permanently separating the gold wing from the silver wing of the Democracy. It pointed out the place for men like Palmer and Buckner—in the Republican camp.

In the second place, Bryan's defeat was a victory over the Democratic party. That great organization had lost its virtue. As before our great war it had been dominated by the slave power, so since that time it had been ruled by the money power. The breaking away of the Bryan people discovered the encouraging fact that the reform element constituted a large majority of the party membership.

In the third place, it was a victory in that it aroused the people to a consciousness of their power.

And in the fourth place, it was a victory of the reform elements of the country in that it has shown a large majority of the people are in favor of bimetallism.

With these facts before us to be considered in connection with the continued popularity of Mr. Bryan as evidenced by the demand for his services and the attention paid to his movements and utterances, the unbiased observer cannot avoid seeing that this man is in the midst of the political storm center.—Ex-Senator Peffer in Topeka Advocate.

Sign of Weakness.

"I want to borrow money on this corporation stock," said the depositor.

"That stock isn't worth much," answered the national bank president.

"Isn't the corporation solvent?"

"Yes, but it's not a strong corporation. It has to obey the law."—Twentieth Century.

STATE TOPICS.

Late News Items of General Interest to Alabamians.

Crops in Perry.

Crop prospects in Perry county are fine. Recent rains in conjunction with the hot weather has made vegetation look exceedingly well.

Residence Blown Down.

A heavy wind and rain storm passed over the Waterloo section. One residence, numerous fences and trees without number were blown away.

Georgiana's Election.

The improvement ticket won in the city election at Georgiana, the following being elected: Mayor, J. B. Adams, Councilmen, J. D. Bryan, James E. Cheatham, R. B. Mills, H. C. Parker, Z. Shepherd.

Ore Mines in Cherokee.

It is reported from reliable sources that the famous Langdon ore mines on the Stonewall furnace property, in Cherokee county, will be opened in a few days by Birmingham capitalists and 250 tons per day shipped, giving employment to over sixty hands.

Building Boom.

Pleasant Valley has experienced a building boom for several weeks past. M. F. Jackson has recently erected a handsome residence; S. P. Clemmons and J. C. Thrasher have erected barns, and R. M. Wilkes, in addition to enlarging his furniture factory, has constructed other buildings on his place.

Will Have Pure Water.

A portion of the machinery for boring the artesian well at Georgiana has arrived and the balance is expected daily. As soon as all of the machinery reaches there the work will be commenced and prosecuted with all dispatch. The issue of $2,000 in bonds has been sold, and no doubt another issue of $3,000 or $5,000 will be made in the near future.

Youngest Confederate.

The youngest Confederate veteran who attended the Nashville reunion was W. E. Clutts, of Huntsville, who entered the service in 1861 at the tender age of 13 years and 5 months, under Capt. John Gardner, Company K, Forty-ninth Alabma, and in 1865, after all was over, was paroled at Danville, Va.

Will Encamp at Montgomery.

The Alabama Cavalry will encamp at Montgomery, the opening day being July 12. This was decided upon by Major Beck, of Camden, who has command in the state. Selma and Birmingham had asked for the encampment, but Major Beck thought best to go to Montgomery.

It Beats the Record.

At Huntsville, the city sexton's record up to June 19, shows that there have been but three burials in the city cemetery during the present month, and two of them were persons who died in the county and were taken there for interment. This is a good showing for a city of 15,000 inhabitants.

Colbert County Bonds.

The purchasers of the Colbert county road bonds, which were recently issued, have refused to take the bonds unless the Supreme Court decides that thirty days notice of the election was necessary. A twenty days notice of the election to decide whether bonds should be issued was given, and it is believed the Supreme Court will decide this was sufficient.

To Increase Steel Output.

A call has been issued for a special stockholders' meeting of the Birmingham Rolling Mill Company, to convene July 22, for the purpose of considering a proposition for increasing the common stock of the company from $500,000 to $600,000. If the increase is made, as no one doubts it will be, the steel plant of the company, now about finished, will be doubled in capacity at once.

Thinks Himself Sharp.

W. F. Marshal, a horse trader of Gadsden, is in serious trouble. He was arrested on the charge or highway robbery, made a $400 bond and it is alleged has skipped out. He told J. M. Collins that he would give him "six fives" for his horse, which offer was accepted. He offered Collins six 5-cent pieces, which was refused. Thereupon he dropped the six nickels in Collins' pocket and forcibly took the horse.

Lithographic Stone Discovered.

News comes from just over the Madison county line in Jackson county of the discovery of a superior quality of lithographic stone, which will be quarried and put on the markets. Col. C. Nesmith was in Huntsville a few days since and closed a deal with a New York syndicate transferring the ownership of this quarry to them. Colonel Nesmith has been experimenting for years in testing the quality of this stone.

Found in a Well.

John and Charles Mitchell, sons of Wright Mitchell, a Choccolocco farmer, went playing near an old unused well. Later in the day they were missed and search was made for them. They were finally found in the bottom of the well, having drowned in three feet of water, having probably fallen in. They were clasped in one another's arms. They were 10 and 12 years of age respectively.

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ALL rejoiced on Tuesday evening when a welcome rain fell upon the parched earth, but we are still praying for more.

THE Nashville conference takes place next Tuesday. If any good can come of it we will rejoice as heartily as those who have favored it

THE Glorious Fourth will cover three days this year. The small boy and the fire-cracker will get in their work Saturday, the religious and patriotic will devote Sunday to praise and thanksgiving, while the jovial will wind up on Monday —or maybe a little later.

THE company to build the railroad from Atlanta to Selma was organized in the former city yesterday. It is stated that three-fifths of the money necessary to insure the building of the road has already been raised. Would Clanton like to have the road come this way, or would it rather be without it?

SEVERAL of our most prominent Alliancemen have decided to re-organize the Farmers' Alliance in Chilton county, and we believe a call will shortly be issued for a mass meeting to effect that object. We are satisfied it only needs a proper start to become a most popular movement, and all good and true Alliancemen will gladly rally round the standard.

HERE is the funniest tale we have heard lately. Everyone knows we have but few white Republicans in Chilton county, and the few we have are badly split into two factions, those who indorse the Republicanism of W. F. Aldrich, and those who oppose him. It is said the latter are inducing the negroes to send a petition to President McKinley asking him to appoint an uncompromising Democrat, and a bitter opponent to McKinley's election, to a postoffice in this county. This is an evidence of their loyalty to the Republican cause, and it is to be hoped the President will duly appreciate it.

Masonic Installation at Jemison.

THE Masonic fraternity at Jemison went in for a good time last Thursday, at their installation ceremonies, and they had it. At 9 a.m. the Lodge in full regalia met at the hall, and under the supervision of Field Marshall Dr. J. P. Givhan marched to the grove in due form. A large number of visitors were present from the surrounding country as well as those from Jemison, and in the crowd we noticed several Clantonians.

Past Master C. C. Slaton, in a most impressive manner duly installed the following officers:

W.M., J. A. Skaggs; S.W., I. N. Bradley; J.W., G. Cofer; Treas., I. N. Langston; Sec., J. M. Lanston; S.D., L. H. Reynolds, J.D., W. G. Atkinson; Tyler, W. E. Lowery; Stewards, T. J. Hubbard and S. L. Smith. After the installation ceremonies addresses on Masonry were made by Hon S. M. Adams and Prof. C. C. Slaton. At the close of his address the Professor invited all present to partake of the hospitality of the Lodge. A sumptuous repast was provided and was done full justice to. Many commendations were uttered at the satisfactory way in which the ladies carried out the arrangements. Having satisfied the inner man, the Lodge marched back to the hall and deposited the regalia, then returned to the grove, where music and singing occupied the afternoon. Miss Lizzie Lowery presided at the organ and dispensed sweet music, accompanied by Prof. Slaton on the cornet. The learned Professor made a hit with his laughing song, and all went merry as a marriage bell. Everyone and his wife declared it was a most enjoyable day, and will look forward to the next occasion.

ON Saturday at midnight, Fanny, the beloved wife of Moses A. Killgore, passed over the river. Her sickness originated a few weeks ago in giving birth to a stillborn child. Comparatively a young woman, she has for many years been a loving and faithful wife to Mr. Killgore, who with five children now mourn for her. She was buried on Sunday evening at Poplar Springs, a large number of sympathizing friends attending the funeral. We deeply sympathize with the bereaved family.

Kincheon.

Crops in this vicinity are looking well, as a result of two fine rains the past week, but it was not a general rain as there are spots around that have as yet received no rain.

A good many of the young folks went to the singing at Clanton Ford last Sunday; they reported a splendid time. Wonder how many singings there will be on the glorious 4th in Chilton. Will every correspondent to the BANNER tell in their next letter how many they know of on that day. Some of the young folks were speaking of getting up a picnic at Kincheon July 3rd, but there was some objection raised on the ground that there would be too much whisky.

There is to be an all day singing at churches all over the county on the 4th which is Sunday. Now, we ask the question, "Are the all day gatherings, called song services refining and cultivating, and do they contribute to the up building of His Kingdom, or is it just a Sunday picnic?" Our opinion is this, that in the present style they are carried on, they do more harm than good to the church that practices them. I expect this will raise a discussion. Of course music is a great thing, but don't get them up on the 4th day of July.

There was to have been a picnic at this place July 3rd. I wish to say there will be no picnic here on that date.

Mr. James Vance and his charming daughter, Miss Alice, of Coosa county, were visitors at Mr. F. A. Vance's last Sunday.

Jim Dennis, of Coopers, attended church here last Sunday.

We would reply to Observer's letter on good roads, but will wait till another time. Our conclusion is that he is free from road duty. If he is ever a candidate in Chilton he will have to take back what he has said about those whose duty it is to work the roads.

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Maplesville Music

We were suffering with drouth particularly gardens until the 17th when we had a cloud-burst attended with hail, though not enough to injure anything. The plow-boys who whistle at they go to the end of the row," poetically speaking bid fair to be rewarded with a good crop.

Mrs. Paisley's friends are glad to have her with them at her beautiful home here again.

Mrs. N. A. Saportas has had a most enjoyable visit to her friend, Mrs. Brand of Randolph.

Miss Mollie Gardner and Miss Carden of Randolph, have been on a visit to friends here.

Miss Willie Blalack is on a visit to her aunt, Mrs. Rasberry.

Mr. Will Brand, of Randolph, has honored Mrs. Glover's family with a visit.

We are glad to state that Master Kelley Martin is recovering from a very serious illness, his uncle Frank Kelley of Selma is now with him.

Mrs. Lockheart of Selma is with her old friends here again.

Mr. William Walker has been visiting friends here.

Our friends are glad to have such an excellent photograph artist with them as Mr. Roach.

The Misses Savage are now on a visit to Anniston.

We have a much needed convenience to our business men in way of a telegraph office kept in T. U. Crumpton's store.

Mrs. Mary DuBose has been visiting relatives in Plantersville.

Our town always has many brisk stepping railroad men who are always attentive to their business.

C. W. Massey, of Billingsley, was in town Sunday the guest of A. S. Woolley, as was H. C. Graham of the same place, visiting his brother, J. W. Graham.

Misses Bessie and Annie King, of Livingston college are now guests of there aunt, Mrs. M. E. Glover.

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Political Pointers.

People's Press Bureau, St. Louis, Mo., June 30, 1897.

President McKinley has sent a special message to congress relating to Hawaii. He suggests that since this country has been a protectorate to that unfortunate isle for some time, it would be best to take such steps as will lead to its annexation. It is generally conceded by those in a position to know that this policy is supposed to be a strong card played for popular favor, but that such a move would be a tremendous concession to the sugar trust is to be remembered. The annexation of Hawaii would also complicate the Cuban question in its relation to the administration. Another feature of this proposition is the refunding of the Hawaiian debt with the United States as security. The bulk of these bonds are held by eastern capitalists who purchased them at 30 per cent. and who would realize a handsome profit if they should be redeemed at par.

Another scheme for the enrichment of the already too rich is being agitated. It is the purchase of the island of Cuba by a syndicate, the amount of money necessary, $400,000,000 to be obtained by an issue of 3 per cent. bonds on which the United States is security. It is alleged that the interest of this debt could be paid out of the custom receipts at Havana. The whole thing is but a repetition of the Pacific railroad steal and is being engineered by the sugar trust.

As it seems impossible to keep the members in Washington, it is predicted that congress will adjourn about July 15 without having touched the currency question or any currency commission having been appointed.

The Standard Oil Company recently shut down its works at Cleveland, throwing 1,000 men out of employment.

John W. Briedenthal announces that the fusion effected during the last campaign in Kansas is working satisfactorily and no change of policy is anticipated.

Senator Teller in a recent interview, asserted that the Silver Republicans would support W. J. Bryan in the next campaign if his policy and conduct did not change in the meantime.

State warrants in Washington are at a premium of one and one-half per cent. Washington is now a populist state and comment is unnecessary.

The American Federation of Labor reports a rapid increase in membership during the past month. New Unions are being organized almost daily.

An English syndicate is buying up the most valuable coal and iron mines in the south. This is an easy way to evade the tariff laws.

The law requiring corporations to make weekly payments, under penalty of the forfeiture of $26 to each employe, has been signed by the Governor of New York.

Japan has entered a formal protest against the enactment into law of certain proposed tariff measures, chiefly silk, tea and jute being affected. She also stated that if her warning is not heeded retaliatory measures will be passed.

The newly appointed minister to Spain, Stewart L. Woodford, is somewhat handicaped by his having aided the insurgents in the first Cuban rebelion and having been an active worker as a Cuban leader.

Although the common people have but little cause for loving him still much sympathy is being expressed for Secretary of State Sherman, who having been urged to accept a cabinet position in order, no one doubts, that Hanna might occupy his seat in the senate, he is now being accused of incompetence from age and failing powers. Recent interviews given out by Sherman were sufficiently at variance with the presidential policy to displease, and if the steady stream of inuendo that emanates from Hanna and his following is kept up it is but a matter of a short time when Sherman must retire. This would enable Hanna to dictate a new cabinet deal, placing himself in such position as he may desire.

A. R.

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You naturally lose flesh in the summer and running down is so easy. You get a little weaker each day without hardly noticing it There is loss of appetite, headache, weakness of the muscles, disturbed sleep, weakness of memory, and these are the beginning of nervous prostration Iron and tonics and bitters may afford some temporary relief, but what you need is a food for body, brain and nerves.

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Lomax

We are still having dry weather in this section.

Mr. Frank Dubose and two charming sisters, Misses Sallie and Janie, of the cross roads were pleasant visitors of Mrs. Geo. W. Tidwell's family Sunday.

Miss Rosa Tidwell, who has been the guest of Mr F. M. Connell's family, near Verbena, returned home last week, much to the delight of her many friends.

Mrs. Alice Roebuck, of Stanton is visiting Mrs John McKenney at this place

Misses Elvie Smith and Louis Markee spent Sunday with Mis Rosa Tidwell.

Miss Maggie Lodge, we are sorry to say, is on the sick list this week.

Mr. E. A. Knight and wife are visiting friends and relatives in Coosa this week.

Prof. W. L. Slaton spent a most pleasant day at the Turn Round last Saturday.

Mr. Thomas Knight and Miss Bertie visited Miss Lera Hill last Saturday.

Mr. W. M. Lodge returned home Saturday to spend a few days.

Mr. R. L. Knight visited his sister Mrs. Jones near Lily Saturday.

Success to the BANNER and its many readers. MAMMA'S PET.

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Clear Creek

The weather remains dry and sultry here; many of our farmers have quit work until it rains. The vacation from the farms have liberated the young men and some of them are putting in good time courting and fishing.

Mr. J. W. Burt, our noted banjo picker, plays a piece he calls "Sweet Cora Lee", much to his fancy. I think it must be his sweet hearts name.

There was a musicale at Mr. I. A. Lowery,s last Saturday night, all seemed to enjoy the entertainment splendidly.

Prof. Frank Lowery will commence his school at Providence next Monday. Prof. Thomas M. Mitchell, of Verbena, will teach a school at Mt. Moriah, this summer.

Mr. J. B. Clemments, who had his arm broken at the Wessington mill is getting along nicely.

Dr. A. B. Claughton and Mr. G. G. West went fishing at the pond at Dry Valley last Friday without any success. Just keep your seats gentlemen and have plenty of patience, the fish in that pond will bite well in the latter part of the 19th century.

Since Mr. W. H. Jenkins has bought out the Wessington saw mill he has been turning out some nice heart bridge material. Mr Jenkins has been in the L. & N. employ for the past ten or twelve years as timber inspector and bridge foreman and he knows his business.

A good many of our people are planning for a good time on the 4th. Hope some of them will plan a few chickens up in wheat dough and let the saw mill boys know it.

The bango picker and bookkeeper will "Sho', sho', Lordy be there." With best wishes for the BANNER's success, I am,

THE PET ADMIRER.

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Burwells.

The day's singing held with Friendship church the 20th ult. was not very largely attended, but enjoyed by all present. The class was organized at 9:30 o'clock by electing Rev. J. L. Long president W. A. Goss secretary, and B. F. Taylor, L. B. Long and G. B. Taylor arranging committee. The leaders were B. J. Goss and R. T. Grant, assisted by Miss Katie Gaylor, organist. A most eloquent sermon by Rev. A. G. Raines, one of the most able ministers of Alabama, followed with a short exhortation by Rev. E. L. Manning, after which the majority of the congregation rose in testimony of being spiritually benefited by the morning services. There was dinner on the ground, and afterwards a short lesson by R. T. Grant.

W. A. GOSS, Sec.

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Salem Singings.

The weather is hot and mighty dry in this section. The farmers have got the blues almost as bad as the merchants, and they have got them so bad they are afraid to touch their goods for fear they will soil them.

J. B. Littleton had a cotton bloom June 16th.

We did have a fine singing at J. B. Littleton's last Saturday night.

Mr. W. Gore is mighty sick on account of dry weather, I don't know whether he will get over it or not. PLOW BOY.

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Pine View, Georgia.

Editor BANNER: As a former resident of dear old Chilton county, and as all of our friends are numbered among your readers; we have taken the liberty of writing you and trust that this correspondence will not be "blue pencilled."

Mr. W. F. Green, formerly of the Wessington Lumber Company, removed to this place May 8, 1897. Mr. Green purchased a large tract of the finest timbered lands in South Georgia. These lands are very fertile and tobacco is fast taking the place of the great staple, cotton. Mr. Green not only intends operating a saw mill here but to build up a thriving town in the very heart of this fertile region. In fact he has already sold one nice building lot and has applicants for others. The following families are here from Chilton county: W. F. Green and family, M. L. Wells and family, J. N. Gibson and family, and S. B. Harper and wife, besides several young men and part of C. B. McDaniel's family. All of these immigrants are very much pleased with the lay of the land and the climate here. Although the weather is hotter here than in Chilton, we are better able to stand it as we always have the never ceasing Gulf breeze which is always cool and pleasant, the nights are so cool that a light covering is always acceptable. We are located within three miles of the Florida State line and have ready access to the seashore down the Flint river to the Chattahoochee and thence to the Gulf.

The farmers in this county are having plenty of rain, and tobacco, corn, cotton and all other crops are looking like a good harvest this year. The fruit crop bids fair to be the largest yield for several years.

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Non-resident Notice.

THE STATE OF ALABAMA
Chilton County

James P. Hayes, Complainant, vs. Alice Hayes, Defendant.

In Chancery at Clanton, Alabama, Seventh District North-eastern Chancery Division. June 18, 1897.

In this cause it is made to appear to the Register, by the affidavit of W H Foshee, that the Defendant, Alice Hayes is a non-resident of the State of Alabama, and further, that in the belief of said affiant, the Defendant is over the age of twenty-one years.

It is therefore ordered by the Register that publication be made in The Banner a newspaper published in Chilton County, Alabama, once a week for four consecutive weeks, requiring her, the said Alice Hayes, to answer or demur to the same within thirty days after the 26th day of July, 1897, and failing so to do a decree pro confesso will be taken against her in said cause.

Done at office in Clanton, Alabama, this 18th day of June, 1898.

W. L. STEWART,
Register in Chancery.

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TOWN ITEMS

Commissioners' Court meets second Monday in February, first Monday in May, second Monday in August and first Monday in November.

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[illegible] will be all day singing 3½ miles west of Clanton on Sunday, July 4, and preaching in the evening by Rev. A. L. Foshee.

J. P. Palmer went to Montgomery last Saturday.

"Last summer one of our grandchildren was sick with a severe bowel trouble," says Mrs. E. G. Gregory, of Fredericktown, Mo. "Our doctor's remedies had failed, then we took Chamberlain's Colic, Cholera and Diarrhœa Remedy, which gave very speedy relief." For sale by J. S. Robinson, jr., Clanton.

John Garner made a business trip to Maplesville last week.

Rev. W. B. Dennis preached an excellent sermon last Sunday morning and night.

Mrs. John Garner and children visited Jemison Sunday.

J. P. VanDerveer went to Birmingham last Monday.

W. H. Foshee went to Birmingham to day.

Mr. J. P. VanDerveer and children went to Montevallo yesterday evening to visit relatives.

Leon Ehrman came down from Birmingham this week to visit his father at Ehrman's mill.

Russell McDaniel, of Montgomery, visited parents here this week.

Mr. and Mrs. G. H. Green carried the remains of their little daughter, Carey, to Cullman for their last long rest. Mr. Green returned home Tuesday, and Mrs. Green is spending a short time with friends at Cullman.

The BANNER office is the only Job Printing establishment in Chilton and Coosa counties. We give you best work at lower prices than you can get elsewhere. Give us a trial.

Marriage licenses have been granted this week by the Probate Judge to the following persons.

Mr. T. A. Maddox and Miss M. E. Burnett; Mr. A. F. Clark and Miss Dora B. Littleton; Mr. E. B. Fletcher and Miss Susie Pierce.

Joseph Rasberry and Mattie Woolley.

Mrs. A. O. Davis has been suffering from a severe attack of malaria this week.

John Gullahorn is going extensively into the ice business and will soon have a car load here. He is building a fine ice box at the rear end of his meat market.

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B. H. Chesnutt was down from Birmingham Sunday, and next Tuesday he will move his family to that place.

Prof. McMorries spent Sunday night in Verbena.

Scott Chesnutt visited Jemison Tuesday on business.

Miss Sallie Sharpe, of Montgomery, is visiting in Clanton.

Mr. and Mrs. Will Atkinson, of Selma, are visiting friends here.

Mrs. T. W. Evans, of Randolph, is paying a visit to Mrs. B. H. Chesnutt.

The young people are enjoying these warm afternoons playing croquet at the hospitable home of Mrs. VanDerveer.

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Mr. Morrison of Worthington, Ind., "Sun," writes: "You have a valuable prescription in Electric Bitters, and I can cheerfully recommend it for Constipation and Sick Headache, and as a general system tonic it has no equal." Mrs. Annie Stehle, 2025 Cottage Grove Ave., Chicago, was all run down, could not eat nor digest food, had a backache which never left her and felt tired and weary; but six bottles of Electric Bitters restored her health and renewed her strength. Prices 50 cents and $1.00.

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Notice of Administrator's Settlement.

The State of Alabama, Chilton County. } Probate Court, June Term, 1897.

Final settlement in the matter of the estate of A. B. Hill, Deceased.

This day came A. C. Smith, Administrator of the estate of A. B. Hill, deceased, and presents to the Court, under oath, his account, vouchers, evidence and statement for final settlement of his administration.

It is ordered that Monday the 12th day of July, 1897, be appointed a day for making such settlement, at which time all parties in interest can appear and contest the same if they think proper.

Witness, at office, this 16 day of June 1897.

R. M. HONEYCUTT,
Judge of Probate.

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NOTICE

The State of Alabama, Chilton County, } Commissioners' Court, June Term 1897.

Notice is hereby given that the book of assessments for Chilton County for 1897 has been prepared and is now on file in this office for inspection, and that the court will sit on the 12th day of July 1897, to examine same and correct any errors therein.

This June 21, 1897.

R. M. HONEYCUTT,
Judge of Probate.

Program Teachers' Institute.

An Institute for the white teachers of Chilton county will be held at Cooper Station, Friday and Saturday, July 9-10, 1897.

Friday—9 a.m. Devotional exercises. Welcome address, P. C. Dennis. Organization.

10:00 A plan for grading the schools of Chilton county, W. C. Robinson, Miss M. J. Milford.

10:30 Physiology and Hygiene, J. Alex Moore.

11:00 Methods of opening schools the advantage of variety, B. T. Calloway, Mrs. P. Staples.

11:30 The word method of teaching reading, illustrated with a class C. C. Slaton.

2 p.m. Debate: Resolved that prizes should not be offered in our schools; affirmative, L. E. Zoch, J. Alex Moore. Negative, Judson Strock, E. Y. McMorries.

3:00 How to make arithmetic interesting, J. W. Smith, Wm. Askins.

Saturday—9 a.m. Devotional exercises.

9:30 How and why to correct common errors in spoken language J. M. Scott, E. C. Jones.

10:00 Current History. Its importance and how to teach it, L. E. Zoch, Watts Moore

10:30 Geography of Alabama with a class, Walter Slaton.

11:00 Public school law, E. Y. McMorries.

11:30 Alabama in Literature, (essay) Miss Kate Garner.

2 p.m. History of Alabama, Judson Strock.

2:30 Question box.

C. C. SLATON, } Program
J. ALEX MOORE, } committee

It has been repeatedly stated that the law requires teachers to attend the Institutes, and I hope to see just as many of the teachers of our county present at this Institute as possible. The State Superintendent, Hon. John O. Turner and Prof. T. J. Threadgill of Fort Deposit, are expected to be with us.

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Final Proof Notice

Notice No. 18913.

Land Office at Montgomery, Ala., June 4, 1897.

Notice is hereby given that the following named settler has filed notice of his intention to make final proof in support of his claim, and that said proof will be made before the Clerk of the Circuit Court at Clanton, Ala., on July 17th, 1897, viz.: Malinda Wyatt, Homestead entry No. 24,757, for the n½ of sw ¼, section 28, tp. 21 north of r 14 east.

He names the following witnesses to prove his continuous residence upon and cultivation of, said land, viz.: Nathaniel A. Dobbs, Benjamin F. Dobbs, Columbus A. Dobbs, Madison Popwell, all of Kincheon, Ala.

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MONTGOMERY, ALA., July 5, 1897.

R. W. Massey, President.

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Yours truly REV. L. VOX WALD,
Milbank, S. D.
March 31, 1896.

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PARALYSIS AND RHEUMATISM

DEAR SIRS: NOVEMBER 9, 1896.

[illegible] For the last eleven years I have been a helpless cripple from paralysis and rheumatism, just think, for eight years a total cripple, but able to earn a penny now and then by selling on the streets of this city something to lean on. I believe bless the man who discovered this remedy, for, thanks to him and to God, I am able to walk and go to work. I have only taken two-thirds of a bottle, but have not had any pain in my back since I took the first dose, and that after I had been waxed across the floor, which I have not done in years. I have thrown away my cane and shall never need it again. To save me sending me a two-cent stamp I will send my affidavit. I have another bottle of "5 DROPS" and value it at $1.00 per drop.

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DEAR SIRS: SEPTEMBER 24, 1896.

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THIS CONTEST is the Fourth of a Series of Extraordinary Interest, **NEARLY $4,000** in cash having been distributed in the three preceding Contests, the first of which was announced last November. In the first Contest, ending Jan. 1st, Mr. M. L. Brittain was the only person to supply the correct word of the sentence then announced and he received **$1,033** in cash. The next Contest closed March 1st, and there were a great many successful guessers, among whom was divided **$1,700** in cash. The third Contest brought many correct answers, **$1,000** in cash being divided among them.

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The Contest Began June 1. We began then to keep accurate account of the subscriptions received with guesses, and on July 1 we will publish how much is to the credit of the subscribers guessing, and during July and August we will publish each week how the fund has grown.

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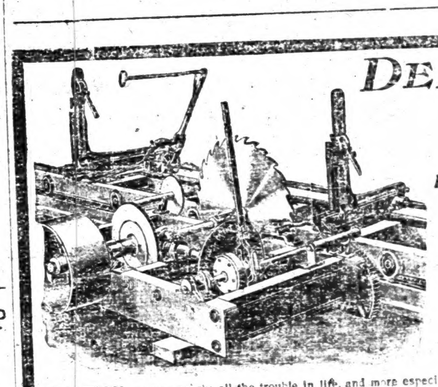

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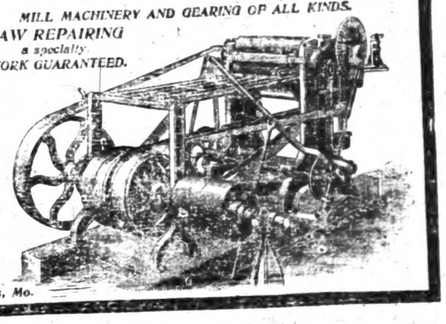

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Worse Yet.

Howso—A horse ran away with my brother yesterday and he'll be laid up for two months.

Comeso—Yes? Well, I know a fellow who ran away with a horse yesterday and he'll be laid up for two years.—New York Herald.

The makers of wooden nutmegs will have to take a back seat hereafter. Certain Chicago peddlers have been discovered selling peach stones for almond nuts.

Nothing Unusual.

Parson Prolix—I think we may say that all reforms are intermittent; even in the church fold the awakenings are periodical.

Layman—Yes; I noticed that was the case this morning when you pronounced the benediction.—Boston Courier.

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It is generally understood that an agreement exists whereby these high prices are maintained. Business men are compelled to pay from three hundred to five hundred per cent. profit or go without the machines.

Are there any other machines which yield such profits as the sewing machine did for years, and the typewriting machine has and does, except it be the bicycle?

Chonte Chaplington—Haw! I always say just what I think, don't you know! Haw! Grace Golightly—What an easy time your vocal chords must have!—Baltimore News.

"Mrs. Riffraff had her husband arrested for cruelty." "What had he been doing?" "Tried to make her stop buying novels and read the encyclopedia."—Chicago Record.

"He seems to take after his father," said the visitor. "I don't when they is apple dumplings," volunteered the little boy. "He don't leave none to take."—Indianapolis Journal.

She—It seems almost impossible that you should love me. He—That's what my mother says. How nicely you and she will get along if you always agree like that.—Harlem Life.

"The Noddings have at last agreed to live apart." "Gracious! As bad as that?" "Well, it amounts to as much. They've taken a house in the suburbs."—Philadelphia North American.

"Don't you think football is a terrible sport?" asked Miss Northside of her escort. "Well," replied the young man, "I will admit that it is a hair-raising game."—Pittsburg Chronicle-Telegraph.

George—I just saw you coming from the conservatory with Miss Goldie. Rather handsome girl, but too reserved for me. Thomas—Yes. I just reserved her for life.—Cincinnati Enquirer.

Soon will the man who owns a sleigh
Declare there's money in it;
He will not rent it by the day;
He's rent it by the minute.
—Washington Star.

"The papers say that after the fashionable wedding at St. Jehu's yesterday the entire bridal party went to the horse show. Did you see them there?" "Well, I saw a number of grooms."—Harper's Bazar.

Attorney—On what ground, madam, do you wish to apply for a divorce from your husband? Fair Client—On the ground, sir, that he hasn't any ground. He made me believe he had a farm.—Chicago Tribune.

A Nonsensical Notion.

Some folks actually believe that they can cure skin diseases through their stomachs. It's absurd on its face—absurd on the face of the man who believes, too, because his disease stays right there. Stays there till he uses Tetterine. It's the only safe and certain cure for Tetter, Ringworm, Eczema and other itchy irritations. Good for Dandruff, too. At drug stores, 50 cents, or by mail from J. T. Shuptrine, Savannah, Ga.

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The School "Shows Off."

In illustration of the way in which teachers' lessons are frequently lost on their pupils, a Chicago teacher tells a story of some of her pupils "showing off" under her auspices. She had been drilling into them one afternoon the difference in the meaning of the words "taught" and "learned;" over and over again, in the presence of a late visitor, she had explained the use of each of the words, and had given them several examples in which the words were correctly used.

"Now," she said, "I think you have learned your lesson as well as I have taught it to you. Willie, will you give me a sentence with the word 'taught' in it?"

A fair-haired urchin on the front seat spoke up promptly:

"I t'ought it was time for school to let out!"

"No, no! Mamie, you may give me an example," she said, turning to a bright girl farther back.

"I t'ought it was time to go home," answered Mamie, with an air as if she had done exactly the right thing.

And though she tried several times more, no other form of the word than the variation "t'ought" could the teacher get out of her school.

AT THE CAPITOL.

The President in Favor of Organized Labor.

SENATOR MORGAN'S BILL.

Miss'ssippi River Appropriations — Minister Cox Resigns — Fixing Telegraph Rates—The Japs Want to Trade—Other Interesting Items.

Minister Cox Resigns.

The resignation of Mr. Cox, United States minister to Honduras and Salvador, has been received at the state department. It is understood to be the President's purpose to make an early appointment to fill his place.

Americans Will Ship Tobacco.

The New Orleans Times-Democrat has information through Third Assistant Secretary of State Cridler, at Washington, to the effect that United States Minister Hannis Taylor has telegraphed from Madrid that an order has been sent by cable to Havana, allowing shipments of all tobacco purchased in Cuba by Americans.

Chicago's as Protest.

Senator Spooner, acting for Senator Cullom in the latter's absence from the senate chamber a few days since presented a petition to the senate signed by 103,000 citizens of Chicago protesting against the proposed increase in the tax on beer. The petition filled a wooden box 2x3 feet in size, and was carried out of the senate chamber by two women.

Mississippi River Appropriation.

The Mississippi river commission convened in the Army building, New York, last Thursday and immediately went into executive session to deliberate on and possibly make some changes in the annual report of the commission. The congressional appropriation for damages to property from the overflowing of the Mississippi river amount to $2,933,333 for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1898.

Spanish Minister Getting Posted.

Stewart L. Woodford had an interview with the President the other day respecting his mission to Spain. He will not leave for Madrid before the latter part of July, and will spend the time from now on in acquiring an acquiring an accurate knowledge of the present state of our relations with Spain. Mr. Calhoun is still in Washington and probably will confer with Mr. Woodford.

Want to Trade.

Mr. Masana Maeda, ex-vice minister of agriculture of Japan, is in Washington, a guest at the Japanese legation. Mr. Maeda says the Japanese are extremely anxious to give the United States a large share of their trade, and his purpose in coming here is in part to investigate the prices of railroad and telephone equipments. The Japanese government is about to expend large sums of money in railroad and telephone extensions, and it would be very satisfactory to the Japanese people if the materials and equipments could be purchased in the United States.

Fixing Telegraph Tolls.

The United States court of claims, on the recommendation of the department of justice, has appointed First Assistant Postmaster-General Perry S. Heath sole referee in the case of the Western Union Telegraph company vs. the United States growing out of Postmaster-General Wanamaker's order providing an arbitrary telegraph rate for the government.

During the Harrison administration Mr. Wanamaker fixed the rate on all the government messages at 1 mill a mile a word, which rate was in operation for a long period, but was finally raised to about 40 per cent of the rate charged individuals. In the settlement of the bills covering the mill rate period a dispute arose. Mr. Heath, as referee, will ascertain the exact figures in the dispute, which amount to nearly $1,000,000. The case will probably be taken before congress in the end.

Japan's Protest.

The gist of Japan's protest to the Hawaiian annexation treaty, which has been sent to the committee on foreign relations of the senate yesterday, is as follows: The acquisition of Hawaii annexation to the United States would deprive resident Japanese in the islands of rights to which they are at present entitled under treaty with Hawaii. At present there are 25,000 Japanese in the islands, with large property rights, and under present conditions they are entitled to become citizens of Hawaii. In case of annexation these Japanese could not become citizens of the United States, as no Asistic can become a citizen of the United States. Therefore the Japanese government must firmly protest against the proposed annexation.

In Favor of Organized Labor.

"I regard the organization of labor as a natural and legimate effort to secure its rights," said President McKinley the other day. This strong declaration in favor of organized labor was made in the course of a conversation with Samuel Gompers, president of the American Federation of Labor, and Frank Morrison, the secretary of the organization.

President McKinley agreed that the labor unions should be protected, and spoke of measures in which he had taken an interest in former years. He did not, however, seem to think there was much danger in their being classed as trusts or subject to penalties.

"Unless you believe, as some people do," said Mr. Gompers, "that labor unions are an evil, I think you will agree with me that their existence should not be endangered by this bill."

"I do not desire to be classed with those who consider trade unions an evil," replied the President, and he finished the sentence with the words quoted at the beginning of this dispatch.

Nominations.

The president today sent the following nominations to the senate:

Treasury—G. W. Easterly, of Minnesota to be deputy auditor for the state and other departments. Edward McKittrick, of Iowa, to be Deputy Auditor for the treasury department.

Interior—William Ryan, of Idaho; Thomas A. Davis, of Idaho, and Geo. A. Black, of Washington, to be commissioners to examine and classify lands within the land grant and indemnity land grant limits of the Northern Pacific Railroad company in the Coeur d'Alene land district in Idaho.

State—Thomas C. Dawson, of Iowa, Secretary of the Legation at Rio Janeiro.

To be Consuls of the United States—Walter J. Hoffman, of the District of Columbia, at Mannheim, Germany; Brainard H. Warner, Jr., of Maryland, at Leipsic, Germany; Albert H. Swalm, of Iowa, at Montevidio, Uruguay; Edward H. Thompson, of Massachusetts, at Progresso, Mexico; Frank Dillingham, of California, at Auckland, New Zealand.

Irving B. Dudley, of California, Envoy Extraordinary and Minister Plenipotentiary to Peru.

Captain George Remy, to be Commodore; Commander Wm H. Whiting to be Captain; Lieutenant-Commander Symonds to be a Commander.

Senator Morgan's Bill.

Senator Morgan has introduced a bill for the annexation of the Hawaiian islands. The bill provides that the islands shall become a territory of the United States in accordance with the terms of the recently negotiated treaty. The date for the extension of the laws of this country over the islands is the 4th of March, 1898, but it is specifically provided that they may be put in force at an early day if congress so directs. It is also directed that the five commissioners provided for by the treaty to make recommendations to congress in matters pertaining to Hawaii shall be confirmed by the senate. The bill appropriates $100,000 for the execution of its provisions. Out of this sum the interest on the Hawaiian debt is to be paid, but provision for the payment of the principal of this debt is deferred. In reply to a question, Senator Morgan said that his bill was intended to carry the annexation treaty into execution in case it should be ratified by the senate or to provide for its ratification by the joint action of the two houses in case the senate should refuse to act. "The treaty," said the senator, "can be ratified in this form by a majority vote in each of the two houses, thus avoiding the necessity for securing two-thirds of the senate, as would be required if the matter should be passed upon by that body alone." The senate said that circumstances would determine whether the bill should be pressed during the present session of congress.

Speaker Reed's Committee.

Speaker Reed will name his committee the day the present session closes. The list as it stands today makes but few changes in chairmanships from those of the last house. The chairmen of the more important committees are given below:

Accounts—B. B. Odell, New York.
Agriculture—J. W. Wadsworth, New York.
Appropriations—J. G. Cannon, Illinois.
Banking and Currency—J. H. Walker, Massachusetts.
Claims—C. N. Brumm, Pennsylvania.
Coinage, Weights and Measures—C. W. Stone, Pennsylvania.
District of Columbia—J. W. Babcock, Wisconsin.
Education—G. A. Grow, Pennsylvania.
Elections, No. 1—L. W. Royse, Indiana; No. 2, G. W. Prince, Illinois.
Election of President, Vice-President and Representatives—W. C. Arnold, Pennsylvania.
Enrolled Bills—Alva L. Hager, Iowa.
Foreign Affairs—R. R. Hitt, Illinois
Immigration and Naturalization—R. Barthold, Missouri.
Indian Affairs—J. H. Sherman, New York
Interstate and Foreign Commerce—Wm. P. Hepburn, Iowa.
Invalid Pensions—Winfield S Kerr, Ohio.
Arid Lands—William R Ellis, Oregon.
Judiciary—D. B Henderson, Iowa.
Labor—J. J Gardner, New Jersey.
Manufacturies—Geo W Faris, Indiana.
Merchant Marine and Fisheries—Sereno E Payne, New York.
Military—J A T Hull, Iowa
Militia—B F Marsh, Illinois.
Mines and Mining—R G Cousins, Iowa.
Naval Affairs—C A Boutelle, Maine.
Pacific Railroads—H H Powers, Vermont.
Patents—Josiah D Hicks.
Pensions—H C Loudenslager, New Jersey.
Postoffices and Postroads—Eugene F Loud, California.
Public Buildings and grounds—David H Mercer, Nebraska.
Public Lands—John F Lacy, Iowa.
Railways and Canals—C A Chickering, New York.
Rivers and Harbors—W B Hooker, New York.
Territories—Wm R Knox, Massachusetts.
War Claims—T M Mahon, Pennsylvania.

GOES TO THE BOTTOM.

A Russian Ironclad Strikes a Rock With Disastrous Results.

The Russian turret ironclad Gangool, one of the best in the service, struck a rock at Tansmun one day last week during a storm and sank almost immediately. The Gangool was one of the Black Sea fleet. She was of 6,500 tons displacement, 288 feet long, 42 feet in the beam and had a maximum draft of 21 feet, with two propellers and 8,300 horse power. She was built at St. Petersburg in 1890, and had a speed of 14.07 knots. Her complement was 528 men. She had one 12-inch gun, four 9-inch guns, four 5-inch guns and ten quick firing guns with five torpedo tubes.

TO PREACH THE GOSPEL.

Missionaries Will Make a Tour Among the Cannibal Islands.

A telegram from San Francisco says the Morning Star, with its captain and crew of Christians, is ready to make another tour among the cannibal islands in the South Sea. The vessel will be manned by men who will preach the gospel to the natives. Two young ladies will also go out as missionaries. They will make their future residence on some of the little islands, where they will continue their work for life.

NAVAL DISPLAY.

All the Civilized Nations Were Represented.

A FITTING TERMINATION

Of the Grand Festivities of the Week of Jubilee in England—Old Glory Saluted by the Assembled Vessels Amid Great Enthusiasm.

The news report from Ryde, Isle of Wight, says the most magnificent display of naval strength ever witnessed occurred off Spithead Saturday, the occasion being the grand naval review in honor of the completion of the sixtieth year of the reign of Queen Victoria.

The Prince of Wales, representing Her Majesty, reviewed the fine fleet of foreign warships representing all the maratime nations of the world, the proudest, the strongest and the swiftest of these crafts being the United States armored cruiser Brooklyn, flying the flag of Rear Admiral Miller.

The heir apparent also inspected about thirty miles of British warships, in which were 196 fighting ships of different classes, carrying about 900 heavy guns, manned by over 45,000 men and about 6,000 tons in all.

Each maritine nation sent an admiral in his flagship to witness the review. They formed a line abreast of the British battleships. Here they were favorably placed to compare their own naval architecture with that of other nations. Each nation sent the best available ship and a magnificent display resulted.

The following countries were represented with their respective ships and commanding officers: France by the Pothua. Rear Admiral, Marquis De Counthillo; Italy, by the Lepante, Vice Admiral Morin; Germany, by the Koenig Wilhelm, Rear Admiral Prince Henry of Prussia, K. G.; Austria Hungary, by the Bitwien, Vice Admiral Hermann, Baron Fon Spanu. Spain by the Vizcaya, Rear Admiral Segismundo Barnejo Y Merelow; Portugal, by the Vasco Di Camo, Captain Barretto De Vasconcelles; the Netherlands, by the Evertson, Rear Admiral Engelbrecht; Denmark, by the Hellgoland. Rear Admiral H. H. Koch: Sweden, by the Gotha. Rear Admiral Klintberg; Norway, by the Fritzjof, Rear Admiral Von Krogh; Russia, by the Rossia, Rear Admiral Nicholas Skrydloff; the United States, by the Brooklyn, Rear Admiral J. N. Miller.

At Portsmouth the streets were thronged with people at an early hour and on all sides were to be seen bewildering masses of glittering uniforms, gay multitudes of civilians, military bands and sailors of all ranks and nationalities.

All in gala array off the coast were nearly 200 British war vessels, manned by about 45,000 men, aggregating some 600,000 tons, which were reviewed by the Prince of Wales, representing the Queen, as the final display of the jubilee celebrations.

The colonial troops arrived at 8 o'clock and were met at the railroad station by a military guard of honor. Then, headed by military bands, they marched to the town hall where the Lord Mayor in full official robes met the troops.

The American line steamship New York, with a large party of sightseers on board, left Southampton at 5 o'clock yesterday evening and took up the position assigned to her in the line set apart for merchant vessels. The American greyhound traversed the line of British warships with the stars and stripes fling proudly and a fine band playing national airs. Each warship dipped her flag and she was greeted with hearty cheers from the the thousands of blue jackets manning the fleet. As the New York passed the German war-ship Koenig Wilhelm the latter's band played "Hail, Columbia."

FIRST CUBAN ELECTION.

Patriots in the United States to be Permitted to Vote.

Cubans who live in the United States, but who have been contributing toward the expenses of the war of independence, are to have a voice in the direction of the affairs of the young republic, whose constituent assembly is to meet at Camaguay on Sept. 2.

There will be a general election of members of the assembly before long throughout those parts of Cuba where the insurgents are strong enough to hold one, and it has been decided that two of the representatives may be elected by Cubans in the United States.

Orders will soon be issued containing all the details as to polling the vote, etc. Every Cuban above 16 years of age who, within two months previous to the election, has contributed a certain amount (not yet decided upon) to the cause of the patriots, will be entitled to vote. As to nominations, they are not yet made.

The local junta is issuing a fine souvenir coin to commemorate the struggle. It is the same size as the United States dollar and contains exactly the same amount of silver. This coin will be sent to the different bankers in New York city who are in sympathy with the cause, and any customer who is willing to accept one $1 will get it.

DEATH FROM HEAT.

Intense Heat Prevailed Throughout Arkansas Last Week.

The average maximum temperature in Arkansas last Wednesday as shown by government thermometers was 100. The highest point was at Warren, where the thermometer registered 100 degrees. At noon the thermometer in the United States weather bureau office at Little Rack registered 100 degrees.

Alf Jennings, a section hand, was overcome and died from the effects of the heat.

At Texarkana Wesley Adams, a laborer, employed in an ice factory, was prostrated.

A VETERAN'S WIFE.

Affected With Heart Disease and Given Up to Die—Saved in a Wonderful Way.

From the Press, Utica, N. Y.

There is no one better known or respected in the village of Brookfield, Madison Co., New York, than Mrs. John Fisk, the wife of an old resident and veteran of the war of the Rebellion. In April of this year, Mrs. Fisk lay at death's door from neuralgia and heart disease, the family physician having recommended her to settle all her worldly affairs, as she was liable to be taken at any minute, and inquiring friends expected at each visit to hear that she had passed away.

But Mrs. Fisk, to the surprise of her neighbors and physicians, suddenly began to mend, and now she is as strong and healthy a woman of her advanced age (76 years) as can be found, and really does not appear nearly as old as she is. The following is her own story of how she was cured.

"I consider it is a duty to myself and the community to tell of my extraordinary recovery from what was thought by my physicians, my husband and friends to be a fatal illness. I had long been suffering from neuralgia in its worst form, enduring agonies that only those who have undergone such torments know, until my heart became so affected functionally and organically, that the doctor said I was liable at any time to pass away. He had done all in his power for me, and I thank him much for his kindness and attention, and believe him to be a good, faithful physician. I was not disposed to die, however, if I could help it, and he having done all he could, I felt at liberty to use any other means that held out a chance of life, and determined to try a remedy that had been recommended by a friend who had been at death's door from rheumatism and heart disease, but who now is in good health.

"Whatever doubt I may have had as to this remedy's efficacy in a dissimilar disease, to that from which he had suffered, was dispelled on reading in the *Press* of a case identical with my own being cured, with the name and address of the person who had been so benefited. So my husband who now was anxious that I should at once take the treatment, purchased for me a box of Dr. Williams' Pink Pills. I took them according to directions, and within a very short time the pains began to disappear, my heart's actions became normal, and four weeks ago I ceased taking them, as I am entirely cured, and able to do my housework as well as when I was a young woman.

"I had always, until I tried Dr. Williams' Pink Pills, looked with suspicion on all advertised proprietary medicines, but now my ideas have undergone a wondrous change in that direction, for under God's all wise Providence, 'Pink Pills' have renovated me, and apparently given me a new lease of life.

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WE HAVE GOOD TIMES

BUT PROSPERITY IS CONFINED TO A FEW.

How the Prosperity and Good Times Now Monopolized by the Few Become the Inheritance of All? The Chorus of Deliverance.

By Walter Vrooman.

We can vote our country prosperous, but it is very essential that we understand clearly whom we mean when we say "country." We have been voting for one kind of prosperity a long time, even before the "McKinley brand" was on the market. Our mistake has been in not asking "advance agents" to tell us whose prosperity they represented. If a burglar emptying your wife's jewelry box and filling his trousers pockets with the contents of your house, prosperity to him means ruin to you, and your success means the burglar's death. So, in the larger affairs of our nation, the kind of prosperity hoped for by the plunderers of the people means ruin to their millions of victims, while good times for the workers, the farmers, the merchants, mean hard times to our despoilers. We now have the best times the world has ever seen. Mr. Rockefeller, or Robafellow—one is his name, the other ought to be—has an income of forty thousand dollars a day, and it is increasing. No country in the world has ever produced so much, never were there barns so bursting with grain, or warehouses so filled with clothing, furniture and jewels; never before so many men making from five to forty thousand dollars a day. This great National Joint Stock Company of ours, with its seventy million stockholders, is doing a thriving business and making barrels of money. There is only one objectionable feature. It is that after the labor of these seventy millions of people, their genius, their suffering and their sweat, are converted into wealth, the dividends are given to a few hundred men, while the rest of us pay the assessments. We do not need better times. Anybody who wants to make more than forty thousand dollars a day is a hog. The real issue is not whether we shall have hard times or good times, prosperity or panic in the abstract, but it is whether that prosperity and good times, now monopolized by the few, shall become the inheritance of all. If a select company of burglars and safe-blowers were to enter your village and relieve a number of your merchants of the contents of their safes, their stocks of jewels, silks and clothing, and were to secure all of the finest horses from half the neighboring farms, and utilize them in getting the booty safely to the nearest forest, they would no doubt, while unpacking their wealth and feeding their horses, after their hasty trip, congratulate one another upon "their remarkable prosperity." They would be very apt to brag about the unusual "good times." But if, as the sun rose over the tree-tops and they were repacking their goods, they saw suddenly the glistening pitchforks of half a hundred angry farmers and the determined, furious faces of as many brawny workmen and merchants, bent on reclaiming their property, there would be a panic. The plunderers of the world are enjoying good times at the expense of the masses. Their profits are as fabulous as their methods are cruel. But in the midst of their celebration feast, their crime is discovered, and the pitchforks of five million city workmen loom up in the distance, and the result is panic and loss of confidence among the revelers. As we approach November, 1900, this panic will increase. But, as there wells up the sound infernal of their weeping and wailing and gnashing of teeth, there will be heard still louder, the voices of millions singing their chorus of deliverance. As these offenders look into the grave where lies buried their every plan for selfish aggrandizement, to us, their innumerable victims, that same grave will be the open window through which we behold the land of promise.

Public Ownership.

The city of Belfast, Ireland, has been making a large profit on the gas works controlled by it. Last year's profit was £67,377. It has been decided to lower the cost to consumers, although the present price is ridiculously low according to American standards. Hereafter gas will be sold for 60 cents per 1,000 feet instead of 65 cents, and there will be a discount of 5 per cent to 20 per cent upon the amount consumed; all this, too, with coal at $[illegible] per ton. This information comes from United States Consul Taney's report to the state department.

A New Campaign Cry.

"The low prices of corn during the last year has been a great benefit to the stock raisers of Kansas who have larger bank accounts today.—Topeka Capital, June 1.

And the Republican farmers of Kansas support a paper and a party that claims it is a benefit to have low-priced corn! Five-cent corn would probably make them still richer! Some people think more of party than they do of bread.—Appeal to Reason.

Nervous Prosperity.

A new disease has been discovered which physicians call "nervous prosperity." It only affects the wealthy and McKinley's administration will see that the necessary precautions are taken to protect the poor from its ravages.—Creston American.

POINTS FROM THE PRESS.

The Guernsey market plan, in a nutshell, is for the government to issue paper money for services, labor and supplies rendered to it, the same to be legal tender, receivable for all purposes. —San Francisco Star.

Grover Cleveland is the only man in the world who has been able to accumulate millions fishing and hunting ducks. We believe he amassed most of this "catching suckers."—Oneonta Critic.

It is not that people are poor, but that they are plundered. It is not that some are over-rich, but that their excess is filched from the scanty earnings of the poor.—Cincinnati Common Cause.

The friends of free silver will have a chance to help the cause a year from next November. Then will be elected a new congress. Then let the campaign cry be raised, "Return to congress none but silver men, tried and true."—Longmont Times.

The present system of taxation makes more liars than all other causes bunched together.—Seattle Populist.

When the American people quit guessing, and resort to cold figures upon every question, they will secure economic results in local, state and national government.—Commonwealth.

When some men can live without working, and others cannot find work by which to live, the conditions of social catastrophe have been brought together.—San Francisco Star.

Man is the natural proprietor of the earth. He owns it while he lives on it. His life consists in occupying and using it. To possess land is the right of every human being; the title rests in no single man, but in all men; it is a joint and common possession.—Coming Nation.

Much ado is being made in Pittsburg over the Carnegie museum, and much space is being used in the daily papers discussing the plans of the taxidermists who are preparing to stuff and mount thousands of rare and curious animals. I would like to see Pennsylvania papers discussing the best plan to stuff several thousand starving miners with bread. I suppose, however, that the objection will be made that these kind of animals are neither rare nor curious.—Uncle Sam.

Can there be more eloquent or forceful arguments made to prove the hollowness of Republican promises than the bare recital of events that are now taking place in the industrial world, particularly in the protected, goldbug east? The fallacy of McKinleyism is dawning upon the eastern workingman. His is a late awakening, but no less felicitous. His brothers, who have long since opened their eyes to the light of truth, deeply sympathize with him in his dazed condition, but they have the satisfaction of knowing that they are in no sense responsible for it. Nor do they now wish to chide their eastern brethren, but to hope that they have removed the wool from their eyes on the financial question for good.—Victor Record.

The employes of the Big Four railroad whose wages have just been reduced from $1.75 to $1 a day, and who were inveigled last fall into voting for McKinley so as to guard against the payment of their wages in 53-cent dollars have now a neat mathematical problem to work out. It rests upon them to explain the difference between $1.75 a day when reduced to 93 cents a day by a 53-cent dollar under Bryan and $1.75 a day when reduced to $1 under McKinley. As the figures stand there is just 7 cents in favor of McKinley; but that leaves out of consideration the state of the labor market, which could not have been worse and might have been better under Bryan. All things considered, the chances would have been in favor of the 53-cent dollar.—Cleveland Recorder.

If workingmen held the laws which they do not like in the same contempt in which so-called "best citizens" hold laws which they do not like, the wealth and even the lives of the plutocrats of this country would hardly be worth an hour's purchase.—Cleveland Recorder.

Apparently there is no law in this country strong enough to catch and hold a trust magnate. Searles, like Havemeyer, goes free. But Debs went to jail and Coxey's people had to keep off the grass.—Johnstown Democrat.

They Got It in the Neck.

New York and Pennsylvania each gave over a quarter of a million majority for McKinley and prosperity last fall. They got McKinley and prosperity all right! all right! But the hundreds of thousands of half starving tailors and textile workers in New York and an equal number of starving miners and iron workers in Pennsylvania are still looking for that prosperity.—Journal of the Knights of Labor.

Our new secretary of the navy, Mr. Long, has decided that the cost of building an armor plant for the government will be double that of the estimate of Secretary Herbert, and he is also in favor of raising the limit of cost of armor to $400 per ton. Carnegie and other armor monopolists seem to be in a fair way of easily getting back double the amount of their campaign contributions.—Uncle Sam.

PURE LEGISLATURES.

A DUBIOUS CERTIFICATE OF HONESTY.

The New York Sun Is Horrified by the Anarchistic Speech of Hon. Wayne Macveagh of Pennsylvania—Gods Truth.

Hon. Wayne McVeagh, once a Clevelandite, but now a Bryan Democrat, and ex-minister to Italy, in an address before the University of Pennsylvania last week, used the following significant language:

"The black flag of the corruptionist," he said, "is far more to be feared than the red flag of the anarchist, and it is impossible to exaggerate the ethical change which would transfigure American politics if all capitalists and all corporations would, for the future, absolutely refrain from this misuse of money in politics, of which they have been guilty in the past. It would be as if there had appeared 'a new heaven and a new earth wherein dwelleth righteousness.'"

Whereupon the New York Sun, once a Democratic paper, but now a Clevelandite renegade, is moved to say:

"This is good Bryanesque talk. Everything would be all right if the wicked corporations and capitalists would only respect the innocence of legislatures. The chatter about the corruption of legislatures is somewhat wearisome. It remains chatter. Facts in proof of the vague charges are usually wanting. We do not believe that legislatures are corrupt."

Yet one of the most prominent corporation lawyers of the Sun's own state and city is authority for the statement that he knew of one corporation that put up $50,000 every year as a corruption fund to be used among the members of the legislature of New York state, and that nearly every corporation in the state did the same to a greater or less extent, says the Journal of the Knights of Labor. Still, the editor of the Sun, who is as well posted on these facts as any man in New York, has the unblushing gall to write down in black and white that he does not believe legislatures are corrupt. The Sun must think its readers are either all under the control of the corrupt corporations or else that they are a lot of idiots, if it expects them to believe such editorial absurdities as the above-quoted remarks.

Here are legislatures like that of Illinois giving a franchise worth $30,000,000 to the Yerkes street railway syndicate for a cash consideration of $1,000,000 that it is openly charged was distributed among the members of that body, and a similar transaction took place with regard to the Chicago gas trust.

In New York the gas companies, railroads, insurance companies, and a host of others get gifts of millions from the legislatures, yet the Sun does not believe they are corrupt.

A Model Farm.

No king, nor queen, nor prince, nor lord on this earth has such a magnificent palace as young Vanderbilt has made for himself high up among the mountains of Virginia just a short distance from Asheville. Vanderbilt allows the public to visit his grounds and admire the palace, though it is not every one who gets a glimpse within the chateau where he has stored so many treasures of art and history. He has spent more than four million dollars on it, and if he lives to enjoy it, no doubt it will cost him all of ten million dollars before many years. He has 180,000 acres and can travel thirty-five miles in a straight line from his door without reaching the boundaries of his estate. Mammoth driveways and cycle roads run everywhere, and there are miles of them, carefully graded and kept smooth. Seldom does any one ever come to Asheville without going to see Biltmore.

Why Not?

If the government can create money for the bankers, why not for itself and the people?

If the greenbacks are money how can the power of the government to create money be denied?

If the greenbacks are not money, why did the bondholders ever lend the government any money, having lent nothing but greenbacks?

If the greenbacks are not money, why have the soldiers ever been paid, having received nothing but greenbacks?

If greenbacks are not money, why have the millions of debts that have been settled with greenbacks ever been paid?

If bank notes are good money, are not the government notes much better?—Pilot.

Another Infidel.

The Man Who Had Doubts approached the sacred environs of the Prosperity Maker.

"Why—?"

The Doubter fell upon his knees and pleaded.

"Why have you placed a tariff of 10 cents per pound on tea?"

"Why, to protect—"

Once more he reversed the wool business.

"To protect the poor American laborer who raises tea."

And the Doubter, being an Anarchist, still doubted.—Uncle Sam.

And They Want It All.

When monopolists don't see what they want, they just take it.—Wilmington Justice.

THE POPULIST VIEW.

The sugar trust has perfected the sugar schedule of the new tariff bill, and it has been ratified by the senate.

The Populist administration of Kansas has paid off $200,000 of the state's indebtedness during the past few months. While they were doing that, says the Bedford Free Press, the Republican administration of Iowa was running Iowa in debt more than that much. And still it's "poor, bleeding Kansas."

Ewing Herbert, a well-known Kansas Republican editor, writes the following candid confession as to the situation: "The politicians at Washington are as blind as the politicians of Kansas were in the beginning of the unrest which overthrew them. While congressmen are fiddling away at the tariff and making spread-eagle speeches their constituents are hoping for more statesmanship and less politics in legislative speech and action. The Kansas idea is epidemic. For thirty years war records have been pawed over and paraded with oratorical finish before lusty-lunged enthusiasts; but the approving yells of partisans are no longer easily provoked. Few men care to read or hear the speeches of the law-makers. They want them to do some work. The Republicans believe that the present administration will redeem every promise, but they are impatient because so much talk is indulged in. They don't like the idea of oiling and starting so much political machinery to accomplish reforms agreed upon. The fact is there are more John Wanamaker Republicans in Kansas than there are of the Quay kind. The Populists rule the state by the consent of Republicans grown tired of old party methods."

Events are making Populists; which is why propaganda for the People's party platform will produce greater political results just now than ever before.

It is now about settled that Seth Low will be the regular Republican candidate for the mayoralty of New York. The Republican machine does not want Mr. Low, but the millionaires of this city have practically forced the man upon Boss Platt, says the Twentieth Century. The machines of all parties depend upon the millionaires for financial support. Whenever the millionaires insist that a thing must be done, that settles it. The machine has to give in. The candidacy of Seth Low proves what we have maintained all along, namely, that it is the millionaires who keep the machines going. It is true that the millionaires pretend to look down upon the machine, and to despise it, but that amounts to no more than their professions of honesty. The millionaire is a splendid man to preach civic virtue and probity, and then buy a franchise from a legislature or bribe an ordinance through a board of aldermen. It may be that the millionaires will succeed in getting Seth Low elected. They can do it if the opposition is divided, a fact of which they are well aware. There is reason to believe that David B. Hill is secretly working in the interest of Seth Low and some leaders of the Tammany ring are suspected of similar tactics. An enormous sum of money has already been raised to pull Seth Low through, for some very rich franchise privileges are at stake and members of the Citizens' Union are eager to steal them.

Thousands upon thousands of railroad men don't want the government to own the railways, says the Coming Nation. The reasons vary with the individuals, but most of them fear that they "can't strike." Railway employes generally strike for wages and if the government operated the roads the wages would be placed at a satisfactory figure and only enough charged to pay this wage and keep the road in order. Thus there would be no reason to strike, while as it is now, there is every reason why they should, but they don't dare. The railroad companies love their men, you bet they do! Last fall they spent millions to prevent their beloved employes from voting to receive their pay in 50-cent dollars. Since then the pay roll has been extravagantly slaughtered. Now the companies have a new and nobby scheme, which will please both the railroad men who are let out by it and those who stay, as well as the passengers who pay three cents a mile for presumably safe transportation. Kindly read, gentle reader of railway economy:

"The Pennsylvania railroad is still giving object lessons of economy. Beginning with today, no passenger brakeman will be used on either the Madison or Cambridge branches and Conductors Lon Jackson and Will Hull will have to man their own trains single handed and alone."

Anarchistic Utterances.

"The rich man is wise in his own conceit; but the poor that hath understanding searcheth him out." "The rich man's wealth is as a high wall in his own conceit," referring to which persons, it is said, "There is more hope of a fool than of him." What vile "anarchist" wrote these sentences? We don't know, but they will be found in Proverbs xviii:11, xxvi:12, and xxviii:11.—San Francisco Star.

Our Financial System.

The present system of finance robs labor, gorges capital, makes the rich richer and the poor poorer, and turns a republic into an oligarchy of capital.—Wendell Phillips.

HER PROCLAMATION.

QUEEN VICTORIA TO HER LOYAL BRITISH SUBJECTS.

Telepathic Reproduction of the Proclamation Issued On the Sixtieth Anniversary of Her Ascension to the Throne—Unblushing Effrontery.

A PROCLAMATION.

In this, the jubilee and sixtieth year of our reign, and having seen our British empire increase from forty to four hundred millions of people, we desire to publicly place in the hands of our successor the principles that, under the advice of our ministers, have guided us in the administration of the empire; so that our liege and loyal subjects may have an intelligent view of the policy that has guided and will continue to influence the throne and yield to it their unflinching support.

1. The British crown is the lawful heir and successor of the Roman empire. Its hereditary mission and destiny is to re-establish that empire by absorbing the various states that once formed its provinces, as well as the countries discovered and possessed under its authority, or that of the pope, its vassal. Necessarily an object of slow accomplishment, this must be approached with caution, pursued with address and never relinquished.

The principal means whereby to accomplish this great result are religion, military supremacy, the monetary system, colonization and the judicious employment of allies, as the French in Egypt, the Italians in Abyssinia, the Chartered company in the Transvaal and the Greeks in Crete. Of these agencies in their order.

2. The Christian religion and the Roman empire were coeval. Our title of Imperatrice, though only assumed by the crown since the absorption and consolidation of India, descends from the "imperium" of the Caesars. Our title of Fidei Defensor and the condition Dei Gratia, have a similar origin. These titles establish the connection between religion and the state. Both religions imply an ecclesiastical head, and that head is and can only be the one that wears the Royal Crown of Britain. * * * The only distinction which their churchmen can ever acquire must be obtained in England. Whatever makes for them makes for us. They should be permitted to share with our native prelates the most impressive ceremonies; they should be awarded ecclesiastical thrones, coronets, rich robes and luxurious mansions. The more they are honored, the more we shall be exalted, and, through us, the power and influence of the empire.

3. Among the elements of military supremacy most necessary to be preserved are a powerful and numerously manned navy; the command of Gibraltar, Suez and theAtegat; the fortifications of Canada, and the tenacious retention of the islands of the Caribbean and South Seas, both as coaling stations and for the organization of offensive operations. Our bluejackets and volunteers demand especial encouragement. Our permanent forces should be largely recruited with Scots and Irishmen, whose native valor, if not diverted into serviceable channels, may chance to overflow the dykes of loyalty. India must always remain disarmed. Africa must be colonized with those of our Indian subjects whose loyalty and familiarity with modern weapons and drill shall have been carefully tested. The negro must go.

4. The success which has attended the efforts of our financiers to break down all national systems of money and merge them into a metallic system which is governed from London, must be followed up with further measures. The policy inaugurated by the act 18, Charles II., ch. 5 (legalation of Barbara Villiers), zealously seconded by Lord Liverpool, is to establish metal, in place of money, as the measure of value. This will make such measure universal instead of national; it will destroy the monetary prerogative of nations and vest it, where it should be vested, in our empire. It is as essential a step toward the accomplishment of our Hereditary Mission as is the control of the seas. The destruction of the coinage prerogative, which completed by our act of April 12, 1870, the German act of 1871, the American acts of 1873, the French act of 1874 and others, has made England the banking center and clearing-house of the world, the dictator of the world's exchanges, the arbiter of its commercial solvency, the keeper of its commercial honor and the beneficiary of all discoveries, conquests, inventions and improvements. It confirms England in the monopoly of the world's carrying trade and throws into her lap all the gains of production and commerce. The men whose persistence and address have brought about these brilliant results have neither been unnoticed nor unrewarded by the Crown; but in view of its political necessities and of the appointment of a monetary commission by one of our allies, their work is not yet completed; there is more yet to be done. And they may rest assured that the royal interest in their movements will not abate. Though the methods hitherto employed may have to be varied, the course pursued should be the same. All systems of money and credit must be destroyed except that of our empire. Every distinction between money and metal must be effaced in the law; so that the coins of our allies may be exported and melted without loss, and thus employed as a means to alternately contract and expand their local measure of value. The supremacy of London as the mining market of the world must be maintained. Whatever loss is entailed by working the mines is repaid a thousand fold by controlling, through it, the metal which we have made the money of the world.

5. The colonization of Canada with the outcasts of the London prisons and workhouses and of South Africa with Indian riots, should not be permitted to flag. Both of these classes of people are British subjects owing allegiance. Their helplessness deserves protection; their poverty and misfortunes demand redress. Canada has nothing to fear from the intrusion of these unfortunates. There will always remain an uncontaminated residuum of British nobility and gentry in her population sufficiently commanding to govern the rest. What the Americans, our allies, may suffer by the spread of the alloy into their territory is at present no concern of ours.

6. It has been our policy to patronize Americans and to interest them in the solidarity of the Anglo-Saxon race. Our common language and religion have afforded a happy medium of confidence. These are now being supplemented by a common money. When these elements of political union are capped by an arbitration treaty the imperial edifice will be almost complete. Time and opportunity, the merest accident, may suffice to replace the royal standard of England upon the trans-Atlantic eminences from which it was rudely torn by the malcontents of a revolutionary age. The attentions shown to their recent ambassadors and representatives have been received in a spirit which proves that the Americans are not insensible to the social distinctions which their own system refuses. The marriage of American heiresses to the nobility of England and France, while it has served to cull the choicest flowers from the sunless garden of democracy, has contributed no little to the wealth of our Kingdom, and from this point of view it is invested with an importance that suggests an effort to divert the movement altogether to our own realms. To provide a ready market for influential and needy American Journals is another matter that should not fail to engage the attention of our administrators. The prudent investment of British capital in American industrial enterprises has of late years faltered; but now it need no longer be delayed; because the time is not far removed when the works will fall under the protection of their rightful sovereign. Already these Republicans are tired of their fantastic system of government, which, thanks to the legislation promoted by Barbara Villiers and its statutory sequels, gives unmistakable signs of collapse and absorption into our Dominion of Canada.

In view of this great event, no pains nor expense should be begrudged to strengthen and fortify the Dominion. Whatever it lacks of railways, telegraphs, coaling stations and other military advantages, should be provided the moment their necessity is recognized.

Done at our palace of Windsor, this 22nd day of June, Anno Domini 1897.

VICTORIA, R. I.

MENTAL ILLUSIONS.

Twin Daughters of Ignorance That Go Hand in Hand.

Hand in hand with the superstition that gold and silver are necessary for money goes the other twin daughter of ignorance, the belief that capitalists support the working classes. Probably 50 per cent of the population believe that the working people would all perish miserably and go to the place of eternal unforgiveness, if there were no capitalists to give them work and thus preserve their otherwise unnecessary existence. The idea that labor has a right to self employment without bowing under the yoke of involuntary servitude to any master, has never entered their minds. Such superstitions originate in mental delusions inherited from past ages of barbarism, when men were supposed to have been created solely for the benefit of kings. At present the capitalist occupies the same imposing position on the throne of mental illusion that the king occupied two centuries ago.—The New Dispensation.

The So-Called Better Class.

It is a curious and sad fact that in the long, weary, upward march of the human race, there was scarcely ever an act proposed for the protection, emancipation or elevation of the human race, but met with the most violent opposition from the so-called better class, as well as from statesmen and philosophers, and many of the clergy. —John P. Altgeld.

Are We Nearing This Ideal?

The citizens of a large nation, industriously organized, have reached their ideal of possible happiness, when the producing, distributing and other activities are such that each citizen finds in them a place for all his energies and aptitudes, while he obtains the means of satisfying all his desires.—Herbert Spencer.

More Cursey Rhymes.

Little Jack Sinley
Voted McKinley,
Thinking he'd get some pie,
When they cut down his pay
And he had to eat hay,
He said, "What a darned fool was I."

Laws Are Not Made by Men.

Laws cannot be manufactured, the same as machinery or cloth; they must be discovered. The moral law was in existence long before men assembled in parliaments or legislatures. —Melbourne Beacon.

STATE TOPICS.

Getting Ready to Re-Build.

The debris is being removed from the Barber memorial building site near Anniston, preparatory to rebuilding.

Body Found Floating.

Carl Nelson, aged 12, fell from the tug Capt. Sam, at Mobile, and was drowned. His body was found floating in the river.

Huntsville Bonds.

Mayor Murphy, of Huntsville, has signed and delivered to the purchasers, W. R. Rison & Co., the special issue of city of Huntsville bonds to the amount of $40,000.

Got Ten Years.

In the Jefferson county criminal court last week Andrew Fagan was sentenced to ten years in the penitentiary for attempting to wreck a Southern Railway train at McComb's trestle, near Birmingham last December.

Negotiating for a Daily.

E. W. Barrett is negotiating for the purchase of the Birmingham State-Herald and may become its owner. There seems to be nothing in the report that Capt. Howell will be connected with the venture.

Caught Up With.

George Pierce, colored, charged with working Wetumpka negroes on the scheme in which they are promised pensions for time served as slaves, has been given three and a half years at Pratt Mines for obtaining money under false pretenses.

Sloss Miners.

The miners in the employ of the Sloss Iron and Steel Company, Birmingham, have quit work pending the adoption of a wage scale for the coming year, the contract between the miners and the company operatives the past year having expired.

Residence Destroyed.

Fire destroyed a residence owned and occupied by J. Mr Hubnely and family, of Eufaula. The inmates had a narrow escape. Very few of the effects were saved. The fire originated in the kitchen, it is thought, from a defective flue; insurance, $1,300.

Struck by Lightning.

The home of Thomas Crosby, of Renfroe, was struck by lightning and his wife, who was confined to her bed with illness, was instantly killed. The bolt did not strike Mrs. Crosby, and it is thought that she died from the nervous shock.

Tax Collector's Report.

The following tax collectors have made reports to the Auditor at Montgomery: W. J. White, of Barbour; R. E. Peagler, of Butler; W. A. Hendricks, of Chilton; W. J. Holland, of Escambia; John H. Turpin, of Hale; W. H. Platt, of Pickens, and J. A. Germany, of Tallapoosa.

New Compress.

Two cars of machinery for the West Huntsville compress for the making of cylindrical cotton bales have been received and several other cars are due to arrive within the next few days. As soon as the ginning machinery is selected, dirt will be broken for the building. The gin will be ready for work in time to enter business in the cotton picking season.

Gold Bonds Sold.

The Commissioners of Tuskaloosa county have sold $12,000 of county gold bonds at a very handsome premium. The bonds were awarded to Mr. Fenton Robertson, of Columbus, Miss., the highest bidder. Mr. Robertson bid $665 premium for $15,000 in denominations of $100. They bear interest at the rate of 6 per cent per annum, interest payable semi-annually.

The Right of Way.

In Mobile the jury to condemn the right of way of the Mobile and Ohio railroad from that city to State Line, Miss., for the use of the Postal Telegraph company, made a decision Monday assessing the damage at $5. It is stated that the railroad company claimed $200 per mile as the value of the right af way. The Postal company intends to build a line from that city to St. Louis.

Will Not Accept a Reduction.

The miners at Broodside, Brazil, Cardiff, Blossburg, Blocton, Adger, Johns and Sumter coal mines are idle, having refused to accept a reduction. Three hundred coke ovens at Johns have been shut down and notice given that work is indefinitely postponed. In Birmingham and Gate City two rolling mills have closed, awaiting the signing of the scale of the Amalgamated Association of Iron and Steel Workers.

Pension Scheme Swindle.

An article in a recent issue of the Montgomery Journal says that the old fraud of swindling ignorant negroes on the promise of a pension is being worked near that city. The headquarters of the swindle is in a hut some two miles from the city and those who conduct the duping scheme are said to be a white man, a woman of the same color, and a negro man. The people claim to be "right-hand bowers" of President McKinley, sent there to "register" all negroes for the purpose of securing pensions for them. The charged for being registered is 25 cents.

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A CALL.

All former members of the Farmers' Alliance and others interested are hereby requested to meet at Clanton on Saturday, July 24, 1897 at 11 o'clock for the purpose of reorganizing the Chilton County Alliance. It is particularly desired we have a full meeting.

Signed. A. G. DAKE,
FRANK CRICHTON.

SPECIAL State Examiner J. G. Cowan, of Bullock county, is now busily engaged overhauling the books of the county officers. He expects it will occupy him four or five weeks. We shall be surprised if he discovers any discrepancies, but nevertheless hope he will enjoy his stay here.

THE Nashville conference has come and gone and the earth rolls round as usual. No one has been decapitated and no one hurt. At the present we have only the reports in the daily press, which we are assured are not correct, and therefore refrain from comment on the meeting. We think, however, no particular harm has resulted, save to the pockets of the delegates.

How Clanton is Growing.

IN these dull times it is quite refreshing to see the progress Clanton is making. It is true a little more enterprise might be shown in some things, but on the whole our forward movement is eminently satisfactory.

Mr. Sampey's new brick store is now finished and he will open up with a new stock about August 1.

Mr. Abe Kantner, of Troy, has rented the old court house building, which is now being altered and put in thorough repair, while he has gone to New York to buy a $20,000 stock with which to open in a few weeks.

Mr. C. J. Stewart's new ginnery is being rapidly pushed forward and will be in readiness for the first bale. He also will run a woodyard.

Ice is plentiful and cheap, and our summer visitors, who are now filling our boarding houses, enjoy the finest well water in the State, cooled with ice. Mr. John Gullahorn has just laid in stock of two tons.

Mr. Albert Headley is considering plans for the erection of a brick store on his lot adjoining the depot.

Destructive fire at Clanton.

The midnight slumbers of the good people of Clanton were rudely disturbed Sunday night by cries of fire and the clanging of the fire bell. Shortly before twelve o'clock Mrs. M. M. Smith discoved the rear of the house occupied by Prof. McMorries to be on fire, and raising an alarm the neighbors soon congregated, and arousing the Professor and his son Bascom, who were the only inmates, succeeded in saving most of the furniture. The fire is supposed to have originated from a defective flue in the kitchen. Mrs. McMorries was staying with friends at Verbena, and, consequently was spared the pain of seeing her home desolated. The building was the property of Mr. Lee Bivings of Birmingham and we believe was partially insured. Professor McMorries carried no insurance. He lost his library as well as considerable bedding, etc. The Professor has rented the Morgan house and moved into it yesterday.

"Last summer one of our grand children was sick with a severe bowel trouble," says Mrs. E. G. Gregory, of Fredericksburg, Mo. "Our doctor's remedies had failed, then we tried Chamberlain's Colic, Cholera and Diarrhœa Remedy, which gave very speedy relief." For sale by J. S. Johnson, jr., Clanton.

A Card.

CLANTON, Ala., July 5, 1897

Editor BANNER: Please allow myself and wife to express our sincere thanks to our fellow-citizens and neighbors who rendered such valuable assistance in preventing our house from becoming ignited during Sunday night's fire. We shall always gratefully remember them.

J. A. DUDLEY.

CLANTON, ALA., July 5, 1897.

EDITOR BANNER: I desire to express through the columns of your paper, my sincere thanks for the manly and heroic efforts of those who, even at the risk of their personal safety, saved my house from the flames on the night of the 4th inst.

W. J. MARTIN.

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Verbena.

On Thursday night last the residence of Dr. G. W. Dawson was destroyed by fire. The Doctor was unfortunate enough to lose nearly the whole of his furniture, the fire spread so rapidly it was impossible to save anything.

Rev. Hardy Jones, who has been in bad health for the last four or five years is somewhat improved. The reverend gentleman would feel it a boon to be able to mingle with his fellow-citizens again. We hope he may soon be able todo so.

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Lily Lyrics.

The dry weather continues in this section.

R. L. Veazey, who has been attending Birmingham Business college, is now at home and began teaching at this place last Monday.

Will Garner spent a week or so at home not long since.

There will be singing at Pilgrims' Rest the third Sunday in July.

J. C. Veazey has secured a singing school at Alpine and will begin teaching July 19.

Mrs. Smitherman, of Ganadarque, is here visiting relatives.

The barbecue at Mr. Baker's the 3rd, was well attended and all seemed to enjoy the day. ANON.

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Rockymount.

The health of this community has not been very good. Grain is all harvested; dry weather seems to prevail notwithstanding so many local showers.

Our prayer services, Sabbath-schools and singings are progressing nicely. Prayer-meeting every Wednesday night, singing every 2nd and 4th Sunday evenings, preaching every 4th Sunday and Saturday before.

Two Mormons preachers have visited us again. When will these pests cease to come? When will they quit sowing seeds of discord in our county? When will they seek peace and pursue it? Did you ever read their articles of faith? My, my! you just ought to read them.

Rev. W. M. Green recently visittd us.

What has become of our sweet little Blue Eyed School-girl of Providence, correspondent for the BANNER? I wish she would write again just for the sake of

ONE OF THE BOYS.

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A Card of Thanks.

Editor BANNER: Allow us through your columns to return the sincere thanks of Jemison Lodge to the friends and citizens who so kindly and liberally contributed to the success of the Masonic exercises held here June 24th. And especially do we thank the visitors from the country for their kind assistance and liberality. We desire further to compliment the audience for the respectful and dignified behavior throughout the exercises held under the auspices of the Lodge. In conclusion the Lodge wishes to thank the ladies for the bountiful supply of good things spread out upon the tables for the enjoyment of all the guests of the Lodge. Respectfully,

L. H. REYNOLDS, } Committee.
C. C. SLATON, }

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Political Pointers.

Secretary Sherman has been showing further signs of what Hanna et al regard as senile debility, by stating, to an interviewer, in New York city, that he regards all trusts and combines as distinctly wrong in principle although they may lower prices and that we are in need of stronger anti-trust laws. The fact that Mr. Sherman supplimented these statements with a prophecy of returning prosperity by the last of July takes very materially from its merits and makes one lean to Hanna's opinion of the aged Ohioan.

President McKinley has issued peremptory notice that no further appointments will be made until the tariff question is settled. No such hungry hordes of office seekers ever infested the capital as now. Clamorous constituents are making life a burden to Republican senators and congressmen; notably among these is Senator Mason of Illinois who recently gave a very amusing statement of the number of visits he had made to the White House as one hundred and three, and appointments secured three small consulships.

Matt Quay's son, who is in the army has been promoted, by President McKinley, over the heads of 728 other lieutenants, to a captaincy. The ratio of 728 to 1 is rather high even for this administration.

Recent discussion of the lobby scandal in the senate so offended several notorious lobbyists, among them several ex-senators, that it is said they remained away from the senate chamber for several days. Senator Allen pointed out that his resolution, offered some time since, was aimed at this abuse.

Senators Carter, of Montana, and Shoup of Idaho have signified their determination to break with the Republican party.

Chairman Marion Butler in his paper "The Caucassian," says in reply to the oft repeated attacks of the middle-of-the-roaders and the N. R. P. A.

"Newspapers, claiming to be Populist are pursuing a policy which all true Populists have denounced vigorously and justly. We refer to those which have announced that the national people's party committee has formed a conspiracy to sell out the party to the democrats. They know their statements are basely false, but they have a base motive. If there is a single Populist in the United States in favor of disbanding the peoples party or merging it into the democratic party we do not know him. It is the class of so-called Populists who wanted to see McKinley elected, for reasons best known to themselves, who are now trying to cover their tracks and calling attention from their own questionable conduct by lying and denouncing the national committee."

Side by side with the accounts of the Diamond Jubilee observances are stories of revolt and bloodshed in India. One told of dazzling uniforms, of diamonds without stint, the people bent on pleasure; the other told of taxes too heavy to be born, of poverty and starvation a people dying like rats of the plague. In Ireland also, demonstrations of displeasure were not wanting. In some places decorated and illuminated houses were attacked.

Grand Master Workman James Sovereign in the Journal of the Knights of Labor expresses disapproval of the social democracy and of the Debs letter to Rockfeller. He characterizes the plan as "a half-baked scheme of European socialism."

The Ohio democratic state convention held last week declared unanimously for free silver and emphasized the fact that McKinley was elected by coercion and the use of money.

A meeting of free silver republicans, democrats and Populists was held at Lincoln, Neb., June 28 at which terms of fusion were agreed upon. After some grumbling among the democrats, the head of the State ticket was conceded to the Populists This was done on the advice of Bryan. Another meeting will be held in July to agree upon time and place for holding the State convention. A.R.

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Jemison, Ala., July 6, 1897.

Editor BANNER: We noticed a communication in a recent issue of the BANNER from Hon. S. M. Adams which he closes by manifesting a strong desire to see the Farmers' Alliance revived in Alabama and again brought into active, energetic and effective work as in days of yore, and at the same time calls for a second to his motion. Yes, Bro. Adams, I, for one, second your motion, and would be ready for the vote to be taken. But one second is not enough in his case We want a score of seconds in every county in the State. We want those who are willing to make sacrifices, if needs be, to aid in resurrecting the noblest and grandest organization known to the world. No man need be told of the good and grand results of the Farmers' Alliance while in its glory. All can see it now, and it is as clear as a noon day beam that had the Alliance held its ground and moved on as it was want to do, it would ere this time have crossed the Jordan and been safely at home in the promised land. How many in Chilton county and in the State will respond to Bro. Adams' move and get ready to go to work. You all know what it means, you all know the principles of the order. We have been asleep long enough. Let us wake up and go to work and regain as near as possible what we have lost. Let us have music in the air once more. Let none be discouraged. Let no man be afraid. Let no man's heart fail him, but work, work for self-preservation ever remembering that "eternal vigilance is the price of liberty." UNO.

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Stands at the Heal

Aug. J. Bogel, the leading druggist of Shreveport, La., says: "Dr. King's New Discovery is the only thing that cured my cough, and it is the best seller I have." J. F. Campbell, merchant of Safford, Ariz., writes: "Dr. King's New Discovery is all that is claimed for it; it never fails, and is a sure cure for Consumption, Coughs and Colds. I can not say enough for its merits." Dr. Kings New Discovery for Consumption, Coughs and Colds is not an experiment. It has been tried for a quarter of a century, and to-day stands at the head. It never disappoints. Free trial bottle at Dr. J. S. Johnson's Drug Store.

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Jemison, July 6, 1897.

Editor BANNER: To revive the Farmers' Alliance is a present necessity. Some may say that old thing is too dead, it has run its course and finished its work. May we say its race was not out nor its grand work completed. Come together and re-organize in the name of humanity and harmony. There is no mistake nor doubt about this. Realizing by previous experience that the principles of the Alliance are as high as Heaven, as broad as the earth, as limitless as space, and will anchor in glory. There should be no time lost in refreshing the mind. Let this holy work be continually permeating in the thoughts of the better thinking people. Think what might have been gained ere this time, but for the carelessness of our people. Let us resolve to get in line, raise our banner and die at our post. The righteousness of our cause, the present need for reform and for justice, to satisfy the incessant cravings of the toiling millions, call for action.

Mrs. IRA. CAMPBELL.

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Ennis, Tex., July 3, 1897.

Mr. Editor: Will you please find space in your valuable paper for the following.

Bethel church, Texas. The 3rd Sunday in June was day set apart for the dedication of a new church. The church and congregation assembled at 9:30 o'clock. Messrs. Gid McNab and A. L. Vines were appointed ushers of the house. T. S. Vines was requested to lead the singing with Miss Mattie Sanders as organist. They rendered their part with much earnestness and enthusiasm. The choir was composed of about forty, all of whom were excellent singers, prayer services held 30 minutes and a sermon by Bro. Selvedge a very able preacher. After all had taken refreshments the audience was again called by singing. The choir was engaged half an hour in blending their voices together in praise and honor to Him who gave that precious gift of song. Will say that T. S. Vines led some very excellent music which was attentively listened to by the large audience. At 2 p.m. had another sermon by Rev. Selvedge, benediction song, "Blessed be the name."

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Singing at Maple Springs.

Some of the leading singers of Chilton county met together with Maple Springs church, on the 1st Sunday in July. R. T. Grant was elected chairman, J. W. Kicker, Assistant; Watts Moore, secretary. Committee on Program: D. F. Jacks, W. W. Devaughn and W. F. Jones. The following leaddrs were present: R. T. Grant, Watts Moore, P. R. Devaughan and J. W. Kicker.

The first lesson was conducted by Watts Moore and R. T. Grant. Reces after which we heard a very able sermon by Rev. R. L. Long, pastor, after we retired to the grove and partook of a bountiful repast, prepared by the good people of the church and its surroundings. Then we were called in by the chairman and were entertained by P. R. Devaughn, J. W. Kicker and Watts Moore. Recess. After which we were called in and entertained by R. T. Grant. Then we closed. The singing was a grand success and we hope it was to the honor and glory of God and to the up-building of His blessed cause not as one of our correspondents regarded it a holiday and picnic.

R. T. GRANT, Ch'm,n.
WATTS MOORE, Sec.

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Resolutions of Respect.

WHEREAS, by the Providence of God our little friend and Sunday school pupil, Carey Green, has been removed from our midst to a brighter world above, therefore be it

RESOLVED, by the Sunday-school of Clanton M. E. Church South, 1st. That we gladly bear testimony to her constant attendance at Sunday-school, and the more than usual interest, for one of her years, in her lessons and all other duties, and her prompt and willing response to any proposition of her teacher to be useful to others by leading them to Christ. 2nd. That we appreciate her influence for good in our school and community, and feeling assured that she was taken away for a purpose, we hereby tender our kind sympathy to the bereaved family, lovingly commending them to Jesus for comfort and fervently praying that they may be prepared to meet her when their summons come. 3rd That a copy of these resolutions be sent to the family, and one each to the BANNER and the Alabama Christian Advocate.

Respectfully submitted,
Mrs. E. Y. McMORRIES, }
Mrs. JOHN GARNER, } Com'tee
Miss LULA DUDLEY, }
Clanton, Ala., June 29, 1897.

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Non-resident Notice.

THE STATE OF ALABAMA }
Chilton County }

James P. Hayes, Complainant, vs. Alice Hayes, Defendant.

In Chancery at Clanton, Alabama, Seventh District North-eastern Chancery Division. June 18, 1897.

In this cause it is made to appear to the Register, by the affidavit of W. H. Fosbee, that the Defendant, Alice Hayes is a non-resident of the State of Alabama, and further, that in the belief of said affiant, the Defendant is over the age of twenty-one years.

It is therefore ordered by the Register that publication be made in The Banner, a newspaper published in Chilton County, Alabama, once a week for four consecutive weeks, requiring her, the said Alice Hayes, to answer or demur to the same within thirty days after the 26th day of July, 1897, and failing so to do a decree pro confesso will be taken against her in said cause.

Done at office in Clanton, Alabama, this 18th day of June, 1898.

W. E. STEWART,
Register in Chancery.

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THE STATE OF ALABAMA, }
Chilton County. }

Mrs. Susan Lovelady, complainant, vs Ward & Hubbard, et als, defendants.

In Chancery at Clanton, Alabama, Seventh district N. E. Chancery Division.

In this cause it is made to appear to the Register, by the affidavit of W. M. Adams, solicitor for complainant, that the defendants, W. B. Bearden and W. C. Bearden, are non-residents of the State of Alabama and that their residence is in the county of Howard, State of Arkansas, and further, that, in the belief of said affiant, the defendants are over the age of twenty-one years.

It is therefore ordered by the Register, that publication be made in the BANNER, a newspaper published in Clanton, once a week for four consecutive weeks, requiring them, the said W. B. Bearden and W. C. Bearden, to answer or demur to the same, within thirty days after the 6th day of August, 1897, and failing so to do a decree pro confesso will be taken against them in said cause.

Done at office, in Clanton, Alabama, this 6th day of July, 1897.

W. E. STEWART,
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Dr. G. W. Shackelford, the popular Dentist, will visit Clanton Monday, July 26, to practice at Duke house for one week. All those wishing dental work will do well to call on him. His work is first class and prices reasonable. Teeth extracted without pain.

WANTED Salesman and collector in Chilton county, for the Singer Manufacturing Co. Apply at once to W. W. Watts at Banner office or Duke Hotel, Clanton, Ala.

STRAYED the end of April from my place near Ehrman's mill, a white steer with black head, about five years old. Was last heard of in May near Charley Bonce's place. Any information will be reasonably rewarded by

Jno. M. Baker, Clanton, Ala.

Miss Kate Stanfield, we are sorry to say is very sick with typhoid fever.

Mr. A. H. Maxfield, of Birmingham, is visiting here to-day, en route to New York.

Mr. and Mrs. Curry have returned from a visit to Livingston.

Mrs. W. T. Callen accompanied Miss Jessie McGee to her home in Stanton yesterday.

F. G. McDonald, of the capitol city, spent Sunday with the family of Mr. O. R. Bell, of this place.

Mrs. J. T. Palmer and daughter, Miss Mattie, after a visit to relatives in Montgomery county, returned home last Monday to the delight of their many friends here.

Miss Mollie Vines after a pleasant visit to relatives at Jumbo is again at home.

Miss Emma DeShazo, of Calera, visited Sheriff Cooley's family this week.

Mrs. S. A. Blasingame is visiting her mother, Mrs. Hannon.

Henry Woolley is visiting friends in our town.

Miss Jessie McGee, of Stanton, is visiting her sister, Mrs. W. T. Callen.

Ben H. Wells, of Coopers, paid us a visit Saturday. We are glad to know his daughter is recovering.

Mr. W. H. Taylor, of the Thorsby Call, gave us a call Monday morning.

Miss Pearl Woolley, of Montevallo, is visiting her sister, Mrs. Will Kemp.

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Mrs. Leroy and daughter, of Montgomery, are visiting the family of John Garner.

The young people enjoyed a most delightful entertainment at the residence of Mr. and Mrs. John Garner last Monday eve.

J. W. Stanfield, of Sistrunks, was called home on account of the sickness of his sister.

Dr. W. F. Stewart went to Birmingham Saturday.

The Banner office is the only Job Printing establishment in Chilton and Coosa counties. We give you best work at lower prices than you can get elsewhere. Give us a trial.

Marriage licenses have been granted this week by the Probate Judge to the following persons:

Mr. W. W. Frith and Miss N. O. Brith; Mr. J. M. Robinson and Miss Ellie Martin.

Colored: Henry Larkins and Charity Clanton.

Minor McRee, of Lowndes, came up Saturday and carried back to his farm the prisoners convicted at the city court.

Durward Foshee of Birmingham is spending a vacation among friends here.

L. H. Stewart visited his brother, Dr. Stewart, this week.

Dr. A. J. Massey, the expert optician, will be at Prattville on 26 and July, and remain ten days at the Ward House.

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Rev. J. P. Kester, M. D., Pastor U. B. church, London Mills, Ills., himself a physician, writes Feb. 22, 1895: "Heart affection and nervous prostration had become so serious last fall that a little over work in the pulpit would so completely prostrate me that it seemed certain I must relinquish the work of the ministry entirely. Heart palpitation became so bad that my auditors would ask me if I did not have heart disease. Last November I commenced taking Dr. Miles' New Heart Cure alternately with Dr. Miles' Nervine and derived the greatest possible benefit. I have just closed a revival work of 10 weeks, preaching nearly every night and twice on the Sabbath. I can speak for hours without suffering as I formerly did. Hard working ministers should keep Dr. Miles' grand remedies on hand."

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Notice of Administrator's Settlement.

The State of Alabama, Probate Court, Chilton County. June Term, 1897.

Final settlement in the matter of the estate of A. B. Hill, Deceased.

This day came A. C. Smith, Administrator of the estate of A. B. Hill deceased, and presents to the Court, under oath, his account, vouchers, evidence and statement for final settlement of his administration.

It is ordered that Monday the 12th day of July, 1897, be appointed a day for making such settlement, at which time all parties in interest can appear and contest the same if they think proper.

Witness, at office, this 16 day of June 1897. R. M. Honeycutt, Judge of Probate.

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NOTICE.

The State of Alabama, Chilton County, Commissioners' Court. June Term 1897.

Notice is hereby given that the book of assessments for Chilton County for 1897 has been prepared and is now on file in this office for inspection, and that the court will sit on the 12th day of July 1897, to examine same and correct any errors therein.

This June 21, 1897.

R. M. Honeycutt, Judge of Probate.

Program Teachers' Institute

An Institute for the white teachers of Chilton county will be held at Cooper Station, Friday and Saturday, July 9-10, 1897.

Friday—9 a.m. Devotional exercises. Welcome address, P. C. Dennis. Organization.

10:00 A plan for grading the schools of Chilton county, W. C. Robinson, Miss M. J. Milford.

10:30 Physiology and Hygiene, J. Alex Moore.

11:00 Methods of opening schools the advantage of variety, B. T. Calloway, Mrs. P. Staples.

11:30 The word method of teaching reading, illustrated with a class C. C. Slaton.

2 p.m. Debate: Resolved that prizes should not be offered in our schools: affirmative, L. E. Zoch, J. Alex Moore. Negative, Judson Strock, E. Y. McMorries.

3:00 How to make arithmetic interesting, J. W. Smith, Wm. Askins.

Saturday—9 a.m. Devotional exercises.

9:30 How and why to correct common errors in spoken language J. M. Scott, E. C. Jones.

10:00 Current History. Its importance and how to teach it, L. E. Zoch, Watts Moore.

10:30 Geography of Alabama with a class, Walter Slaton.

11:00 Public school law, E. Y. McMorries.

11:30 Alabama in Literature, (essay) Miss Kate Garner.

2 p.m. History of Alabama, Judson Strock.

2:30 Question box.

C. C. Slaton, J. Alex Moore, } Program committee

It has been repeatedly stated that the law requires teachers to attend the Institutes, and I hope to see just as many of the teachers of our county present at this Institute as possible. The State Superintendent, Hon. John O. Turner and Prof. T. J. Threadgill of Fort Deposit, are expected to be with us.

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Final Proof Notice

Notice No. 18913.

Land Office at Montgomery, Ala., June 4, 1897.

Notice is hereby given that the following-named settler has filed notice of his intention to make final proof in support of his claim, and that said proof will be made before the Clerk of the Circuit Court at Clanton, Ala., on July 17th, 1897, viz.: Malinda Wyatt. Homestead entry No. 21,757, for the n½ of sw ¼, section 28, tp. 21 north of r 14 east.

He names the following witnesses to prove his continuous residence upon and cultivation of said land, viz.: Nathaniel A. Dobbs, Benjamin F. Dobbs, Columbus A. Dobbs, Madison Popwell, all of Kincheon, Ala.

H. Purcell, Register.

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Jan. 25, 1897.

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Yours respectfully, WM. M. KELLEMS, Siberia, Perry Co., Ind.

Jan. 29, 1896.

We received the following letter from Mr. J. J. Wilson of Omaha, Ill. Mr. Wilson has been for many years an invalid, and receiving the above letter which was published in twelve, doubting of his endorsement was genuine, and received this reply, which he forwarded as Kellems, doubting of his endorsement was genuine, and received this reply, which he forwarded as

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Dear Sir:—Your letter of recent date at hand, the testimonial you speak of is genuine. The company who manufactures and sells "5 Drops" published my testimonial just as I gave it to them and every word of it is true, and I could swear to it and prove it by many witnesses. The company did not ask me for this letter. I sent it to them last January for publication in order that poor sufferers, incurable as I once was, and as you are, might be cured. Get "5 Drops" and use it and it will cure you as it has cured me. I have received many letters like yours, and it is a pleasure to me to answer all who write. Tell all who are afflicted, for though I suffered so long, it is now 8 months since I have felt any pain. Dr. S. W. Kellems, my brother, uses "5 Drops" in his practice, and joins me in endorsing this great remedy. He says for a case like yours it is a positive cure.

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The book containing the sentence has been sealed and placed in the hands of Mr. W. A. Hemphill, President and Business Manager of Constitution Publishing Company, who has it in a safety vault, and who will give it sealed to the committee that makes the decision on September 1st, 1897.

THIS CONTEST is the Fourth of a Series of Extraordinary Interest, **NEARLY $4,000** in cash having been distributed in the three preceding Contests, the first of which was announced last November. In the first Contest, ending Jan. 1st, Mr. M. L. Brittain was the only person to supply the correct word of the sentence then announced and he received **$1,033** in cash. The next Contest closed March 1st, and there were a great many successful guessers, among whom was divided **$1,700** in cash. The third Contest brought many correct answers, **$1,000** in cash being divided among them.

This Contest Lasts Three Months and the Amount to Be Divided Will Be Large. There may be one correct answer, there may be a dozen; there may be more, but remember it costs nothing to supply a word, and you may get it correctly. Whether you do or not, you get

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We Propose to Put 10 Per Cent Of the amount we receive for subscriptions, wherein the party subscribing enters the Missing Word Contest, into a fund for distribution among those who name correctly the missing word. For instance: If only one contestant gets the word right, he or she, as the case may be, will have all the money. If more than one strike it, the sum will be equally divided, each correct answer receiving its proportionate share of the money.

The Condition Precedent for Sending a Guess At the Missing Word is that each and every guess must be accompanied by a year's subscription to The Weekly Constitution; the guess must be sent in the identical envelope that brings the money that pays for the subscription; forgetting it, or leaving it out by accident or otherwise, or not knowing of the guess at the time you subscribed, or any other reason will not entitle one to send a guess afterwards. The guess must come with the subscription or not at all. Should a party send more than one guess, he or she will be entitled to a share of the fund for each correct guess sent, there will be no capital prize—every one will get a first prize; if more than one person names the missing word properly, the money will be equally divided and all stand exactly on the same footing. Persons may guess as many times as they send subscriptions.

The Contest Began June 1. We began then to keep accurate account of the subscriptions received with guesses, and on July 1 we will publish how much is to the credit of the subscribers guessing, and during July and August we will publish each week how the fund has grown.

The Contest Closes Sept. 1. At which time we will pay out to the successful party or parties the full prize amount that has accrued in the contest.

In Making Your Answer You need not write the sentence out in full, just state simply the Missing Word for September 1 is "_____."

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Soxey—That woman next door will drive me crazy.

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Soxey—Pounding? I call that toning it.—Pittsburg News.

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AT THE CAPITOL.

Durant Appeals to United States Supreme Court.

LONG LIST OF APPOINTMENTS

Sent to the Senate by the President—Japanese Minister May be Recalled—Receipts and Expenditures for Month of June.—Other Items of Interest.

An Embezzler Pardoned.

The president has pardoned Charles R. Fleischman, sentenced in Illinois to five years' imprisonment in the Milwaukee house of correction, December 8th last for embezzling the funds of the National bank of Illinois.

Comparative Statement.

The monthly comparative statement of the government receipts and expenditures shows that during the month of June the receipts from eleven sources amounted to $36,584,708, and the expenditures $22,934,694, leaving a surplus for the month of $13,650,014. The surplus during June, 1896, was $2,340,400. The statement shows that the deficit for the fiscal year closed Wednesday, last week, was $18,623,108, a reduction of $31,821,985, since March 11 of the present year.

The receipts from customs during last June aggregated $21,560,152 as compared with $11,351,803 for June, 1896.

The receipts from internal revenue sources during the last month were $12,887,085, a loss as compared with June, 1896, of $500,000.

Congressman Knowles Hot.

In the house one day last week Mr. Knowles (pop., S. D.) rose to a question of personal privilege, and sent to the clerk's desk and had read an Associated Press dispatch dated Lewiston, Me., in which Prof. L. C. Bateman charged, on the alleged authority of Mr. Knowles, that the "middle-of-the-road populists had accepted $1,500 from the proceeds of Mr. Bryan's book, with the understanding that nothing should be done to prevent fusion in 1900." Mr. Knowles denounced Mr. Bateman's statement as a wilful falsehood. Mr. Dingley objected to the airing of private grievances in the house. He said the gentleman might "hire a hall" if he desired to make a personal explanation. Mr. Knowles, however, insisted that he had a right to denounce a statement that was "false as hell," and the speaker allowed him to proceed. Mr. Knowles read letters in vindication of himself.

Threatened With a Deficiency.

For more than a month all pension certificates issued by the government have been held up in the pension bureau. The suspension ended last week when an immense batch of certificates was mailed to the various agencies. This terminates the operations of an order which taking effect on May 31 last was designed to avoid increasing the existing deficiency in the pension applications by crediting the payments which would follow the issuances of these certificates to the new fiscal year instead of to the fiscal year ended Wednesday of last week. The pension bureau was threatened with a deficiency of about $300,000 in its appropriations, and the discovery of the threatened deficit by Commissioner Evans led to the suspension. The prompt action saved the office in this respect, and it is stated prevented a deficiency being recorded against the past fiscal year.

A Novel Scheme.

Representative Shafroth, of Colorado, introduced in the house the other day a novel measure, entitled "A bill to encourage the economical administration of the government." It provides that "in order that each officer and employe of the United States shall have a direct interest in the economical administration of the government, the secretary of the treasury is directed for each month the expenditures of the government are greater than the receipts to deduct and retain in the treasury from each salary in excess of $200 per month 20 per cent. thereof, and from each salary under said amount 10 per cent. thereof." It further provides that in no case shall the amount so deducted be repaid unless at the end of the fiscal year the receipts for the year have exceeded the expenditures. The president and justices of the supreme court are the only officials exempted from the operations of the act.

Likely to be Recalled.

Toru Hoshi, the Japanese minister, is likely to be recalled at an early date. While officials at Washington of the Japanese legation claim to be in ignorance of any such probability, well-informed opinion in state department circles inclines to the belief that Mr. Hoshi will ask for his papers within a short time.

The reasons for the minister's recall are two-fold, not the least potent of which is said to be the feeling of the Mikado's government and the minister personally toward this government's policy in Hawaii. The minister himself feels insulted because the state department did not apprise him of the negotiations which led to the signing of the treaty for the annexation of Hawaii, and while the Japanese home government is incensed on account of this and what it termed a lack of consideration of its rights in Hawaii in the framing of the treaty itself, the condition of Japanese politics affords a second reason for the minister's recall.

List of Appointments.

The president last week sent the following nominations to the senate:

Treasury—George C. Bidwell, to be collector of customs for the district of New York.

Wilbur F. Wakeman, appraiser of merchandise in the district of New York.

Justice—Henry P. Closs, attorney of the United States for the northern district of New York.

State—John F. Gowey, of Washington, consul at Kanagawa, to be consul general at Yokohama, Japan.

George N. West, of the District of Columbia, now consul at Picton, to be consul at Sydney, N. S. W.

To Be Consuls—Oscian Bedell, of New York, at Fort Erie, Ont.

John C. Higgins, of Delaware, at Dundee, Scotland.

Interior—C. Sanford Russell, of Missouri, to be receiver of public moneys at Ironton, Mo.

Lee Patrick, of Oklahoma, to be agent for the Indians of the Sac and Fox agency, Oklahoma.

Postmasters—Jerome E. Poche, Washington, Ga.; Sebastian Anderson, Jasper, Ind.; Abel Landrich, Napoleonville, La.

State—John Russell Young, of Pennsylvania, to be librarian of congress.

Bernard R. Green, of the District of Columbia, to be superintendent of library building and grounds.

Francis B. Loomis, of Ohio, to be envoy extraordinary and minister plenipotentiary to Venezuela.

To Be Consuls—Henry Rordewick, of Minnesota, at Christiana, Norway.

John C. Caldwell, of Kansas, at San Jose, Costa Rica.

Philip C. Hanna, of Iowa, at Trinidad, West Indies.

Louis Lange, Jr., of Illinois, at Bremen, Germany.

Joseph J. Stevens, of Indiana, at Plymouth, England.

War—Col. Henry C. Merriam, Seventh infantry, to be brigadier general.

Justice—John R. Thomas, of Illinois, to be judge of the United States courts in the Indian Territory.

Treasury—Thomas J. Yandell, of Kentucky, to be collector of internal revenue for the Second district of Kentucky.

John W. Yeakes, of Kentucky, to be collector of internal revenue for the Eighth district of Kentucky.

William Woodville Rockhill, of the District of Columbia, to be Envoy Extraordinary and Minister Plenipotentiary and Consul General to Greece, Roumania and Servia.

Arthur S. Hardy, of New Hamsphire, Minister Resident and Consul General to Persia.

Abraham E. Smith, of Illinois, Consul at Victoria, B. C.

Asa W. Tenny, United States District Judge for the Eastern District of New York.

Richard W. Austin, Marshal of the Eastern District of Tennessee.

George W. Allen, Collector of Customs for the District of Key West, Fla.

Mr. Rockhill, the new minister to Greece, was until recently Assistant Secretary of State. His appointment is not a party one in any sense, but is based entirely upon his experience as a diplomat and his excellent work while in the Department of State. He entered the diplomatic service as far back as 1884, being appointed from Maryland to be Second Secretary of Legation at Peking. In 1886 and 1887 he acted as charge d'affaires at Seoul, the Korean capital.

In 1788 he resigned with a long leave of absence, which he devoted to an exploration of Thibet, then an almost unknown country. One result of this journey was a most interesting contribution to the scientific literature of travel.

In 1893 Mr. Rockhill, who had then returned to the United States, was appointed chief clerk of the Department of State, a post he relinquished in the following year to become Third Assistant Secretary of State. At the personal request of President Cleveland, Mr. Rockhill in 1896 relinquished this place, which from custom had come to be regarded as non-political and safe from the vicissitudes of changes in the administration, to accept the place of Assistant Secretary of State vacated by the appointment of Mr. Uhl as Ambassador to Germany. He continued to hold the place under the present administration until the appointment of Judge Day, and remained in the department until some time after the accession of the latter to close up the Cuban correspondence of the last administration.

DURRANT'S APPEAL.

Papers Received by the Clerk of the United States Supreme Court.

A telegram from Washington says: The papers in the appeal of W. H. T. Durrant, under sentence of death in San Francisco for the murder of Blanche Lamont, were received by the clerk of the United States supreme court last Thursday. The appeal is from the decision if the circuit court of the United States in the Ninth district in refusing to grant Durrant's application for a writ of habeas corpus. In his petition Durrant alleges that the irregularity and illegality of the proceedings against him in the California state courts in that trial "was conducted upon information not in accordance with the equal protection of the laws and not by due process of law," and that testimony was introduced and conviction secured without any process of law and without trial by an impartial jury, and without process of law. As the supreme court will not sit again until October 12, the application cannot be argued before that time.

UNABLE TO CONTINUE.

Third Building and Loan Association in Kentucky Fails.

The Globe Building and Loan association of Louisville, Ky., went to the wall last Thursday afternoon, finding itself unable to carry on business under the state law as construed by the appellate court. The assets and liabilities are estimated at $400,000 each. L. O. Cox is president. The managers of the other building and loan associations have issued cards calculated to restore confidence, claiming that the ruling of the court did not affect them. This makes the third corporation of this character that has gone under during the past two days.

More War Possible.

A pessimistic view of the negotiations for peace between Turkey and Greece are taken at Athens and even the resumption of hostilities in the near future is regarded as possible. It is stated that in such an event King George will command the Greek troops.

SWELTERING.

Deaths and Prostrations Reported From Many Places.

18 DEGREES ABOVE NORMAL.

Hot Winds Are Doing Much Damage to Crops—One Man Hanged Himself Because He Couldn't Sleep—Snow in Colorado.

Washington, July 3.—The weather bureau today issued the following hot-weather bulletin:

The area of unusually high temperature this morning includes nearly the whole country east of the Rocky mountains, except the middle Atlantic coast and New England, the range above the normal amounting to from 2 to 18 degrees, and being greater in the lake region. Maximum temperature of 100 degrees and over occurred yesterday at Charleston and Savannah, and of 90 degrees and over throughout the remainder of the region named.

The temperatures throughout the lake region, the Ohio and Mississippi valleys have been above the normal since the first of the month.

There has been considerable fall during the past twenty-four hours in the Missouri valley and the northwest. Continued high temperature is probable for Sunday over the eastern and southern portions of the United States.

Willis L. Moore,
Chief of Bureau.

Sunstrokes at Cincinnati.

Cincinnati, July 3.—At noon today the thermometer here recorded 94 in the shade. There were fifteen sunstrokes reported, among them being H. P. Boyden, city auditor-elect and formerly editor of the Commercial Tribune. He is not seriously affected. Four of the sunstroke cases are serious. Policeman Kussmann is raving in delirium from the effects of the heat.

Several horses dropped dead in the streets.

The total number of heat prostrations reported to midnight are eighteen. Four terminated fatally.

The dead are: Frank Scofield, Minnie Myers, Ernest Landraf, William Foley, all of Cincinnati.

Four cases are considered critical at this writing, and ten are not serious. Among the latter is that of Rev. Adolph Ludwig, pastor of the Baptist church, in Newport, who fell on the streets of Cincinnati tonight at a late hour.

In Chicago Men Sickened.

Chicago, July 3.—The highest temperature recorded in the annals of the weather bureau for the month of July in ten years was reached today, when for two hours the thermometer registered 95 degrees.

But the mercury did not keep there. It went up and down, until it finally made one supreme jump in an hour's from 89 to 97 degrees.

On the business streets men reeled and sickened as in a plague-stricken city and in the tenement districts women and children huddled, seeking in vain, relief from the heat that prevailed everywhere.

It was the hottest day of the year and the hottest July that Chicago ever knew. There were many prostrations, police and hospital ambulances being kept busy all day caring for those who sank under the scorching rays, but up to midnight but one case had proved fatal.

100 in the Shade at Louisville.

Louisville, Ky., July 3.—An even 100 degrees in the shade is what Observer Frank Burke read on his thermometer when he made his observation at 12.30 this afternoon. Ten minutes later it had dropped to 99 where remained for an hour, a gradual drop following. This breaks all records for years. The hottest day last year was July 28, when 98.5 was registered. At 11 this morning 98 was registered. At noon a slight drop was noticeable, but thirty minutes later the mercury took a final upward spurt and broke all records. There are a dozen or more prostrations, but so far none have resulted fatally. Horses and mules fall on the streets, and twenty or more have been killed during the last twenty-four hours on account of the excessive heat.

Two Deaths at Pittsburg.

Pittsburg, Pa., July 3.—Two deaths and a number of prostrations from heat were reported today. This was the hottest day of the year, the thermometer registering 91.3 at noon. The highest yesterday was 91. The indications are for continued high temperature.

Preferred Death to Heat.

St. Louis, July 3.—Because he could not sleep, owing to the heat, William Marzlaud, one of the four grown brothers who live together in a comfortable home at 1023 Morrison street, killed himself last night. His body was found hanging in the cellar today.

Death Caused by Heat.

Aurora, Ill., July 3.—Robert Hillocks and his wife were found dead in their home in this city today. The body of Mr. Hillocks lay upon the floor and that of his wife on the bed. Each was 30 years of age. It is believed the strange fatality was caused by the intense heat.

Hot Winds Wither Crops.

Kansas City July 3.—According to specials received by the Star the worst damages suffered by Kansas crops within the last week from hot winds has been in the southwest from Great Bend west and south. There is a strip of country running through Marion and Dickinson counties where the weather has been unusually dry and wheat as well as corn has been damaged and severe damage has been done everywhere west of Marion. But taking the state as a whole it appears according to these specials that the corn crop is still in condition to yield more than last year.

Condition at St. Louis.

St. Louis, July 3.—The thermometer this afternoon registered 94 degrees. On the stone pavements in the streets below the heat was at least 4 degrees greater. There is very little humidity and consequently few prostrations.

St. Joseph, Mo., July 3.—The hot wave in this section continues, the mercury recording 98 degrees again today. Numerous prostrations have occurred, but none of a serious nature.

Hot in Milwaukee.

Milwaukee, Wis., July 3.—This has been the hottest day of the season, the thermometer marking 96 degrees on the street. At Lacrosse and other points 99 degrees was reached. Three letter carriers were prostrated by the heat in this city, none of them fatal, however. Thunder storms and cooler temperature are predicted.

Denies There Is Damage.

Lincoln, Neb., July 3.—Reports have been sent throughout the country to the effect that hot winds were causing great injury to the crops in Western Kansas and parts of Nebraska. The fact is there has been nothing whatever of that nature. On the contrary the conditions are exceptionally good. There has been an abundance of rain through Nebraska, northwest Kansas and Colorado.—Corn is in excellent condition and the outlook is most encouraging. The above statement is made by the officials of the Chicago, Burlington & Quincy railroad.

Snow in Colorado.

Leadville, Col., July 3.—The Fourth of July season was appropriately inaugurated here this morning by a severe snow storm. At this hour a heavy snow is falling, and the ground is covered to a depth of 1 inch.

Denver, Col., July 3.—Snow fell this morning at Gunnison, Tellerude, Creed and Leadville.

SUFFERING AND DESTITUTION.

Senator Mason Told of the Condition of 40,000 of His Constituents.

W. D. Ryan, secretary of the United Mine Workers of Illinois, has written an open letter to United States Senator Mason, in which he says:

"The stand taken by you in behalf of the patriots in Cuba deserves the commendation of all liberty-loving people, but let me call your attention to the condition of 40,000 of your constituents—the coal miners of Illinois. The competition inaugurated by the coal operators has brought about a condition of suffering and destitution which was never equalled. We have been forced to accept reduction after reduction until the price now paid is so low that miners cannot earn an average of 75 cents a day, and the mines work only half time. Taking an average of $1 a day and three days' work a week, a miner earns $12 a month. With a family of five—a fair average—the wife has less than three cent for a meal, to say nothing of clothes, rent, etc. I doubt if any more lives have been lost in Cuba since the insurrection commenced than in the mines of Illinois during the same time; and I am certain that there are no more women and children hungry in Cuba at present than among the families of the miners of Illinois. Do something to put the idle miners of Illinois to work at a fair rate of wages and I will guarantee that every miner in Illinois will contribute at least one days' wages every month for the benefit of the down-trodden people of Cuba."

EX-QUEEN LIL'S SUBJECTS

Have Not Forwarded a Petition in Her Behalf.

Capt. Charles A. Palmer, private secretary to ex Queen Liliuokalani, states that there is positively no truth in the rumor that a monster petition was being forwarded to Washington from Hawaii by the ex-queen's subjects in her favor.

"The people of Hawaii," he said, "have as yet learned nothing about the treaty having been signed. We were not expecting such an act on the part of the administration, so a petition of the kind mentioned was not deemed necessary. Communication is bad between the islands. It is not as it is in this country, and even after the news reached there it would take several days to circulate it among the people."

FAMILY EXTERMINATED.

Suspicion That They Were Poisoned, and Arrests Will Be Made.

The vicinity of Belmot, Brown county, Indiana, is greatly excited over the extermination of the family of John Stephens. The mother and five children were taken suddenly ill with what was thought to be flux Monday afternoon. That night the infant died. Tuesday morning the little 4-year-old boy died. This morning the mother died and an hour later the 6-year-old boy died. Two little girls are all that are left of the family, and they are dangerously ill. One is dying and the other will not recover. Physicians thought it was flux, but now the general suspicion is they were poisoned. Investigation by the coroner will follow, and probably arrests will be made.

WILL RETAIN THESSALY.

So the Turkish Cabinet Announces to the Ambassadors.

A dispatch to the London Times from Constantinople dated Wednesday says: Tewfik Pasha will announce to the ambassadors of the powers tomorrow (Thursday) that the cabinet maintains the indefensible right of Turkey to retain Thessaly by right of conquest.

Thousands Homeless.

A dispatch to the London Daily Mail from Brail, the principal port of Roumania, says that 20,000 inhabitants, of Galatz, in Moldavi, on the left bank of the Danube, are homeless as a result of the recent floods.

An Old Minister.

Many stories are told of Dr. Gad Hitchcock, who was a minister in Pembroke, Mass., before and during revolutionary times. He was noted for his patriotism and the fearless expression of his views when opportunity offered. He was chaplain in the army at one time, and preached many a stirring sermon to the men.

The first sermon he published was addressed to a military company at the time when the French were making inroads on the northern frontier. The year before the breaking out of the revolution he preached his famous "Election Sermon," which roused Gov. Gage to great wrath, and struck even the minister's stanchest friends as ill-advised. It is said that when Doctor Hitchcock wrote it, the Governor was not expected to be in the audience at the time of its delivery.

When it was found that he was there, one of the minister's friends suggested that a slight modification of some of the strong expressions in the sermon would perhaps be advisable; but Dr. Hitchcock was of another mind.

"My sermon is written," he calmly said, "and it will not be altered."

On his journeyings to and from Boston he usually fell into conversation with any one with whom he was thrown. One day he traveled to Boston in company with a sailor of whom he asked many questions as to his name, residence, habits and tastes.

At last the sailor began questioning in his turn: "What is your name?" he asked.

"I am Gad Hitchcock from Tunk" (the name of his parish.).

"Three of the worst names I ever heard!" cried the sailor, bluntly, greatly to Dr. Hitchcock's delight.

A London cablegram says that "Queen Victoria is greatly embarrassed by riches." Her eldest hopeful seems to be embarrassing others by his lack of riches.

The maid from Boston swept the street with her glance. It was noticeable that the asphalt was covered with a glare of ice.—Cincinnati Enquirer.

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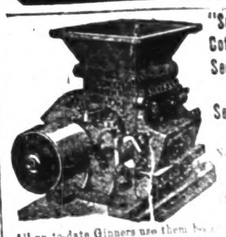

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THE GUERNSEY PLAN.

TRUE FINANCIAL SYSTEM HAS BEEN TESTED.

The Guernsey Market Money Should Be Kept Before the People As An Object Lesson—Bonds Are Worse Than Needless.

"The best money in the world," says America's greatest political economist, Henry George, "is the money that costs the people the least, and is the most convenient. The best money in the world is the greenback."

Greenbacks may be defined as paper money, issued by the government in payment of public expenses, and receivable for all taxes. How this paper money can be used in making necessary public improvements without selling posterity into slavery by the issuance of interest-bearing bonds was shown in the island of Guernsey, and it cannot be too often retold. It is thus recounted by the Pittsburg Kansan:

"In view of what was said last week in the Kansan about the possible building of a city hall for the city of Pittsburg on the Guernsey market plan, quite an extensive interest has been created, and we have been urgently requested to restate what is meant by the Guernsey plan.

"It may not be amiss to say that Guernsey, one of the Channel islands, in the bay of St. Michael, is 30 miles west of the coast of Normandy and 50 miles south of Portland on the English coast. It has an area of 16,000 acres, and a population of 30,000. The natives speak the old Norman French to this day. St. Peters is the only town of consequence on the island. About a hundred years ago, when the population on the island was about 20,000, and that of St. Peters about 5,000, the burghers did their marketing around the church square, in the open air, but concluded it would be much better to put up a building that would serve as a city hall and market house. That had been concluded by their fathers and their grandfathers before them, but there they were, still exposed to the weather in doing their marketing, and without any roomy place to hold public meetings. A bright young man who had studied architecture whiled away his spare time drawing the plan of a possible market house, city hall and auditorium for St. Peters and the parish councillors were greatly pleased with it. What a splendid addition such a building would be to St. Peters and Guernsey. The more they thought of it the more the need of such an institution grew upon them, but alas, the young architect figured out that it would cost not less than £4,000—$20,000. There was no money on hand. Peter de l'Isle Brock was governor of Guernsey, and was a man of great resources and good judgment. He was a descendant of Norman Rollo, in whose heirs the governorship had been vested for a thousand years. If anybody could devise ways and means to put up a $20,000 market house Peter was the man, thought the people. A deputation of the councillors, accompanied by several substantial burghers called on the governor, told him what they desired, showed him the plan of the proposed market house and asked him what he thought about it.

"'I think this is a very good plan,' said Pete, 'why don't you build it?'

"'We have no money, and in these troublous times we do not think we could borrow it.' It should be remembered times were hard at that time.

"'Well, that is rather bad,' responded Peter, 'but perhaps we might contrive to get over the difficulty. Let me see,' and he glanced again at the imposing looking from elevation, side elevations, plans, diagrams and specifications, prepared by the young architect.

"'Tell me,' he continued, 'have we the necessary rock on the island to build it with?' 'Yes, plenty of it.' 'And brick?' 'We can make them.' 'Lumber, sand and lime?' 'Enough to put up a hundred such buildings.' 'Have we the mechanics, and teams and laborers?' 'Certainly.' 'But no money?' 'No money.' Peter took a few minutes to think and then in a quiet but positive tone said: 'I think we can manage it. After all, money don't quarry rocks, nor burn bricks, nor chop trees nor saw it into lumber, nor haul nor build—it is men who do these things, and you say we have the men and material. I think we can manage without money. Come back to-morrow and we'll talk it over again.'

"In the interval the governor held several session with his council, and next day when the big deputation came he laid out the plan that had been approved provisionally by his advisers. It was this: 'The market house will be itself tangible value for all the labor and cost of material. After being completed it will be a source of revenue. In view of these two facts,' said Peter, 'we can proceed to build it by issuing market house notes to those who furnish the material and service as the work progresses. If you take these notes and hold them till the market house is completed, we, that is, the council, will receive them in payment for rent and dues from the market house until they are all taken up, after which the market house will be our own, everybody will have been paid and you will have good paying property to turn over to your children. In the meantime, you can use these notes for trading purposes among yourselves, as everyone of you know they represent actual value and will in time be redeemed.'"

"Bravo! we'll do it," and soon the glad word was sent over the island of Guernsey that a grand new $20,000 market house was to be built at St. Peters. The proper committees were appointed by the council, the bright young architect was given general supervision of the work and soon the Guernsey islanders were as busy as bees on their new market house. Every Saturday at noon the accounts for labor and material were made up, laid before the council, the notes bearing good Governor Peter de l'Isle Brook's signature were issued and everything squared up. There was a noticeable increase in business all over the island—not an idle or unemployed man on it. Those who had been in debt got out of it, and by the time the $20,000 in notes were out there was a feeling of general prosperity. The building in all its stately proportions was finally completed. The market was divided into 80 stalls. Each stall was leased at $25 a year—making an annual income of $2,000. The notes were accepted as payment, and in ten years the last one was taken up and cancelled. That market house stands there to this day, and is still bringing in revenue to the burghers of St. Peters and Guernsey. It never cost a single penny in what is known as money, and yet every claim that could possibly be satisfied by money was met. No bonds, no coupon, no interest, no taxes—and there you are. Does this example of what a few isolated islanders accomplished a century ago yield no lesson of value to the people of Pittsburg or the nation? Can we not build a market house and auditorium on the Guernsey plan? Can we not issue greenbacks on the same plan? If not, why not?

PEN POINTS.

It will get so, after awhile, that the taxpayer will insist on being put in prison, and compel the convicts to go out and go to work to support them.—Representative.

What an awful fix the country would have been in but for the present extra session of congress.—Farm, Stock and Home.

In his "creeping paralysis of business and bitter want of the unemployed" Mr. Wanamaker is rather besting Mr. McKinley, who is not a business man, but just an ambitious politician.—Toledo News.

It is said that a dragon fly can fly backward as rapidly and easily as forward; so can some politicians.—Commonwealth.

The American people need to make an uprising against the autocratic power of the speaker of the house of representatives. It is useless to talk of a house of representatives where there is no such thing as honest, untrammeled representation.—Manitou Enterprise.

One fundamental cause of hard times is that there are too many men who don't get what they earn.—Farm, Stock and Home.

Before election the Republican party knew all about the money question and knew just what to do to restore prosperity. It's different now, and the President wants a commission authorized to go in search of that wave of prosperity we've heard so much about and seen so little of.—Aspen Tribune.

The armies of the world number about 5,000,000 men. These soldiers, if engaged in the production of wealth instead of the destruction of wealth—property and life—could, with modern machinery, produce enough wealth—homes, food, clothing and other necessaries—to make comfortable and happy 75,000,000 people.—Rights of Man.

Dun & Co., the commercial agency humbuggers, declare that the people are doing a larger volume of business than they realize. That's it! Just as clear as averaging the bank accounts of ten men, for example. One man may have $1,000 and the other nine nothing, but in the average each man has $100, and therefore people may have money or be doing business of which they have no knowledge. Now you see it, and now you don't.—Cleveland Citizen.

Nearly 1,600 business houses and corporations, including more than 150 banks and public depositories of money, have failed since McKinley was elected. Probably 90 per cent of these clear-headed business men voted for McKinley and talked much about people who wanted to pay their debts in 53-cent dollars. They would now confer a great favor on their creditors, and hasten the belated dawn of prosperity, by paying even 50 cents on a dollar. The average business man should attend night school for a time and swear off on reading newspapers.—Erie People.

The unthinking, the ignorant, the prejudiced and the bigot have ridiculed and fought every reform, social, religious or political, calculated to better the world, since the beginning of history. They have denounced, abused and persecuted every man or woman who has spent his or her life to elevate the race. Ignorance and bigotry combat intelligence and progress at every turn, and always will. Yet intelligence and progress advance slowly but surely and steadily all along the line.—Real Republic (Amarillo, Tex.).

Remedy for Poverty.

Give no bounties, make equal laws, secure life and property, and you need not give alms. Open the doors of opportunity to talent and virtue and they will do themselves justice, and property will not be in bad hands. In a free and just commonwealth property rushes from the idle and imbecile to the industrious, brave and persevering.—Ralph Waldo Emerson.

M'KINLEY OF YORE.

HIS RECORD AS AN ADVOCATE OF SILVER.

Senator Stewart of Nevada Shows Up the Good Side of the Chief Executive's Life—Admirers Don't Like It—Goldocrats Badly Chagrined.

During the debate on the tariff bill in the senate a number of senators were criticised by Senator Hoar, of Massachusetts, for supporting Mr. Bryan at the late election who had once voted for free wool. Mr. Stewart, among others, defended the position of Mr. Bryan, and said: "Mr. President: I think that the criticism which has been made on Mr. Bryan is very unjust. I can give an illustration of its injustice. When the Bland act was under consideration, in 1878, in the house of representatives in its original form, it was a free-coinage act pure and simple, and it passed the house by an overwhelming majority, without any qualification, before the Allison amendment was attached to it. Mr. McKinley voted for free coinage pure and simple by the United States alone, independent of other nations, without any qualification whatever. After the Bland act came to the senate and was amended, he voted for it as amended. Then it was vetoed, and he voted to pass the Bland-Allison act over the veto of the President. He voted for it on every vote. During that contest he voted with the most radical silver men. Further, since 1890 he made a speech at Toledo, Ohio, which I have now before me, in which he denounced President Cleveland for discriminating between the two metals. He denounced President Cleveland's policy. In the Republican convention of 1888, the last Republican convention I ever attended, I was upon the committee on resolutions. Mr. McKinley was chairman of that committee. After a whole night's discussion we adopted unanimously an amendment which I drew and proposed, Mr. McKinley voting for it, the amendment declaring that the Republican party is in favor of the use of both gold and silver as money, and condemns the action of the Clevelandite administration for its efforts to demonetize silver. He stood on that plank. Then when the St. Louis convention met and he became a candidate he accepted the nomination on a very different platform, one declaring that the Republican party will adhere to the present gold standard until we can get an international agreement. Upon the theory of the senator from Massachusetts, if Mr. McKinley follows the logic of his former position, he would sign a free-coinage bill, and he would aid in its passage so far as giving it his general approval. He would be as good a free-coinage man as he was in 1878, and as good a free-coinage man as I am. He was as radical in his votes and actions then as I am to-day or my friend from Missouri or anybody else. If that is the principle, if free-coinage once it is free-coinage always, if it is impossible to be a backslider from that doctrine, then it may be impossible that there shall be backsliders from extreme free-trade doctrine. There are many men of extreme free-trade notions, and they may believe it yet, but they have been forced to modify their opinions, because we are obliged to have a tariff to put the products of our labor in a condition to compete with foreign articles."

Mr. Allen—Will the senator permit me to ask him if it is a fact that the recent President of the United States advocated and voted for the passage of the Sherman act?

Mr. Stewart—He did; and he afterwards referred to and boasted of it in a speech.

Mr. Teller—He voted for the Sherman law.

Mr. Teller—The Sherman law of 1890?

Mr. Stewart—Yes; he voted for the Sherman law and the Bland-Allison act.

Mr. Allen—As I recollect from reading his speech, he advocated strongly the passage of that act in the other branch of congress.

Mr. Stewart—He advocated the passage of the act in congress, and he spoke of it and denounced Mr. Cleveland when he was President for the position he occupied on the money question, as late as 1891 or 1892. I read a great deal of his speech the other day, and if any one doubts my statement I can bring it in and read it again, to show how very denunciatory Mr. McKinley was of Mr. Cleveland's gold policy. Now it is claimed by our Republican friends that he is par excellence. These changes do occur. So far as Mr. Bryan is concerned, he made speeches on the tariff when he was in the other house. But his party declared that the silver question, the money question was paramount. He was, however, in favor of a tariff which did not discriminate. He accepted the platform of his party and went before the country, and if any man can find in his speeches anywhere one sentence in conflict with the principles laid down in the Chicago platform upon the tariff and money questions, I should like him to present it. It cannot be found. If we are to get men who are perfect during all their career, from their infancy up, who do not grow by circumstances, we shall have to take very young men to be Presidents, younger than Mr. Bryan and younger than Mr. McKinley. After they perform one public act, they may find it necessary to diverge from it the next day. You cannot find men who are perfect, if you study their political history. It seems to me there is nothing in the question. It is not strange, however, that Mr. Bryan should be criticised, because it is very well known that he is going to be the next President of the United States (laughter), and, of course, the opposition have commenced to criticise him.

The gold standardites in the senate will not attack Mr. Bryan's consistency again, for a long while, at least.

WORDS OF THE WISE.

Man Supreme.

I would not have the laborer sacrificed to the result. I would not have the laborer sacrificed to my convenience and pride, nor that of a great class of such as I. Let there be worse cotton and better men. The weaver should not be bereaved of his superiority to his work.—Emerson.

Oppression.

Man never fastened one end of a chain around the neck of his brother, that God's own hand did not fasten the other end around the neck of the oppressor.—Lamartine.

Liberty Knows No Defeat.

Liberty knows nothing but victories. Soldiers call Bunker Hill a defeat; but liberty dates from it, though Warren lay dead on the field.—Wendell Phillips.

Where Adams Stood.

Bonds and banks I never approved. Our whole banking system I ever abhorred, I continue to abhor, and shall die abhorring.—John Adams.

Justice Must Not Be Delayed.

But above all if we be just men, we shall go forward in the name of truth and right, bearing this in mind that when the case is proved, and the hour is come, justice delayed is justice denied.—Gladstone.

The Worth of a State.

The worth of a state in the long run is the worth of the individuals composing it.—John Stuart Mill.

Speak Out.

Any human being, however humble or liable to error, may render an essential service to society by making, through a whole lifetime, a steady, uncompromising, dispassionate declaration of his convictions as they are matured.—Harriet Martineau.

Henri Cernuschi, later before the United States monetary commission in 1877, made this statement: "With reference to paper money, another great error prevails. Many people believe that its value depends upon the promise of the government to pay them in metal one day or other. This promise does not add to the purchasing power of paper money. A promise to execute without date for executing is not a promise. The only reason why paper money has a value is that it is a legal tender; that nobody can refuse it, that the government accepts it for the payment of taxes. It is for this reason that it circulates in the same way that gold and silver circulate. Paper money is not a credit paper, but an enforced standard. Gold and silver money is also an enforced standard."—Page 95, Nomisma, or Legal Tender by Henri Cernuschi.

POLITICAL CHANGE.

Senator Butler of North Carolina has introduced a resolution directing the committee on privileges and elections to inquire into the practicability of applying the principle of initiative and referendum to federal legislation in this country. The committee has decided to make the investigation through a sub-committee.

Whether the People's party battles alone or in co-operation with the other free silver parties events daily make converts to the People's party platform.—Ex.

"If an election were held now for president," said Mr. F. Wolff, president of a big iron and shipbuilding plant at Portland, Ore., in conversation with friends, "the whole Pacific slope would vote to elect Bryan over any man the Republicans could name. It was a hard struggle to hold Oregon in line last year, but to-day it would be impossible. The continued depression in business has increased the free silver sentiment in our state to a degree that would make a silver ticket invincible in the absence of a revival of prosperity."

Ex-Senator Fred T. Dubois of Idaho has gone into cattle raising on a ranch in Idaho. All his cattle bear this brand: "16-1." Mr. Dubois' four-footed possessions, therefore, says the Silver Knight Watchman, are walking advertisements of his devotion to the cause of silver coinage.

Investigations have placed a number of Nebraska Republican officials behind the bars, and have demonstrated, to a moral certainty, that a great many more deserve to be there.

The Virginia Democrats seem to favor the selection of a Populist for second place on the state ticket.

The semi-weekly session of the lower house of congress were had as usual during the past week. With the combined votes of the Reed Republicans and the Bailey Democrats, says the Silver Knight-Watchman, legislation in that branch of congress has been effectually throttled; and the country, at the expense of something near a million of dollars a week, enjoys the luxury of a house of representatives that does not represent.

THE CROSS OF GOLD.

HOW AMERICAN PRODUCERS ARE BEING CRUCIFIED.

J. W. Porter of Virginia Exposes the Methods Resorted to by the Plutocratic Press to Hide the Cause of Falling Prices of Our Products.

(By J. W. Porter of Virginia in the Silver Knight-Watchman.)

In view of the long continued decline of agricultural prosperity, which has reacted upon all other industries, and is making commercial business hazardous, to say the least, we see men still groping in darkness as to the cause. And we see others ignorantly or wilfully misstating the cause, and declaring that it is irremediable, while chronicling the damaging evidence of the destruction of values which is due to causes which are remediable. The cause and the remedy have been long ago pointed out by some of the wisest and ablest men of the time, and public opinion would long ago have compelled the application of that remedy which consisted in a removal of the known cause, but for the determined effort to prevent public opinion by false statements, and the closure of the columns of so many of our great newspapers and agricultural journals to any fair discussion of the subject. This is no light matter in a republic, whose enlightened public opinion is our every safeguard. The power of money to oppress is nowhere more aptly illustrated than in this attempted control of the vehicles of public intelligence. Every writer against the gold standard in this country and in Europe knows how difficult it is to get any presentation of fact or argument against the gold standard before the people. The late Prof. Laveleye, of Liege university, asserted in his last days, after long and ably contending against the injustice of the gold standard, that he had to pay for the publication of his papers in the great continental journals. In a republic this is inexcusable. It is dangerous. It is the first step taken to throttle liberty. Americans should be aroused to the danger, ere it is too late. Truth and justice have nothing to fear in the arena, open to public discussion. A free and untrammeled public press was once deemed "the palladium of our liberties." Have we such now? Most assuredly not when the press is closed to those who would discuss the most important questions which ever agitated our country. One great agricultural journal which has a large circulation, formerly took great interest in this question. Its control was secured, and it was silenced, and all discussion of the subject of bimetallism as affecting agriculture was stopped, though its two editors are pronounced friends of bimetallism. Every number brings evidence of the decay of the farming interests, yet the cause must not be discussed!

It recently published the following from the Tribune (N. Y.):

"Farms in England are selling at a ruinous reduction of their former value, and in many cases cannot be sold at all. Many properties within two hours ride of London are deserted * * * In many cases farms have been sold for less than one-tenth their value twenty years ago. Well-to-do farmers are abandoning the business and going to the colonies or to the cities to start life anew. * * * Although the situation is grevious, there may be consolation in the fact it is worse on the continent. * * * We have not yet suffered so severely in this country," it continues. Now, as to its last conclusion, what are the facts?

The abandoned farms of our Eastern states are an older story than the ones in England, and so is the emigration of its yeomen, to whose sturdy manhood both owe their greatness. We can instance as great a decline in farm values in almost all the older states, and then the sequestration of all debt or interests in farms, largely or nearly paid for, which has been constantly going on. Coupled with this lot we present the following from Mr. Edward Atkinson's address recently delivered before the New Jersey board of agriculture, as published by the Southern planter (Richmond, Va.), which lauds Mr. A. as the greatest statistician and an eminent authority. He attributes the enormous losses which the farmers have sustained in the last two years in the decline of their staple crops to "the shadow of a threatened crime," and he then says: "The penalty which the farmers have paid for tolerating the effort to tamper with the standard of value of the nation has been a loss of one-third of the farm values of their great products in the returns of 1895 as compared to 1891, in the sum of $750,000,000!" Continuing, he says: "This loss has by so much reduced the purchasing powers of the largest consuming class in the country in 1896." Let the reader compare this astounding statement of the cause of the loss of $750,000,000 in one year's being "the shadow of a threatened crime," with the foregoing statement of a goldbug editor of the worse condition existing in England and on the continent of Europe, where no "shadow of a threatened crime" clouds the landscape of the fundholder. And these "outlaws to reason" presume to teach; and they find room in journals, professedly agricultural, which will not permit an exposure of its infamy to appear in their columns. Why! the above is on a par with the wolf's logic to the lamb in Aesop's fable. We must note the admission made of the impairment of the purchasing power of the greatest consuming class in our country in 1896 of $750,000,000—over $10 per capita for every man, woman and child in it; for it must comfort the men who seek relief by more taxes—more revenue—and in the opening of more mills instead of mints. Comfort them, just as their promised prosperity comforts us, as it were. This tremendous impairment of the purchasing power of the farmers of our country is the cause of manifold evils which afflict our country and the world. Instead of being caused by "the shadow of a threatened crime," as this wanton writer calls the struggle for relief, it is the result of the most gigantic crime ever attempted—the attempt to change the standard of payment after getting the nations under bonded debts aggregating certainly one-third the total wealth of the world. We may more truly reverse Mr. Atkinson's assertion, and say that our present great losses are due to our having so long tolerated the fraudulent and unconstitutional attempt to change the standard of payment, not the standard of value, as Mr. Atkinson falsely calls it, by which the spoliation of the people is permitted under forms of law! There is no standard of value. There can be none for value in a market relation, determined by the supply and demand of this thing valued in men's minds by their desire to keep it or to exchange it. A standard is a fixed quantity, or measure, under the sanction of law, or of custom. Value is subject to many changes. It is "ideals," as our supreme court once declared.

The World's Lie.

I looked from out the grating
Of my spirit's dungeon cell—
And I saw the Life-tide rolling,
With a sullen, angry swell;
And the battle-ships were riding
Like leviathans in pride—
While their cannon-shot were raining
On the stormy human tide.
Then my soul in anguish wept,—
Sending forth a wailing cry:
Said the World "This comes from heaven!"
Said my soul, "It is a LIE!"

I looked from out the grating
Of my spirit's dungeon cell—
And a sound of mortal moaning
On my reeling senses fell;
And I heard the fall of lashes,
And the clank of iron chains,
And I saw where Men were writhing
Under Slavery's cruel pains.
Then my soul looked up to God,
With a wo-beclouded eye:
Said the world, "This comes from heaven!"
Said my soul, "It is a LIE!"

I looked from out the grating
Of my spirit's dungeon cell—
And I heard the solemn tolling
Of a malefactor's knell;
And I saw the frowning gallows
Reared aloft in awful gloom,
While a thousand eyes were gloating
O'er a felon's horrid doom,
And a shout of heartless mirth
On the wind was rushing by:
Said the world, "This comes from heaven!"
Said my soul, "It is a LIE!"

I looked from out the grating
Of my spirit's dungeon cell—
Where the harvest wealth was blooming
Over smiling plain and dell;
And I saw a million paupers
With their foreheads in the dust—
And I saw a million workers
Slay each other for a crust!
And I cried, "O God above!
Shall thy people always die?"
Said the world, "This comes from heaven!"
Said my soul, "It is a LIE!"
—Augustine Duganne.

Wholesale Robbery.

The New York World has this to say about the Carnegie extortion business:

"The government is now building three warships. The last congress found out that the Carnegie works had been selling armor plate to Russia at $249 a ton. It could not see why Carnegie should charge our own government more, but to be liberal it fixed upon $300 as the maximum price to be paid for the armor for these three ships. But Carnegie and the Bethlehem Iron Works are the only concerns in the country that have facilities for making armor plates. They were not content to rob the government of only $51 a ton, over and above the legitimate profit of the market price. They conspired to extort more, and gave notice that they would not furnish plates for less than $425 a ton, or $176 a ton more than the price at which they did a profitable business with Russia. For a time there was talk of setting up a government plant, or of giving such a contract to the Illinois Steel Company as would justify it in adapting its machinery to the purpose. But the Carnegie combine has a 'pull,' and it has succeeded in bringing the nation to terms. The senate committee on appropriations has decided to fix upon $425 a ton as the price to be paid for the armor needed. That is to say, the senate committee has aided the Carnegie conspirators to 'hold up' the government and rob it of $176 on every $249 worth of armor it needs for its ships. And this, after the company had been detected in palming off plugged and imperfect plates on the government."

Land of the Slave.

The following is a press dispatch from St. Louis:

So weak from starvation that she was unable to walk, Mrs. Kate Haffner, aged 63 years, was taken to the hospital to-day. She had been trying to earn her living by making jean trousers at 15 cents a dozen. She could only earn 8 cents a day, and was starving when discovered by the neighbors.

ANTI-BRITISH.

An Understanding Said to Exist Between Russia and Germany.

AN ENTENTE WITH FRANCE

Is Also Being Considered by the Czar—The Princess De Chimay Creating Sensations—Destructive Storms—Liberal Newspapers and the Tariff.

A telegram from Berlin says: The main business of serious import to be transacted during Emperor William's visit to the czar, the correspondent of the Associated Press here learns, will be the formulation of a distinct understanding between Russia and Germany in regard to a frankly anti-British policy in the Orient, especially in connection with Japan and China, and in the event of possible complications arising from the critical situations in Greece, Germany will agree to support Russia's interest in that part of the world. Russia on her part is to promise to exert her influence in favor of Germany elsewhere. The emperor, notwithstanding the natural jealousy of France, growing out of this plan, believes that an entente with the French republic in most cases will be also possible.

Physically, the emperor is well. When he started from Luebeck on his northland trip it was being generally remarked how healthy and sunburned he looked.

The empress, with her seven children, at Tergiuso was well received by the simple Bavarians. She and her children were the objects of continuous ovations. The elder princes are being inducted into the myteries of chamois stalking and grouse shooting by veteran mountain hunters.

Terrible thunder storms, hail storms and cloud bursts have devastated large districts of Wurtemburg, Baden and Alsace.

In the district of Oehringen, Wurtemburg, alone, the damage is computed at 10,000,000 marks, with no insurance. At Buchsweiler, Alsace, the hail destroyed everything growing, killing many cattle and injuring scores of people. During the hurricane which prevailed the largest trees were uprooted and hurled long distances.

The Princess De Chimay, formerly Miss Clara Ward, of Detroit, and who eloped with James Rigo, a Hungarian gypsy musician, is now at Matre, in the Tyrol, where she has caused a great sensation. She wears the Tyrolese costume when driving and her maid accompanies her on horseback.

The German exports to the United States during the past three months show, with few exceptions, a large increase over those of 1896. The newspapers are full of dismal forebodings in regard to the United States tariff.

The liberal newspapers, however, for instance, the National Zeitung, Tageblatt, Boersen Courier and others warn the government against entering forthwith into a tariff war with the United States, though they have no doubt the pending bill will become law substantially as passed by the senate, and that German industry, notably woolens, will be gravely injured.

A PARISIAN HORROR.

Four Dressmakers Commit Suicide by Inhaling Coal Fumes.

A great sensation has been caused in Paris by the discovery that four dressmakers have committed suicide by inhaling charcoal fumes in a flat belonging to the well-to-do Mme. Marechal, in the Faubourg Person Rere.

Mme. Marechal had long suffered from melancholy because of the insanity of her husband, and it is supposed she instigated the act and persuaded the others, who were either deserted by their husbands or their lovers. The four met in the evening, partook of a sumptuous dinner with wine, sang and smoke until late, and concluded life with the statement in writing signed by all; "We die deliberately and without any regret."

When the bodies were discovered the tables and floor were strewn with cigarettes and cigar ends. On the center table were letters addressed to their relatives. In the room with them a pet dog was found dead.

Blown to Atoms.

While a gang of workmen were making excavations along the Long street railway in Lexington, Ky., one of them struck what appeared to be a piece of pipe, but which proved to be a sixty-four pound dynamite cartridge. A fearful explosion followed and five negroes in the gang were blown to atoms

SHORTAGE SHOWN.

County Dispensers in South Carolina Behind in Their Accounts.

A telegram from Columbia, S. C., says: Shortages amounting to $15,000 of the moneys due by county dispensers to the state were brought to light by the dispensary board of control today. The books are in such a state that no record can be made of all the shortages, but it is probable that the total sum will be much larger. For the period between March 23, 1896, and November 30, 1896, the shortage is $12,702.82. Examination reveals the fact that the bonds given by the dispensers who have fallen behind in their accounts are in each case worthless, and that no steps have ever been taken to punish any of the offenders. The showing has created a sensation.

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A CALL.

All former members of the Farmers' Alliance and others interested are hereby requested to meet at Clanton on Saturday, July 31, 1897 at 11 o'clock for the purpose of reorganizing the Chilton County Alliance. It is particularly desired we have a full meeting.

Signed. A. G. DAKE,
FRANK CRICHTON.

☞NOTICE. The date of the Alliance meeting called for Saturday, July 24, conflicting with the annual meeting of the Second District of the Mulberry Baptist Association, and other church meetings, it has been decided to postpone the Alliance meeting until one week later, and all friends of the Alliance are requested to make their arrangements to attend the meeting at Clanton on Saturday, July 31.

U.S. SENATOR Isham G. Harris, of Tennessee, died at Washington last Thursday.

THE BANNER is the people's paper, and we are delighted at receiving so many communications but we hope our correspondents will forgive us when we are obliged to hold communications over.

THE Birmingham State-Herald makes another change in its management. J. Asa Rountree retires and E. W. Barrett, formerly of the Atlanta Constitution, assumes control.

THE weekly crop bulletin says cotton continues clean and healthy and is fruiting well. Old corn will hardly be more than half an average crop, owing to damage by drouth, but late corn has improved very decidedly and will probably be an average crop.

WE are glad to learn that some of our most influential citizens are bestirring themselves in the matter of the proposed railroad from Atlanta to Selma passing through Clanton. With all due deference to those of our esteemed citizens who seem to think all that is necessary to be done is wait until the road is built, we desire to say now is the time to work before any arrangements as to the route are made by the company. A public meeting to discuss the question would be popular with ninety-five per cent. of our citizens.

FULLER particulars of the Nashville conference now to hand emphasizes the fact that the program originally prepared for the conference was not carried out, and, in fact, from that point of view was a flat failure. Cooler heads and wiser counsel prevailed, and the result was practically nil. It is true a national organization committee was chosen, but we fail to see what good purpose is to be accomplished by it. The existing organization of the People's Party was not interfered with in any way and will continue its functions until endorsed or superseded at the next national convention of the party. The Democratic press are diligently endeavoring to prove the Nashville conference means a division in the Populist ranks, but we are happy to state the division exists only in their imagination and desires. The People's Party is alright and as strong, if not stronger, than ever.

OUR MISSING WORD CONTEST.

Everybody Wins a Prize.

The sentence is one used by all in these hard times.

"We need a '.....' mighty bad."

The only condition is when you send in your guess you also send in one dollar, and whether you guess the right missing word or not you get THE BANNER for twelve-months. See!

TEACHERS' INSTITUTE.

The Institute was promptly called to order by Supt. Moore on the morning of the 9th, at Coopers, Ala., July 9, 1897.

Mr. P. C. Dennis delivered an address of welcome in which he assured the teachers of the high appreciation in which they are held he hospitable entertainment given was a conclusive proof of such

The subjects were taken up in their order and ably discussed by those present. The following are a few of the best thoughts that were expressed:

"Do not teach your pupils in one branch to the exclusion of others." "Make the opening exercises especially interesting." "Open with devotional exercises." "Have scripture verses in response to roll." "A man never rises higher than his ideal." "We want to stimulate a spirit of generous rivalry among our pupils." "Mathematicians, like goats, are born and not made." The 19th century has shown woman to be capable of learning mathematics." "It is said that curiosity is the secret of learning mathematics, then that solves the problem as to women's learning the science." "The cook book gives a recipe for making hash in which it says, the first

The following resolutions were adopted:

Resolved, first, That we tender our thanks to the citizens of Coopers for the interest manifested in the Institute, shown by their attendance; and for the hospitable entertainment given.

Resolved, second, That we tender our heart-felt thanks to Miss Fannie Griffin for her attendance and services during the present session of our Institute.

JUDSON STROCK, } Committee.
L. E. ZOCH, }

Mr. L. E. Zoch was appointed by Supt. Moore to deliver an educational address at next session.

thing to do is to catch the rabbit —moral, a teacher should learn history before he attempts to teach it." "What can we expect from a teacher who only knows that night comes, day goes, and Dagoes sell fruit?" "The teacher holds a responsible position—the preacher preaches one day in the week, the teacher five days." "No one should be allowed to teach who drinks whisky." "I would not put my dog in the care of a man who gets drunk."

On motion the Institute adjourned to next session.

J. W. MOORE, Pres.
JUDSON STROCK, Sec. pro tem.

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Thank you, the Pet's admirer, we are glad to know we have an admirer and hope we will hear from you again.

Mrs. Julissie Foshee is visiting in Birmingham.

Mr. Will Smith's many frinds are glad to see him at home again after a stay of four months at Rock Run.

Miss Bertie Knght had a delightful time entertaining her many friends Sunday.

Miss Annie Dennis, of Clanton, spent Friday with Miss Annie Stewart.

Mr. G. E. Tidwell, of Swift Creek is spending a few days with his father's family. MAMA'S PET.

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Maplesville Music

Our much needed rain fell the 5th. Though not a sufficiency was very beneficial; early corn was more injured by drouth than late.

Our community is under lasting obligations to the ladies who, at the request of our best citizens, were instrumental in removing an unlicensed bar-room from our law-abiding town.

On the 9th, at midnight, the angel of death hovered over our town and bore away sweet little McDonald Minton, aged eight months. Our deepest sympathies are tendered the bereaved parents. None but those who have suffered likewise can feel the loneliness of the house when the sweet little prattler's voice is hushed forever and his sparkling eyes can no more look joy into ours. Let it be a consolation to the bereaved that though he cannot come to you, but you may go to him and have endless bliss.

We are pleased to state that our friend and neighbor, Mrs. A. S Foshee, has recovered from a very serious illness and is now visiting Mrs. Parnell, her daughter at Stanson.

Many laborers are daily expected here to work on our new railroad.

Mrs Sullivan, of Dayton, has treated Mrs. Glover to a visit.

Mrs. Gus McGee has visited her niece, Mrs. R. H. Martin.

Mrs. Gordon, of Bessemer, is on a visit to her parents here.

Wheeler Foshee is with friends again here.

Mrs. Lawrence, of Oakmulgee, has visited Mrs. Bowline, her sister, and Mrs. Snead, sister of Mr. Bowline, has visited them.

Mrs. W. M. Wilson, of Clanton, has visited her mother, Mrs. Smitherman, at this place.

Mrs. Bowline has visited her aunt, Mrs. Parnell, of Stanton.

Mrs. Crumpton Graham's friends were glad to see him again last Sunday.

Our pulpit is now occupied two Sabbaths by Bro. Ruddick, a Baptist minister of Stanton, and Rev. Elsaw of the Methodist conference. SUBSCRIBER.

Political Points.

People's Press Bureau, St. Louis Mo., July 14, 1897.

At the recent People's Party State convention in Iowa, Gen. Weaver, the Chairman, was offered the nomination for Governor, but declined it. Among the other good resolutions adopted, was the following:

Resolved, That there is no intention to surrender the Populist name or the populist organization and that the officers of this convention be instructed to place the ticket nominated here to-day on the ballot under the name of People's Party ticket in case it can be done in conformity with law and that it is understood by this convention that a failure to place a regular people's party ticket on the ballot is because of recent Republican legislation that interferes with the right of the free ballot, and shall in no way affect the resolution of the party.

Japan still objects to the annexation of Hawaii by the United States. Japanese laborers have been refused admission to Pearl Harbor. The minister of that county at Washington has asked to be recalled, alleging discourteous treatment by Secretary of State Sherman and the Jap papers speak threateningly of war.

To avoid the impending high tariff, the importers of New York city, have been rushing in enormous amounts of goods. The collections at the custom house on July 1 amounted to $1,902,200, a record only broken by that of March 15, when the receipts were $2.600,000. The vast sums thus saved by these wealthy corporations are made possible by the delay of the legislators in passing laws that all have known from the beginning, were a certainty. The people will pay high tariff prices for these goods.

At a recent meeting of the Illinois Bar Association, Pres. Hamilton declared that the State legislature had imposed upon the cities, a street car monopoly to last fifty years and a gas monopoly to last forever.'

Simeon E. Balwin of the Supreme court of Connecticutt in a recent address before the bar association of that State, designated the government of the United States as a "modified despotism" and classed this country with Russia 'where the principle of absolutism is represented and enforced by one man's hand." Are the big lawyers getting on the people's side?

The greatest strike in the history of the world has recently been made by the miners of this country. It is said that nearly a half million men are involved and 3,000,000 directly effected. The strike originated with the miners of Pennsylvania and Ohio and has spread to all the eastern central coal states. Workers in the iron and steel mills "

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whose wages have been steadily reduced have deliberately set in for a three months fight for living gages. There are men in the Hocking Valley who have not eaten a full and satisfactory meal, although at work daily, for three years. In a circular issued by the miners at Columbus, Ohio, pertinent claim is made for a share of the prosperity promised by the mine owners and which some assert has arrived. The men have been urged to remain quiet and inoffensive. Some of the Republicans claim the strike was precipitated by the Democratic leaders —notably McLean of Ohio.

A convention of thirteen "middle-of-the roaders" called at Chillicothe, Mo., recently was broken up by a call for cash to defray the expenses of Paul Dixon of the "Missouri World" to the Nashville convention.

Five self-styled "middle-of the road" populists in Kansas, failing to agree among themselves, sent a divided delegation to the "roaders" convention at Nashville July 5. The motto, "every fellow for himself and the devil take the hindmost" would be very appropriate for the Kansas brethren.

Secretary of the Treasury, Gage, has been making himself funny again by announcing that times are better and giving out a report, in which "bright hopes for the fiscal year," seem to be the chief item of interest. A. R.

Baby's Second Summer

is the time that tries all the care of the mother and all the skill of maternal management. Baby comfort comes from fat; fat babies have nothing to do but to sleep and grow.

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Editor BANNER: Observer seems to think that when one's sympathies go out for the poor laboring man that he is a queer fellow, and has nothing nor wants nothing. I do not say it in a way of boasting, but as he has expressed himself as being very independent, I will say I have some property that I pay taxes on and also, as he says, plenty of vehicles, and I am willing to be taxed to help keep up the roads to run said vehicles on instead of men who own none having to do the work. Such fellows as Observer, and even myself, ditch them with our vehicles, while they only pack them with their feet. I am a little sorry that I sized Observer up wrong, for it is a little risky to come in contact with such a big fellow who needs nothing but good roads. I will say that I want good roads too, but will not complain so long as they are as good as they are at present and kept up as they are, but it is a pity that he (Observer) can't have good roads for then he could fold his arms and say "Soul thou hast much goods laid up for many years, take thine ease, eat, drink and be merry." Now he has it before the people let them settle it at the ballot box.

I close with good wishes to the BANNER and its readers.

FREE THINKER.

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You may hunt the world over and you will not find another medicine equal to Chamberlain's Colic, Cholera and Diarrhœa Remedy for bowel complaints. It is pleasant, safe and reliable. For sale by Dr. J. S. Johnson, jr., Clanton.

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Jemison, Ala., July 12, 1897.

Organization or ruin! How does the following appear on the face of civilization? It is estimated (The Monitor says) that there are 90.000 to 100,000 tramps transmigrating all over the United States. All this and much more, in the last years of the 19th century. It seems that the government fails to govern. What is the cause? The people, the whole people, fail to organize and move in power demanding this, and such must be done for the safety of our [illegible] and our boasted

the R. [illegible] pushing our work, would be like saying, we are making a good crop this year, we will surely rest in the future and let the country take care of us. Yes, you have let the other fellows take care of your business in Washington and in legislatures without a voice or vote, till we have drifted right on to the danger line. If the people had kept their eyes open and maintained their integrity in these organizations, satanic powers might have howled in vain for sympathy. As so many went back to the wallow and vomit, we should hasten to the pool of reclamation and thus recuperate. Let us hurry on to the pool. In haste,

MRS. IRA CAMPBELL.

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Something to Know.

It may be worth something to know that the very best medicine for restoring the tired out nervous system to a healthy vigor is Electric Bitters. This medicine is purely vegetable, acts by giving tone to the nerve centres in the stomach gently stimulates the Liver and Kidneys and aids these organs in throwing off impurities in the blood. Electric Bitters improves the appetite, aids digestion, and is pronounced by those who have tried it as the very best blood purifier and nerve tonic. Try it. Sold for 50c or $1.00 per bottle.

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Lily Lyrics.

We had a good rain here last Monday which was very much needed and appreciated.

The citizens and friends will meet next Friday to enclose the cemetery at Mulberry.

Rev. F. M. Woods will begin a series of meetings at Mulberry Saturday before the fourth Sunday.

Miss Celestia Jones is assisting J. C. Veazey as organist in his school at Unity.

Mr. John Massey, of Clanton, was a visitor here Saturday.

Miss Ollie Garner was elected secretary and treasurer of the Mulberry Sunday-school last Sunday. X. Y. Z.

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PINE VIEW, GA., July 10, 1897.

Editor BANNER: Mr. W. F. Green of Chilton county who has bought one of the finest forests of yellow pine in southwest Georgia, is making a hit in the lumber market. He has made considerable improvements in machinery, built several good houses, etc. He already has several families of his Alabama friends and relatives with him and all are well pleased. He returned from a business trip in Alabama last Friday, accompanied by Messrs. John W. Conhell of Verbena and J. W. Burt, of Sylacauga, both of these gentlemen are well pleased with the country.

THE PET ADMIRER.

HOW TO FIND OUT.

Fill a bottle or common glass with urine and let it stand twenty-four hours; a sediment or settling indicates an unhealthy condition of the kidneys. When urine stains linen it is positive evidence of kidney trouble Too frequent desire to urinate or pain in the back, is also convincing proof that the kidneys and bladder are out of order.

WHAT TO DO.

There is comfort in the knowledge so often expressed, that Dr. Kilmer's Swamp-Root, the great kidney remedy fulfills every wish in relieving pain in the back, kidneys, liver, bladder and every part of the urinary passages. It corrects inability to hold urine and scalding pain in passing it, or bad effects following use of liquor, wine or beer, and overcomes that unpleasant necessity of being compelled to get up many times during the night to urinate. The mild and the extraordinary effect of Swamp-Root is soon realized. It stands the highest for its wonderful cures of the most distressing cases. If you need a medicine you should have the best. Sold by druggists, price fifty cents and one dollar. You may have a sample bottle and pamphlet both sent free by mail Mention THE BANNER and send your address to Dr. Kilmer & Co., Binghamton, N.Y. The proprietor of this paper guarantees the genuineness of this offer.

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Turn-Round Topics.

It continues dry here, though some portions of this country have had some right good rains lately Those that have had, the crops are doing very well, i.e., the low lands, but up lands suffering about as bad as any.

We are sorry to report some sickness in our community. Mr. Norris we are sorry to say is at present very low, as is also Mr. Peddy.

Mr. Wm. A. Connell and family of Northport, Ala., are visiting his parents here; they will be down for two or three weeks yet, during which time they expect to visit relatives at Elmore, Prattville and Verbena.

Mr. Newton Cooper, an industrious young farmer, spent Sunday with Mr. Walter Kendrick.

Miss Ellen Manning visiting relatives and friends at Morganville Sunday.

Some of our young men attended the Institute at Coopers and report a very nice time.

Rev. Mr. Colwell, of Deatsville, filled his regular appointment here at Canaan Sunday.

A few of our friends attended the prayer-meeting at Mr. Moses Pinson, of Morganville, Sunday night.

Mrs. Pinson, of Morganville, returned home from a pleasant visit to relatives here.

We are longing to hear the wedding bells that are expected to ring at any moment.

Let us hear from all the writers. I am as ever,

OLD STONEWALL.

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6. Because it is the only remedy that can always be depended upon in cases of cholera infantum.
7. Because it is the most prompt and most reliable medicine in use for bowel complaints.
8. Because it produces no bad results.
9. Because it is pleasant and safe to take.
10. Because it has saved the lives of more people than any other medicine in the world.

The 25 and 50c sizes for sale by J. S. Johnson, jr., Clanton.

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THANKS.

Myself and family beg to return sincerest thanks to the people of Clanton and vicinity for their heroic work in trying to save our household effects from the flames of the late disastrous fire, and also for generous contributions since. This noble conduct of theirs will ever be cherished by us as the one happy event connected with this unfortunate affair.

E. Y. MCMORRIES AND FAMILY.

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The Grandest Remedy.

Mr. R. B. Greeve, merchant, of Chilhowie, Va., certifies that he had consumption, was given up to die, sought all medical treatment that money could procure, tried all cough remedies he could hear of, but got no relief, spent many nights sitting up in a chair; was induced to try Dr. King's New Discovery, and was cured by the use of two bottles. For past three years has been attending to business, and says Dr. King's New Discovery is the grandest remedy ever made, as it has done so much for him and also for others in his community. Dr. King's New Discovery is guaranteed for Coughs Colds and Consumption. It don't fail. Trial bottle free at Dr J. S. Johnson's Drug Store.

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DEAR SIR:—Your bottle of "5 Drops" received. It was for an old friend, Mr. Wm. Edwards, of Martinstown Wis. He has had Neuralgia in his chest, suffering a great deal of pain, so much so that it affected his heart and he could not sleep on account of a smothered feeling. He has been under the care of the most eminent physicians, but found no relief until I gave him a dose of "5 Drops." The very first night he rested well, and has ever since, and is gaining daily. I myself am 67 years old and began taking your medicine last April for Rheumatism, which I have had for 49 years, also for a weak heart. Since taking "5 Drops" the Rheumatism has all disappeared, the stiffness is gone from my joints, and my heart never misses a beat. I am to-day a well, strong woman, and I owe it to "5 Drops." I only wish I could sound my bugle of praise loud enough to be heard all over the world, and could convince every one that "5 Drops" is all you claim it to be and more.

Sept. 9, 1896.
Mrs. D. T. Carver, Winslow, Stevenson Co., Ill.

34 YEARS OF SUFFERING.

DEAR SIR:— JANUARY 2, 1897.

Over 34 years ago, I had Typhoid Fever, and barely escaped with my life. It left my system so shattered that I have had ever since, Rheumatism and Throat Trouble, which gave me a terrible Cough. I had been unable to find any relief for these diseases, until I learned of your "5 DROPS", which I commenced taking only two months ago, and my cure has been indeed WONDERFUL. Already my cough has entirely disappeared, and the Rheumatism which for a few years past has threatened to make a cripple of me, is cured, and I am free from pain. This is the most wonderful and the cheapest remedy ever discovered. I am more thankful to you than words can tell and I want everybody to know what "5 DROPS" has done for me. Although I am over 70 years old, I am feeling better than I have in years.

I shall be glad to answer any questions regarding my case from anyone enclosing a two cent stamp. Gratefully yours,

MRS. SAMUEL RIBLET, Lichfield, Mich.

CATARRH AND HAY FEVER.

I find the bottle of "5 DROPS" to be very good and just what you claim. My wife has been suffering with Catarrh and Hay Fever over 16 years. She has tried everything and doctored much, but no cure until she tried "5 DROPS" which completely cured her.

Yours truly REV. L. VON WALD,
March 31, 1896. Milbank, S. D.

NEURALGIA AND SCIATICA.

For twenty long years my wife suffered untold tortures from Sciatica and Neuralgia, and I thank God for the day that your heavenly remedy fell into my hands, for it completely cured her. I am a minister of the Gospel, and when I find any who suffer, cannot help but recommend "5 DROPS", for I know it will do more than you claim for it.

REV. F. M. COOPER, Washington Center, Mo.

PARALYSIS AND RHEUMATISM

DEAR SIRS; NOVEMBER 9, 1896.

It is with pleasure I speak of your priceless remedy and of the good it has done me. For the last eight years I have been an incurable cripple from paralysis and rheumatism. Just think, for eight years a total cripple not able to earn a penny nor able to walk or step on the ground without the aid of something to lean on. Heaven bless the man who discovered this remedy, for, thanks to him and to God, I am able to walk and able to work. I have only taken two-thirds of a bottle, but have not had any pain in my back since I took the first dose, and after the second I walked across the floor, which I have not done in years. I have thrown away my cane and shall never need it again. To any one sending me a two-cent stamp I will send my affidavit. I have another bottle of "5 DROPS" and value it at $1.00 per drop.

Thankfully yours, EDWARD CASTLE.
1005 Wall Street. Sioux City, Iowa.

INFLAMMATORY RHEUMATISM.

DEAR SIRS: SEPTEMBER 24, 1896.

I wish to tell you and suffering humanity how much good "5 DROPS" has done me. On the beginning of this year I took down bedfast with Inflammatory Rheumatism, and I was doctored by as good physicians as this country has, but they could not cure me. On August 4, I began to take "5 DROPS." At that time every joint in my body and my limbs were stiff, so that I could not be moved. Even my tongue was getting so that I could hardly speak so any one could understand me, but to-day, only seven weeks from that time, I am absolutely cured, and thank you and God for my recovery.

Gratefully yours,
HORACE F. ANDERSON, McCracken, Kans.

If you have not sufficient confidence after reading these letters to send for a large bottle, send for a sample bottle, which contains sufficient medicine to convince you of its merit. This wonderful curative gives almost instant relief, and is a permanent cure for Rheumatism Neuralgia, Sciatica, Catarrh, Asthma, Dyspepsia, Backache, Hay Fever, Sleeplessness, Nervousness, Nervous and Neuralgic Headaches, Heart Weakness, Toothache, Earache, Croup, "La Grippe," Malaria, Creeping Numbness, Bronchitis and kindred diseases.

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Dr. J. S. Shackelford, the popular Dentist, will visit Clanton Monday, Nov. 26, to practice at Duke Hotel for one week. All those wishing dental work will do well to call on him. His work is first class and prices reasonable. Teeth extracted without pain.

WANTED Salesman and collector in Clanton county, for the Singer Manufacturing Co. Apply at or address W. W. WALLS at Banner office or Duke Hotel, Clanton, Ala.

We are glad to learn Dr. J. S. Johnson, Sr., is improving during his stay at Talladega Springs, where he and his family are spending the summer.

Mrs. Clark, of Montgomery, is visiting friends here.

Tax assessor Mims was a visitor here Saturday.

Tax-collector Hubbard was in town Monday.

The young people of our town enjoyed a delightful entertainment at the residence of Mr. Will Kemp given in honor of Miss Pearl Woolley.

Everybody Says So.

Cascarets, candy Cathartic, the most wonderful medical discovery of the age; pleasant and refreshing to the taste, act gently and positively on kidneys, liver and bowels, cleansing the entire system, dispel colds, cure headache, fever, habitual constipation and biliousness. Please buy and try a box of C.C.C. today; 10, 25, 50 cents. Sold and guaranteed to cure by all druggists.

Mr. and Mrs. T. A. Curry have rented the Culp house and are at home to their friends.

Miss Pearl Woolley returned to her home at Montevallo last Saturday after enjoying a visit here.

Mrs. O. A. Duke is visiting among friends here.

John W. Gullahorn went to Birmingham Sunday.

L. E. Gullahorn and Boise Givens are visiting relatives here.

W. H. Foshee went to Birmingham Tuesday.

Services were held at the Episcopal church last Monday night, Rev. J. F. Smith officiating.

Miss Ola McRee is on a visit to relatives in Montgomery.

Miss Annie Dennis visited friends in Lomax last Friday.

Mrs. G. H. Green, we are glad to say, is recovering from her sickness.

The old court house building which is being converted into a dwelling house is being put in thorough repair and greatly improved.

Marriage licenses have been granted this week by the Probate Judge to the following persons:

Mr. Thomas L. Williams and Miss Lucilla Hardy.

Colored. Aaron Mitchell and Rebecca Adams.

Mrs. VanDerveer and children have returned home after a visit to relatives in Montevallo.

Miss Bettie Hunt, of Jemison, is visiting relatives in our town.

Mrs. Cullen and children have returned home after a visit to relatives in Stanton.

Mr. Emmitt Northington, of Huntsville, is vising in Clanton.

Mrs. Matthews has returned from a visit at Talladega Spriegs.

Miss Cussie Allen, a charming young lady of Birmingham, is visiting the family of Mr. John Garrett.

Mrs. Leroy, and accomplished daughter, have returned to their home in Montgomery after a pleasant visit to relatives here.

Congressman W. F. Aldrich was in Clanton Monday.

Hon. G. B. Deans, of Shelby, was a visitor to our town Monday.

W. C. Carter, of Billingsley, was down Monday.

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My catalogues were all destroyed in the late fire, and I request those who have received my catalogue and still have them to please return them in the post office for me. Need them, and if you have seen them you have no further need of them.

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Non-Resident Notice.

THE STATE OF ALABAMA, Chilton County.

Mrs. Susan Loveladv, complainant, vs Ward & Hubbard, et als defendant.

In Chancery at Clanton, Alabama, Seventh district N. E. Chancery Division

In this cause it is made to appear to the Register, by the affidavit of W. M. Adams, solicitor for complainant, that the defendants, W. B. Bearden and W. C. Bearden, are non-residents of the State of Alabama and that their residence is in the county of Howard, State of Arkansas, and further, that, in the belief of said affiant, the defendants are over the age of twenty-one years.

It is therefore ordered by the Register, that publication be made in the BANNER, a newspaper published in Clanton, once a week for four consecutive weeks, requiring them, the said W. B. Bearden and W. C. Bearden, to answer or demur to the same, within thirty days after the 6th day of August, 1897, and failing so to do a decree pro confesso will be taken against them in said cause.

Done at office, in Clanton, Alabama, this 6th day of July, 1897.

W. E. STEWART, Register in Chancery.

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TAX SALE.

THE STATE OF ALABAMA, CHILTON COUNTY

By virtue of a decree of sale granted by the Probate Court of Chilton county, Alabama, I will, as Tax Collector of said county, sell to the highest bidder, for cash, before the Court House door of said county, at Clanton, on

MONDAY, AUGUST 16, 1897,

the following lands for taxes due thereon for the year 1896, to wit:

BEAT No. 1.

R. Fox nw ¼ of sec 22 tp 21 r 14; tax and costs $7.18

Owner unknown ne ¼ of se ¼ sec 19 tp 21 r 14 tax and costs $5.22

Owner unknown e ½ of se ¼ sec 30 tp 24 r 15 tax and costs $5.92

BEAT No. 2.

G. W. Edwards s½ of se¼ and se¼ of sw¼ sec 18 tp 23 r 13 tax and costs $6.15.

Owner unknown nw 1-4 of ne 1-4 sec 2 tp 23 r 13 tax and costs $5.22

Owner unknown se 1-4 of sw 1-4 sec 6 tp 23 r 13 tax and costs $5.22

Owner unknown se 1-4 of ne 1-4 sec 7 tp 23 r 13 tax and costs $5.22

BEAT No. 4.

Owner unknown n ½ of se 1-4 sec 33 tp 22 r 14 tax and costs $6.04

Owner unknown nw 1-4 of ne 1-4 sec 15 tp 22 r 14 tax and costs $5.16

Owner unknown w ½ of nw 1-4 sec 30 tp 23 r 15 tax and costs $5.16

Owner unknown se 1-4 of ne 1-4 less 10 acres sec 22 tp 22 r 14 tax and costs $5.18

Owner unknown w ½ of sw 1-4 and part of sw 1-4 of nw 1-4 fractional sec 8 tp 22 r 16 tax and costs $7.56.

BEAT No. 5.

Brittle & Harrell e ½ of sw ¼ and w ½ of se ¼ sec 9 tp 21 r 16 and se ¼ and n ½ of sw ¼, w ½ of nw ¼ sec 17 tp 21 r 16 tax and costs $12.08

John L. Harrell ne ¼ of sw ¼ and nw ¼ of se ¼ sec 7 tp 21 r 16 tax and costs $9.76

Mrs. Sallie Hanlin 22 acres east side of se¼ of sw¼ and 16 acres on west side of sw¼ of se¼ sec 31 tp 21 r 16 tax and costs $10.41.

James M. Hanlin one ½ acre lot at Coopers tax and costs $5.86.

Moses Moore & Son part nw¼ of sw¼, part s½ of sw¼ of ne¼ and se¼ of nw1-4 sec 16 tp 21 r 15 tax and costs $16.65.

BEAT No. 6.

Robert Roebuck nwf-4 of swi-4 sec 7 tp 20 r 13 tax and costs $3.24.

BEAT No. 7.

Mrs. Ella Shoults one store house and lot known as Chilton County Alliance store house and lot tax and costs $7.23.

Owner unknown n ½ of se 1-4 of nw ¼ sec 32 tp 21 r 12 tax and costs $4.96.

Owner unknown nw 1-4 of se 1-4 sec 10 tp 21 r 11 tax and costs $5.22

BEAT No. 8.

Owner unknown nw 1-4 of ne 1-4 sec 1 tp 20 r 11 tax and costs $5.00

Owner unknown one lot in Stanton between D. C. Gandy and Pynor lots tax and costs $4.72.

BEAT No. 9.

Owner unknown ne 1 4 of sw 1-4 sec 10 tp 22 r 14 tax and costs $5.00

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Non-resident Notice.

THE STATE OF ALABAMA, Chilton County

James P. Hayes, Complainant, vs. Alice Hayes, Defendant.

In Chancery at Clanton, Alabama, Seventh District North-eastern Chancery Division. June 18, 1897.

In this cause it is made to appear to the Register, by the affidavit of W. H. Foshee, that the Defendant, Alice Hayes is a non-resident of the State of Alabama, and further, that in the belief of said affiant, the Defendant is over the age of twenty-one years.

It is therefore ordered by the Register that publication be made in The Banner, a new paper published in Chilton County, Alabama, once a week for four consecutive weeks, requiring her, the said Alice Hayes, to answer or demur to the same within thirty days after the 26th day of July, 1897, and failing so to do a decree pro confesso will be taken against her in said cause.

Done at office in Clanton, Alabama, this 18th day of June, 1897.

W. E. STEWART, Register in Chancery.

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TOWN ITEMS.

John W. Stanfield after a lengthy stay among friends here returned to Sistrunks this morning.

Mr. W. H. Sartor will remove his family back to their old home in Clanton about August 1. Mr. Sartor will engage in the mercantile business.

A lodge of the Knights of Honor was organized Saturday night with over forty members.

Mr. W. I. Mullins is beautifying his store with a coat of paint.

William Mims, who was convicted of illicit distilling, has been pardoned by President McKinley.

Miss Kate Stanfield, who is suffering from an attack of typhoid fever, is somewhat better we are glad to learn.

Dr. G. W. Shackelford was in town Monday.

The County Commissioners held a special session Monday and Tuesday to hear objections to assessments raised by the Tax Commissioner. Most of the objections were sustained by the Court.

Longstreet Locals.

A protracted meeting is in progress at Bro. Reuben Popwell's place Rev. T. B. Hayne conducting the meeting. We are having a real old time revival and up to the present there have been 17 conversions.

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Final Proof Notice

Notice No. 18913.

Land Office at Montgomery, Ala., June 4, 1897.

Notice is hereby given that the following named settler has filed notice of his intention to make final proof in support of his claim, and that said proof will be made before the Clerk of the Circuit Court at Clanton, Ala., on July 17th, 1897, viz.: Malinda Wyatt, Homestead entry No. 24,757, for the n½ of sw ¼, section 28, tp. 21 north of r 14 east.

He names the following witnesses to prove his continuous residence upon and cultivation of, said land, viz.: Nathaniel A. Dobbs, Benjamin F. Dobbs, Columbus A. Dobbs, Madison Popwell, all of Kincheon, Ala.

H. PURCELL, Register.

Dogwood Singing.

There was singing at Dogwood church the second Sunday in July, all day long, and there was plenty of dinner on the ground. The people of Dogwood did some very good singing with the help of Mr. I. N. Langston and Mr. Langford of Bibb county and by other visitors. Mr. King's daughter and Mrs. Berdin of Blocton were organists. The leaders of the singing all day were Mr. Largston and Mr Langford, Mr. Lolley and Mr. King. The singing opened up with prayer by Mr. I. N. Langston and closed with a short prayer by Mr. Miles Lolley.

The protracted meeting starts here at Ebenezer church on Saturday before the third Sunday in this month. Let us hear from Mars Hill.

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Swl 4 of swl-4 sec 23 t 21 n r 16e.
Nel 4, sec 23 t 22 n r 15e.
Sel 4 of nel-4, sec 21 t 22 n r 15e.
Nwl 4 of nel 4, sec 13 t 21 n r 15e.
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Non-Resident Notice.

In the Probate Court of Chilton county, Alabama.

Mobile & Ohio Railroad Company, a Body Corporate, Petitioner,

vs.

J. F. Welch, J. F. Welch, executor of J. F. M. Welch, dec'd, Walter Welch, Oscar S. Welch, Mrs. Sallie L. Duncan, Horace Welch, Earnest Welch, Daisy F. Welch, Vestor Welch, Scott Welch, Respondents.

J. F. Welch and J. F. Welch, executor of J. F. M. Welch, dec'd, Lucretia A. Welch and Walter Welch, respondents in above cause, non-residents of the State of Alabama and residents of the State of Mississippi, will take notice that the Mobile & Ohio Railroad Company has filed a petition to my office, seeking the condemnation of a Right of Way one hundred feet in width, through certain property belonging to above named Respondents in Chilton county, Alabama; and the Tenth day of August, 1897, and my office in the court house of Chilton county, Ala., are the time and place set for the hearing of such Petition; when you may appear and contest the granting thereof, if you see fit so to do.

R. M. HONEYCUTT, Judge of Probate.

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Am. N. U. No. 28, 1897.

The Old Brute.

"I just hate that old Mr. Browne," said the Newest Girl.

"Really?"

"Really. We girls are going in for hunting, you know, and when I told him how I had killed a dozen birds he only said, 'Oh, that wasn't so bad, but I've got a dog that killed thirty rats in thirty minutes.' Hateful old fogy!"—Cincinnati Enquirer.

A New York paper expresses surprise because "the Chicago aldermen get only $3 a week." This is an error; their salary is $3, but they "get" a great deal more.

Tom—Where shall you stop—at the Waldorf? Harry—I hope so. I'm afraid, however, that Parker will hear I'm in town, and insist upon my putting up with him. Tom—Don't you like Parker? Harry—Yes, very much; but he has three daughters, and I don't know if I can afford it.—Bazar.

Mother—When the boy in the other house threw stones at you, why didn't you come and tell me? Bobby—Because, mamma, I can throw them back better than you. He's more likely to get hit.—Hartford Times.

Great Men's Last Words.

Anagoras, the philosopher, who maintained himself by keeping a school, being asked if he wished for anything, replied: "Give the boys a holiday," and died. St. Lawrence the Martyr, who was broiled alive on a gridiron, A. D. 258, may be said to have spoken the most strangely recorded dying words. Having laid for some time upon the gridiron, the martyr addressed the Emperor, who was present, in a kind of jocose Latin couplet, which may be thus translated:

"This side is broiled sufficient to be food
For all who wish it to be done and good."

On this the executioner turned him, and yet he triumphed over the tyrant by telling him, with great serenity, that he was roasted enough, and only wanted serving up. The next moment he died.

A Courteous Retort.

One may be excused for feeling a little joy when the man who goes out of his way to make a rude remark in order to show his wit receives a rebuke that is as courteous as it is effective.

The retort given by a certain learned scientist must have been more amusing to the onlookers than to the learned gentleman's antagonist.

It happened at dinner that one of the guests began to deride philosophy, and went on rudely to express the opinion that philosopher was but another way of spelling fool.

"What is your opinion, Professor?" he asked. "Is there much distance between them?"

The Professor, with a polite bow to his boorish vis-a-vis, responded gravely: "Sometimes only the width of a table."

THE AMERICAN HORSE.

He Finds Favor in Several Foreign Countries.

There has been a remarkable increase in the export of horses from the United States during the last few years, writes W. E. Curtis to the Chicago Record. In 1893 the total number shipped to foreign countries was only 2,967. In 1894 it increased to 5,246, in 1895 to 13,948, in 1896 to 25,126, and during the first six months of the present fiscal year, ending Dec. 31, the total was 14,232; so that if the same proportion is continued during the remaining six months the total for the year will be 28,464. Nearly half the entire exports in 1896 went to Great Britain, the exact number being 12,022; but it is believed that 1,000 or more additional were sent through Canada, the exports to the dominion being 5,305 horses. The trade with Great Britain in horses has shown a remarkable increase, for in 1893 the total exports were only 564 head. The increase in exports to Germany was even greater, notwithstanding the laws of that country, which are very annoying to importers of live stock and quite expensive. In 1893 we shipped only thirty-three horses to the German empire. In 1896 we shipped 3,686.

Among other countries now receiving American horses is Belgium, which imported none in 1893, and 1,134 in 1896. France took very few, only 397. Italy bought one of our horses in 1893, two in 1894, three in 1895 and four in 1896. We sent 887 to Mexico last year, and a good many to the West India Islands, with the exception of Cuba, where, strange to say, we sold none at all. Two American horses went to Japan, four to China, one to Samoa and one to Africa.

New York is the largest horse market both for the export and the domestic trade, but a good many are shipped from Baltimore. Exports of mules have increased in a corresponding ratio, the number for the last few years being as follows: 1893, 1,634; 1894, 2,063; 1895, 2,515; 1896, 5,918, and for the first six months of the present fiscal year, 3,854.

So far as the Department of Agriculture is aware there has been no special effort on the part of American horse breeders to extend their foreign trade. The growth has been natural and the result of low prices in this country.

How Old are You?

You need not answer the question, madam, for in your case age is not counted by years. It will always be true that "a woman is as old as she looks." Nothing sets the seal of age so deeply upon woman's beauty as gray hair. It is natural, therefore, that every woman is anxious to preserve her hair in all its original abundance and beauty; or, that being denied the crowning gift of beautiful hair, she longs to possess it. Nothing is easier than to attain to this gift or to preserve it, if already possessed. Ayer's Hair Vigor restores gray or faded hair to its original color. It does this by simply aiding nature, by supplying the nutrition necessary to health and growth. There is no better preparation for the hair than

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STATE TOPICS.

Late News Items of General Interest to Alabamians.

Mobile Man's Discovery.

C. W. Stanton, well-known among grain men in Mobile made steel from red homatite Alabama ore at first hand, without the aid of skilled labor or expensive machinery. The process is said to be based upon an entirely new discovery of natural laws

After Tax Dodgers.

Back Tax Commissioner H. P. Turner, of Huntsville, will suggest a raise in value of a vast deal of taxable property in Madison county. If sustained the county treasury will be enriched by many thousand dollars with the property which he discovers that escapes taxation altogether

Industrial Society.

Hale county negroes have begun organization of an industrial society. The following were named a committee on permanent organization: Elder Cole, H. P. Thurman, Elder Gulley, Phil White, Ad Wimbs, Tom Ruffin and John Lewis. The next meeting will be held at Cedarsville, Ala., on August 14.

In St. Clair County.

Back Tax Commissioner D. D. Gopde, of St. Clair county, has about completed his work and reports quite a lot of property assessed. He assessed $25,000 of coal land against the East & West Railway Company of Alabama for five years, besides other assessments that amount up into the thousands.

A Murderous Assault.

The prisoners in the county jail at Gadsden made a murderous assault n Jailer Bolen last Thursday and struck him with a bottle through the bars. The prisoners refused to tell who struck the blow, and Jim Ward and Ed Walker are in the straight jacket and being dieted on bread and water until they tell who did the work.

Big Order for Cars.

A Gadsden special says: Capt. J. M. Elliott, Jr., president of the Elliott Car company in this city, announces that he has secured contracts to build 520 railroad box cars, 450 for the Louisville & Nashville and seventy for another road. This means immediate employment for 600 men now idle in Gadsden, and nearly $200,000 turned loose here for labor within the next eight months. The news is received here with elation.

Insurance Figures.

The Insurance Commissioner, in his report of the business in the State of Alabama in 1886, based upon the sworn testimony of each company, sums up the totals as follows:

Total amount of risk in the state ...ns, $1,120,430.

Total losses paid, $330,766.

Rates of losses to premium, 29.52 per cent.

Sugar Mill Machinery.

Good sized shipments are being booked for the erection of sugar grinding plants in the South. One New Orleans firm has contracted for the erection of twenty-five of these plants. Each calls for some $15,000 of machinery. Birmingham firms will erect five of these plants in Louisiana, and nearly all the iron used in their construction is from the Birmingham district. One machinery firm in the city reports that during the past two months it has sold more machinery than it has during any other two months of the past five years.

Depredations on Farmers.

Considerable trouble has been experienced by farmers in the northwestern part of Madison county by miscreants cutting wire fences. Recently the legislature passed an act making a three-wire fence lawful and a vast amount of land heretofore lying out has been enclosed, thus shutting out a number of people who are in the habit of herding cattle and sheep during the summer months in that section on other people's land. The last fence cutting occurred last Friday on the plantation of Capt. D. H. Turner. A close watch will be kept from now on and the intruders will be dealt with according to law when apprehended.

The Judge's Decision.

In the United States court at Montgomery Judge Bruce rendered his decision in the case of the administrator of Col. Robert E. Withers against the order of Knights of Pythias, involving the sum of $3,000 insurance. Col. Withers was a member of the order and died, and during his last sickness an assessment fell due which the order claimed was not paid in the time required by the rules of the order. The plaintiff claimed the payment was made at Greensboro, Ala., and was received by the authorized agent of the order at that place, and failure to reach headquarters in time should not affect his rights.

The University of Alabama.

The new President, Dr. Jas. K. Powers, reached Tuskaloosa at noon on the 1st day of July and went immediately to work. He called the faculty together, and appointed a committee to revise the courses of study, for presentation to the board of trustees for approval on the 8th. These courses as arranged and approved are up to date in every particular. While certain things are required for any degree, considerable latitude is allowed in the matter of election. This latitude increases as students advance in the courses.

EXPENSES REDUCED.

The fees were materially reduced. A year's expenses were cut from $172.50 to $130, exclusive of uniform.

YOUNG LADIES

may now enter the freshman class. Such board in private families and pay no college fees except in the several laboratories. The University is now open to women, but they must be 18 years old. It is hoped they will take advantage of the fact.

JUDGE W. S. THORINGTON.

has been chosen as Dean of the Law School, and he will devote his entire time to the duties of his position. Prof. Ormond Somerville is his assistant. These gentlemen are now preparing a course of study.

In a few days a supplement to the catalogue will be issued, setting forth these facts, as well as other necessary information. This, together with the catalogue, can be had on application to the President, whose address is University, Ala.

PROF. M. C. WILSON

Elected President of the State Normal College.

A meeting of the trustees of the State Normal College was held here Wednesday afternoon, the chief business being the election of a president of the college to succeed Prof. J. K. Powers. Those present were: Hon. Geo. P. Jones, of Florence, Chairman; Hon. W. I. Bullock, of Russellville, Secretary; Gen. John D. Rather, of Tuscumbia; Hon. Chappel Cory, of Montgomery, Hon. J. Kirk Jackson, of Montgomery, Hon. John. F. Proctor, of Scottsboro.

There were a number of applicants for the presidency, including prominent educators outside of the state. After mature deliberation, the board selected Prof. M. C. Wilson, of Florence, to fill the vacancy.

Mr. Wilson is a graduate of the University of Virginia, and has filled a chair in the faculty of the college since 1881. He is an accomplished scholar, a polished gentleman and possesses the necessary qualifications to maintain the high standard of the school and further advance its usefulness. The fact that he was chosen out of the number of prominent educators whose names were before the board is, of itself, ample evidence of his eminent fitness. The Standard-Journal, from the first, urged his election, and we are confident that under his wise, prudent, progressive management, the institution will extend its influence and usefulness, and continue to grow in popularity.

The chair of mathematics will be filled later on.—Florence Standard-Journal.

WRECKED RAILROADS.

More Receivers Appointed Than in Any Previous Six Months.

The Chicago Railway Age in a recent issue says: "The number of railroads for which receivers were appointed in the first six months of 1897 has been greater than for the corresponding period of 1896, although the mileage of the roads which have passed under the control of the courts is not as great as last year by considerable. During the last six months nineteen roads with a total mileage of 1,314 and $85,622,000 of capital stock, have been placed in the hands of receivers. "Two elevated roads, the Metropolitan of Chicago, and the Brooklyn elevated supplied $68,000,000 of the capital stock of the roads which went into the hands of the courts. A total of twenty-four roads have been sold under foreclosure during the first six months of this year. Their mileage was 3,882 and their capital stock $153,630,000.

Judge Thorington.

Judge Thorington's selection as dean of the University of Alabama will no doubt give general satisfaction.

William S. Thorington was born in Montgomery July 30, 1847. His father was Col. Jack Thorington, a distinguished citizen of Montgomery. William Sowell Thorington was educated at the private school of William F. Slaton at Oak Bowery, at Auburn, and at the State University. While he was still at the University the corps of cadets of which he was adjutant, took the field for active service. Colonel Thorington served about a year, being stationed principally at Mobile, at Blakely, and at points in north Alabama. He was engaged in forming a company of cadets to join the army of Gen. Joseph E. Johnston, when the war came to a close. Immediately after the war he began the study of law under the late Chief Justice Chilton, and in January, 1867, was admitted to the bar of the supreme court after passing an examination whose excellence is still a tradition of the court. He was associated at various times in practice with Judge W. P. Chilton, with Senator John T. Morgan, Hon. W. L. Bragg, and Hon. Lester C. Smith. Col. Thorington has held various offices of dignity and profit. He was for many years a trustee of the University of Alabama. He was judge advocate general on the staff of Gov. O'Neal during that governor's administration, 1882-86. In 1886 he was elected city attorney of Montgomery, and by continuous re-elections held the place until 1892, when he resigned to accept a much higher post. When Justice David Clopton, of the supreme bench, died in the early part of 1892, and Gov. Jones saw fit to appoint Col. Thorington to fill out his unexpired term, the appointment was received everywhere througout the entire state as an eminently proper one to have been made. Judge Thorington's discharge of the duties of this high office was marked by his customary devotion to a high ideal of duty, and his work marked him out as one who is more than likely to be called upon to assume judicial honors in the future. He was not a candidate to succeed himself, and after the expiration in November, 1892, of the term he was fulfilling, he returned to the practice of the law in Montgomery. His services on the supreme bench merely followed repeated designations of him by various governors to act as special judge of the court where one of the judges was disqualified to hear the particular cause. Judge Thorington was married on October 24, 1867, to Miss Chilton, daughter of the late Chief Justice Chilton. He has a large family of children.

This brief sketch ought not to be brought to a close without a tribute to Judge Thorington's exceptionally high character. He is a man of scrupulously sensitive integrity, and is universally esteemed for the entire probity of his nature. He has throughout life acted on the knightly principle that, when his honor was concerned, a stain was a wound. No man in Alabama is better entitled to the designation of being the state's Chevalier Bayard, sans peur et sans reproche.

TROY STATE NORMAL COLLEGE.

The Commencement Exercises This Year Eclipsed All Former Efforts.

The decennial year of the State Normal College at Troy was undoubtedly the most prosperous in the history of that institution, and it is but natural that the commencement exercises this year should eclipse all previous efforts. The programme which was of unusual interest, was carried out in a manner that reflected much credit on the president, Dr. Eldridge, and the students.

On Saturday night Dr. E. R. Eldridge, president of the college tendered the graduating class a supper at his residence. This was quite a pleasant occasion and the evening spent was a fit token of the high esteem in which the class is held.

Dr. Eldridge being called on to respond to the toast "Ante-and-Post-Decennial Times in the College History," was full of his subject and gave an unanswerable defense of the "College Rank and Character" of this training school, claiming it as a necessity to the wants of the Teacher's Profession and the State's needs." That the course of the college was as high as the best in the state and because of it, graduates fo every other college in the state were taking our "Professional Course," a thing they would not do if our institution were simple "College Preparatory," as some other institutions glory in. Dr. Eldridge said: "Let them make their courses of study small and glory in their brevity, and littleness—it is their right if that is all they can do; but we want to do something to lift the teacher's profession to a plain as high as the highest. If the physician should have a "College" course, why not the teacher? If a lawyer or preacher, why not the teacher that teaches them all? As long as you be little the teachers' course and work, you belittle all who are taught. Elevate the teacher's course and study and you lift up the standard of education everywhere in the state.

Dr. Eldridge made an impassioned appeal to the board and faculty to sustain the college character and rank and to the new class to join the former classes in raising high the teacher's standard for the sake of the boys and girls of Alabama, now or to be, in the schools, to be taught, and board, faculty and alumnus cheered him to the echo, time and again, and stamped their approval on every sentence as it poured from his lips, ruddy and sometimes, even candescent.

The class of 1897 (29) showed very plainly that they drank in the sentiments of advocacy and defense of the State Normal College at Troy built upon the "New Education" and "Free Public School Idea" and College Rank for our Teachers' Training Schools.

On Sunday morning, an immense crowd assembled at the opera house to hear Rev. J. L. Brownlee, pastor of the Presbyterian church, preach the commencement sermon which was pronounced by many as one of his best efforts.

On Monday the day was turned over to that noble band of sons and daughters, the College Alumni association. There was a most excellent turn out the hall being filled with members and friends. A most interesting programme, well prepared, was rendered.

At 8 o'clock at night the association was addressed by Hon. Chappel Cory, Private Secretary of Governor Johnston. His address was a masterpiece of thought, clothed in the purest English and as smooth and chaste as learning and talent could make it. He showed that he had completely grasped the broad subject of education in the line of its utility.

At the chapel exercises on Wednesday, seating room was at a premium. President Eldridge asked the students and professors to speak their sentiments in regard to the works and status of the college. The professors and a number of students spoke, the professors all agreeing that this had been the best and most satisfactory year's work since the college began, 1887.

Many students expressed themselves as highly pleased with the school, the work in general and the session as a whole. All the professors received their due thanks, but it could be seen in the mind of every pupil that there was a special love and admiration for that scholarly man, Dr. E. R. Eldridge, president of the college, who had been of so much assistance to all of them in their work. He is being appreciated for his deep devotion and ability to direct a student to get the most out of a thing.

Then followed the graduation of twenty-nine young people.

There have been thirty-six counties represented in the college attendance and nearly every other county upon extension course.

The summer school attracted many excellent students from various sections of Alabama and outsides and the grade of talent added was high indeed.

The scholarships issued by senators and representatives to this State Normal college, are bringing the cream of Alabama studentship. It is a grand feature of the college.

The State University.

If tha tone of the State press is any criterion, the selection of Dr. J. K. Powers as President of the University seems to meet the approbation of the whole people of Alabama.

As President of the State Normal School at Florence, Dr. Powers displayed an energy and administrative ability that have no parallel in the educational annals of the State, and the result of his well-directed efforts has placed the State Normal in the very fore-front of schools of its kind in the South.

The friends of Dr. Powers, and the News feels honored in having been one from boyhood, believe that he will achieve a similar triumph in the management of the affairs of the State University.—Oakman News.

It is doubtful if a choice to any public position in Alabama ever commanded such universal commendation. So far as we are able to judge there has not been a discordant note from any quarter. Such confidence must be highly gratifying to President Powers. It certainly argues well for the University.

WILLIAM GROESBECK DEAD.

Was Counsel for President Johnson in the Impeachment Trial.

William Groesbeck died last Thursday at his home near Cincinnati, aged 82. He was elected to congress in 1857 and held many public positions after that time. He was counsel for President Johnson in the impeachment trial of 1868. He was very wealthy and highly educated.

When a man reaches one age when he has time to be gay, his liver refuses to let him.

Has Changed Its Meaning.

The word "belfry" had originally no connection with bell, an idea which is now intimately associated with the term. The first meaning given is "watch tower," from the Middle English "berfry," a watch tower. The first part of this word is connected with borough, the second with free. As the practice grew of hanging bells in such towers, people reminded themselves of the fact by changing the word berfry into the modern belfry.

Argentina Growing.

Argentina's population, according to the census recently taken, is 4,090,000, nearly double its population in 1869, the date of the first census. The city of Buenos Ayres has 663,850 inhabitants.

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CURRENCY REFORM.

HON. C. J. HILLYER ON THE SITUATION.

The Tariff Not for Protection but for Reward—Contraction Will Reward the Contributors to Mark Hanna's Campaign Fund.

(By C. J. Hillyer.)

Is it possible that the tariff bill is to be permitted to pass the senate without a provision for checking the accumulation of currency in the treasury? If a majority of senators were in favor of a gold standard I could understand such action or inaction. A gold standard requires a contraction of currency volume and a corresponding reduction of prices, otherwise, except by perpetual bond issues, it cannot be maintained. A senator, therefore who believes in a standard of gold can consistently and should logically seek a curtailment of the volume of money in circulation. But only a small number of senators profess to be gold monometallists. A majority profess to be in favor of free coinage, and yet it seems, judging from the record of debate, that these silver senators are about to accept silently or with feeble protest the most stupendous scheme of money contraction which since 1873 has been proposed as an approach toward a gold standard.

I see it constantly asserted by Republican and Democratic senators alike that this tariff bill will not produce a surplus of revenue, and many even prophesy that it will result in a deficiency, but I have never seen any figures upon which this opinion is based. Those that are given are all in the other way, and point, not merely to a surplus, but to a surplus of most significant proportions—sufficient to swallow up by sequestration in the treasury the entire volume of our United States legal tender currency. Consider first the fact that the present surplus is two hundred and thirty-seven millions, while in March last it was only two hundred and twenty-two millions, showing an increase in three months under the present tariff of fifteen millions. Take next the figures of Mr. Dingley, showing an annual increase of revenue of one hundred and thirteen millions under the house tariff bill.

Take then the figures of the experts, upon which the house committee's estimates were predicted, and also the latest expert of the senate finance committee showing an increase of one hundred millions, and against all this observe that you have nothing but the opinion of Mr. Aldrich and Mr. Allison, without support of any detailed statement and expressed in such loose, general way as to screen them from any responsibility for its accuracy, I assert that no intelligent man, let alone a senator of the United States, can carefully consider the calculations and estimates which have been made public, and upon which the finance committee profess to have made their recommendations, and entertain a reasonable doubt that on the first day of March, 1901 (before which no repeal of the proposed legislation is possible), all of our greenbacks and nearly all of our treasury notes will be safely entombed in the treasury and as effectually retired from circulation as by a law requiring their cancellation.

This is not only the effect, but in my judgment the design of this tariff bill. Two classes of contributors to the McKinley campaign fund were to be rewarded—one, the manufacturers by a monopoly in the sale of their products, and the other the money loaners by such contraction of the money volume as would enable them to confiscate the property of the debtors. As to the first class, it is fair to conclude that the people, saying nothing as to the methods employed to influence them, declared in favor of a protective policy. Therefore, let a protective tariff be enacted. But there was no vote for a contraction of the currency, except, perhaps, the few cast by Palmer and Buckner. Had such an issue been openly made Mr. McKinley would not have received a respectable minority of votes. Here and there some gold organ demands recognition for the support which secured to the President his election by positive direct action towards the money contraction essential to the establishment of a gold standard.

But these clamorers, if sincere, have no political sagacity. The shrewd managers of the gold standard scheme know better than to ask for impossible direct action. They want the greenbacks retired, but they have no squeamish sentimentality as to the method of retirement. If it can be done under the disguise of tariff legislation they will be satisfactory and they will hold Mr. McKinley equally discharged of his obligation as if he had been able to procure direct affirmative congressional action.

So we have this tariff bill, nominally for protection and revenue, but containing in its schedules a scheme for currency contraction vastly more important than any of its professed purposes. I wish to utter a note of warning to silver senators. Upon this feature of the tariff bill to which I am directing attention you cannot escape responsibility. No fault finding as to details, no general criticism of the protective policy will be accepted as a discharge of your duty by those who look and have a right to look to you to prevent an aggravation of the money famine which will follow the passage of this bill in its present form. I will not do to say, let the people have another object lesson, and the more severe the better—the more they suffer the more likely they will be to vote the Democratic ticket. In the present situation no such selfish suggestion can be tolerated.

A shrinkage in the next two years of $150,000,000 to $200,000,000 in our money volume will cause such a fall in our present low prices as to sweep the whole class of property-owning debtors into hopeless bankruptcy. These struggling debtors constitute the most energetic and enterprising class of citizens, and it is as foolish as it is outrageously unjust to permit their property to be confiscated. The remedy is very simple. There is certainly no difficulty in fixing the amount of treasury balance and practically maintaining it by the purchase of bonds with any considerable excess, and the issuance of treasury notes under proper regulations as to redemption to meet any accidental deficit. What objection can any silver senator have to the purchase of bonds? We complain very bitterly of Mr. Cleveland because he issued them. Why should we hesitate to reverse his policy?

Experience has shown that the purchases can be made under proper treasury regulations safely and economically, but were there a job in every transaction the injury would be infinitely less than the disastrous consequences entailed by a contracting money volume. As to a provision for authority to issue short time obligation in case of a deficit, since this should not or need not be made obligatory but left to the discretion of the secretary, it is impossible that there should be any serious objection. Whether these obligations should be legal tender United States notes or simply redeemable certificates is immaterial. The secretary is not deprived of any of his present authority and the additional authority would, even if unnecessary, be harmless.

It will be no excuse for a senator to vote against this amendment that he believes there will be no surplus. Unless he has some private information and figures which have not been given to the public, he has no valid reason for this belief. But concede that he is right; if there is no surplus there will be no purchase of bonds. The provision could only become operative in case there should be surplus, and because a senator may rely upon the guesses, or, at least, unsupported assertions of opinion of the senate committee furnishes no reason why he should refuse the precaution of a proviso based upon the hypothesis that they may may be mistaken.

I have read carefully the amendment proposed by Senator Stewart, and it seems to me well adapted to accomplish the purpose and otherwise unobjectionable. But if it is not properly framed, let it be amended or superseded by a substitute. The thing to be done is to prevent the people from being deprived of the money which is still left them, and which they need as perhaps never before, by this sequestration in the treasury under a bill whose authors disavow any such purpose. If silver senators neglect this I firmly believe that within two years they will be hunting for apologies for their oversight in no very different way from those who voted to demonetize silver, supposing that they were merely enacting technical changes in the operations of the mint.—Washington Times.

Making Golden Handcuffs.

After looking the senate over and having discovered that a cut-and-dried goldite monetary commission could not be appointed this session, the administration has determined to have a currency bill prepared to be presented at the December meeting of congress. The secretary of the treasury, assisted by all of the ablest gold monometallists in this country and England, will devote the summer and autumn months to the concocting of some sort of measure that that can be railroaded through congress and that shall snap the golden handcuffs on the wrists of American commerce. The contemptible hypocrisy of the Republican party has nowhere a stronger illustration than in its treatment of the currency question. As long as the goldites could do so they smuggled measures secretly through congress that had in them the deadliest enmity to silver. When this secret method could no longer be pursued, then came the era of lies and false promises. A pretended desire to secure international bimetallism has been urged by the Republicans as an excuse for delay and as a sop to silver men. The utter insincerity of such a claim is now made manifest by the talk about a currency bill and the form which that bill is going to take. Now the time has arrived when all disguise is going to be thrown aside. The fact that 6,500,000 men voted for free silver at the last Presidential election served notice on the Republican plutocrats that the people could no longer be fooled, deceived or cajoled, and now the money sharks are going to try coercion.

It is well. We are glad that the issue has at last been made. Too long have the friends of silver delayed and doubted. The plutocrats have ever had one purpose—the slaughter of silver. This fact is now apparent. There is no longer any disguise. Silver men should realize that the struggle is to the death, that compromise is cowardice, and cowardice is defeat.—Chicago Dispatch.

Speech Not Always Silver.

"In these times campaign speeches are only empty shells, without kernels. However well meaning, or whoever it is who thinks he does good by them must be forgetting that a million of workmen and their children are hungry. The man who looks for bread in such speeches will not have much to eat." (With the compliments of J. Wanamaker to the man who was elected to be president, but puts in his time making speeches.)

THE PARTY HARNESS.

IT IS NOW GALLING REPUBLICAN VOTERS.

American Citizens Cease Being Potter's Clay in the Hands of Political Bosses and Trimmers—The Curse of Clevelandism.

One often hears the expression, "If times remain this way until the next election I shall change my vote," says the American Standard. Now, why will you change you vote? If you don't know any more at the next election what the trouble is than you did at the last election, what are you going to vote for? People are sorely distressed and know there is something the matter, and the principal reason so many do not know what the trouble is, is because they are trusting to party leaders and have not themselves taken the time to find out. To even talk of having better times without removing the cause of the depression, is a waste of energy. A large majority of the people today honestly believe that there is something wrong with our money system and yet they cannot claim to know or even to have tried to find out what is the matter. They have been willing to follow their political leaders who for selfish reasons are generally ready to do anything that will keep them in harmony with the next boss above them.

The people must think for themselves and then act before there will be any better times. As long as the people allow themselves misled to believe it is wrong to have an opinion that would put them out of harmony with their party, so long they will be as potter's clay in the hands of political trimmers. Republicans have believed in John Sherman and followed him blindly, with the result that he has put burdens on them, by the manipulations of the bond and dollar, many times greater than Jeff Davis did by the War of the Rebellion. You say: Now, is not this exaggerataion? We answer you no; it is not even an immoderate statement. You only feel it to be so because you have not investigated, and because the leader named is of your party. When Cleveland was elected many unwise Democrats were wild with joy.

Now, what do you think of him? You have no language that would express your contempt for and hatred of the cowardly conspirator. In fact none are left to do him honor except the gold and bond gamblers and the people who bow to the money power and are willing it shall rule the nation. The masses of all parties are honest. Do not we as American citizens owe it to ourselves to wear our party harness a little more loosely? Shall we not be better citizens to honestly investigate both sides of the question which, disguise it as cunning demagogues may, is, after all, simply neither more nor less than this: Shall the money power rule, or shall the people be the government? Gold and bonds in one end of the scale; the wealth-producer in the other.

What Makes Wages Go Up or Down.

Gen. A. J. Warner recently made a silver speech out in Ohio, in which he made some bulls-eye shots. Among other things he said: The problem before us is how to recover ourselves from these changed conditions. The difficulties which must be overcome are increasing. The gold standard has been established in Russia and Japan. You may look any day for another step in India. Gold will continue to rise, and prices will fall. Our task is becoming harder. To restore prosperity in this country you must get down nearer the soil. If the prices of products continue to fall and money to rise, think what will soon be the result. By the time we have a population of one hundred millions, less than five per cent will have all the wealth. You cannot have a high order of civilization when wealth is concentrated into a few hands. What we want is not so much to start the mills, as to start the markets. When everybody is employed, you can't keep wages down; when only half are employed, you can't keep wages up. In the last year, we exported $320,000,000 more than we imported, of goods and manufactures. That did not balance our account. We are now exporting gold to balance up. Our policy for years has been to increase the value of that which we agree to pay, and lower the value of that we have to pay with.

The Conspiracy Has Begun.

The kind of "currency commission" to be operated by Lyman Gage is shown by the letters he has sent out for "suggestions." They have gone, for instance, to J. Edward Simmons, Frederick D. Tapppan, George C. Williams, George F. Baker, Henry W. Cannon, and J. T. Woodward. Now a perfectly responsible public man, in a pamphlet entitled "The New York National Bank Presidents' Conspiracy against Industry and Property," has definitely and specifically charged that these six men, in conjunction with Grover Cleveland and some others, organized and percipitated "the panic of 1893," which broke ten billions of values and made two million tramps. If Capt. Kidd were alive, Gage would doubtless write him, too, for "suggestions."—Ex.

Gage Is Also a Counterfeiter.

The arrest of those counterfeiters in Arkansas suggests that counterfeiting is certainly a crime, and morally, as well as legally, in most circumstances. But the demonetination of silver, which makes counterfeiting easy in a small way, is a much greater crime than the counterfeiting itself.

POINTS FROM THE PRESS.

The idea of a "gold basis" for a civilized nation is an unmitigated confidence game.—San Francisco Star.

The many produce, the few enjoy. Why? Because the many are led by the few, and refuse to read up on the subject of sociology.—Appeal to Reason.

The opening of the barrels of senatorial candidates may create a little temporary prosperity in Ohio, but will not last after the fall election.—Journal of the Knights of Labor.

The railroad magnates all over the country are smacking their chops in anticipation of the lion's share they are soon to receive of the bounteous crops ready to be harvested.—Southern Mercury.

A furniture worker who was laid off the other day told the foreman that he had been assured of permanent employment if McKinley was elected. "Did you vote for McKinley on such assurance?" asked the foreman. The man aswered "yes." "Then go to McKinley and get a job," said the foreman.—Grand Rapids Workman.

At first flush, it looks a little unreasonable to expect prosperity at the hands of the Republican administration before it gets laws into operation in line with its policy, but it should be remembered that we were assured all the while that it was not laws, but confidence, that was needed. It looks to us that it is about time for the first installment of confidence to arrive.—Living Issues.

Don't say it is human nature to monopolize land while thousands are denied the right of homes. There is nothing human about it; it is inhuman. It is hog nature, not yet civilized or Christianized out of humanity or its laws and institutions.—New Dispensation.

Col. Kerens has had himself interviewed by the New York Mail and Express and he gives it as his opinion that the party of gold is soon to win a grand victory in Missouri. Well, the colonel may be right, but the election in the first district a few days since is no indication in that direction. The returns do not go to prove that the drift of public sentiment is that way. If the colonel would put his pass in his grip and walk over into southwest Missouri and interview the farmer, he might go back thinking that the farmer was a fool, but he would have no reason to believe that there was going to be any alarming exodus of the men who till the soil in the direction of the goldbug camp.—Carthage (Mo.) Silver Review.

Cyprus is as much Greek as Crete, but is held by the British government for the same reason that Cuba is held by Spain—for "all that the traffic will bear" in taxation. But so dominated is the American daily press by British and Wall street gold that the fact is studiously suppressed. "Zaptiehs" are Turkish troops in the British service to suppress otherwise possible revolt of Cyprusites. Jamaica is governed in the same way, solely in the interest of British office-holders and financiers, there being some 750,000 of colored Jamaicans and only 15,000 English in that island.—San Francisco Star.

GENERAL REMARKS.

(By General Remarker.)

The desire to abolish the Fourth of July because it is sometimes desecrated by orators like David B. Hill is carrying reform too far.

There can be no doubt that John Russell Young will make a good librarian of congress, for the New York Evening Post is against him.

New York excels in everything. That city will soon have the biggest bridge in the world, as she now has the biggest and craziest goldbugs.

A South Carolina man who a year or two ago named his baby "Grover Bissell" has committed suicide at the thought of it. The punishment fits the crime.

After August Belmont, of the Rothschild family, has erected the statue to his favorite horse, the Reform club should borrow the model, lengthen its ears, and set up a statue to Bynum.

When a Mr. Stealey undertakes the job of defending John G. Carlisle and Cleveland's civil service, the first syllable of Stealey's name naturally suggests all his reasons and motives.

The administration is said to have hired "a bill-poster of prosperity" in the person of Mr. Wilbur F. Wakeman. Civil service was no trouble in his case. A bill-poster of prosperity goes anyhow, because he is so awfully needed.—Silver Knight Watchman.

Poverty and Abundance.

In the states in the west farmers burn corn because there is too much coal. Miners go hungry in Pennsylvania because there is an over-supply of pork and beans. Men, women and children are clothed in rags because too many clothes are made. Children go barefooted because of an over-production of hides. There is no lard in the workman's hovel because of an over-production of hogs. Too many streets are unpaved because of an over-supply of brick.

Funny, isn't it?

Millions go hungry every day because there is too much bread.—Warren Worth Bailey.

PRICES STILL FALL.

THE BONDHOLDER AFTER THE PRODUCER.

Nothing Makes a Man So Homesick in His Own Home As to See Everything Shrinking from Year to Year Except His Debts and Taxes.

(By Solon Chase, of Maine.)

Bryan fired a gun in the Chicago convention that was heard around the world. It was a long-distance shot. It hit 'em in Wall street; it hit 'em in London, in Paris, and in Berlin.

The question that Bryan thrust into the face and eyes of two continents is the question of higher or lower prices. The millions who voted for McKinley voted for lower prices, and they have got what they voted for. The millions who voted for Bryan voted for higher prices, and we did not get what we voted for, but we are going to pick our flints and try again. The battle of the standards is a battle for higher or lower prices, and nothing else.

The conflict is between the bondholder and the producer. The term producer includes every man, woman, and child engaged in or dependent on the productive industries of the country. The term bondholder includes the money-lending fraternity of every stripe and feather.

If the money lender loans money that is worth ten pounds of pork to the dollar and gets his pay in money that is worth twenty pounds of pork to the dollar he gets his pork without feeding any corn to the hogs. If on the other hand the farmer borrows money that is worth ten pounds of pork to the dollar and pays the debt in money that is worth twenty pounds of pork to the dollar he loses the corn he feeds to the hogs. This illustrates how falling prices benefits the money lender and works injury to the producer.

Last year I bought a new hoe for twenty-three cents. This year I can buy the same kind of a hoe for twenty cents. My last year hoe is not worn out. It has got rusty, but I could take it down to the mill and grind the rust off on the emery wheel and make it do quite well for another year. If I use the old hoe the twenty cents I should save would buy three pecks of Western corn or six yards of New England calico. Judging the future by the past, if I hoard the twenty cents for a year, I can then buy a bushel of corn or 8 yards of calico. If I let the twenty cents lie idle for a year I shall gain a peck of corn or two yards of calico by the rise of money—that is I shall take a peck of corn from the farmer or two yards of calico from the manufacturer without money and without price. If I use the old hoe I restrict the consumption of hoes and restrict the production of hoes and thereby restrict the opportunity of employment for labor. I use the old hoe because the price of a new hoe in money under the effect of the "existing gold standard" will take on a streak of fat while I am using the old hoe.

After 16 to 1 hoes and hogs will rise. There will be confidence in hoes and in hogs. If I hoard in money the price of a hoe for a year that money will take on a streak of lean. There will be confidence in business men and confidence in producers, because there will be dividends in business and dividends in production. But now under the "effect of the existing gold standard" the money lender gets richer by diminishing the value of the property of the producer and the dark pall of falling prices hangs like the gloom of midnight over the face of our fair land.

We are told by the financiers that we are all going to get rich by buying cheap, and what a good thing it is for the crippled pensioner, the poor widow who is living on her small savings, and to the laboring man to increase the purchasing power of the dollar. If the purchasing power of the dollar is increased until the shoemaker can buy his meat for a cent a pound the hog raiser would not wear shoes half the year round, but the bondholder would get 100 pounds of meat for his dollar, and the country would be filled with tramps who could not get so much as marrow bone to grease their "chops."

If low prices is a good thing, haven't we received about all the benefit we can from falling prices, and wouldn't an upward turn of values be a healthy change? Every laboring man sixty years old who has earned his living by the sweat of his brow knows that the good times come with high prices and hard times with low prices. The rise of prices that followed the discovery of gold in California and Australia lighted the torch of civilization in dark places and raised the standard of living of the toiling millions the world over. If the new mints had been silver instead of gold the result would have been the same. At that time silver and gold at 16 to 1 were both standard money. The silver dollar would buy as much merchandise as the gold dollar the world over. When new mines of silver were discovered in our own country the American congress and the great commercial nations of Europe took the monetary function from silver and the silver dollar was made a debt. The effect has been to make gold a rising dollar and keep prices on the fall.

The free coinage of silver would raise prices. If free coinage should squeeze the gold dollar enough to bring prices up to the gold level of 1850, would any injustice be done? The bed rock upon which is based the opposition to the free coinage of silver is the fear that free coinage would raise prices and diminish the purchasing power of gold.

The gulf between the men who are getting richer by the rise of money and the men who are getting poorer by the shrinkage of productive property, is widening from year to year. These conditions have built in this country a moneyed aristocracy. Many of these gentry in New England are men of not very large means. When prices were high they turned their property into money, and are now living an idle life on the rise of money. They seem to think that the lack of foresight and the want of business ability is the reason why business men and producers do not make money. They loaf around where workingmen are trying to earn the "honest dollar," hunting for a chance to buy cheap. When one of 'em goes to the grocer to buy meat for his dinner he must have the best cut there is in the "critter" at the lowest price, because he is a financier and pays cash down. The workingman who is working for the best "money in the world" and has to wait for his wages, pays more for his meat and gets a cheaper cut. After 16 to 1 these moneyed aristocrats will put their money into business and find profitable employment in taking care of it.

After fifteen years of falling prices the people find no profitable employment at their homes and most all of them are office-seekers if they belong to the party in power. All the small postoffices are eagerly sought after. If the salary is small everybody understands that salaries have doubled in value by the rise in money and still rising. Falling prices has driven thousands of merchants out of business through bankruptcy. There are many thousands of other merchants who have large stocks of goods on hand bought at very low prices, which they are now selling at retail at 33 per cent of cost in order to get out of a losing business and nobody is taking their places.

Nothing makes a man so homesick in his own home as to see everything he possesses shrinking from year to year except his debts and taxes.

Aftr 16 to 1 the sunshine of rising prices will bring hope and joy into many lowly homes where there is now sadness and sorrow. The rise of prices would be gradual and on the higher plane all interests would adjust themselves without doing injustice to anybody.

The Angel of Discontent.

When the world was formed and the morning stars
Upon their paths were sent,
The loftiest-browed of the angels was named
The angel of Discontent.

And he dwelt with man in the caves of the hill,
Where the crested serpent stings
And the tiger tears and the she-wolf howls,
And he told of better things.

And he led man forth to the town,
And forth to the fields of corn;
And he told of the ample work ahead,
For which his race was born.

And he whispers to men of those hills he sees
In the blush of the misty west;
And they look to the heights of his lifted eye—
And they hate the name of rest.

In the light of that eye doth the slave behold
A hope that is high and brave;
And the madness of war comes into his blood—
For he knows himself a slave.

The serfs of wrong by the light of that eye
March with victorious songs;
For strength of right comes into their hearts
When they behold their wrongs.

'Tis by the light of that lifted eye
That Error's mists are rent,
A guide to the table-lands of Truth
Is the Angel of Discontent.

And still he looks with his lifted eye,
And his glance is far away
On a light that shines on the glimmering hills
Of a diviner day.

—Sam Walter Foss.

Tom Reed's Confession.

Jerry Simpson is as full of humor as these days are of sunshine. He has a good deal of faith in humanity in general, but not much in Tom Reed. "Do you know," he said to a St. Louis Republic correspondent the other day, "that Reed is a cynic, without sincerity in anything? He does not possess a serious conviction. The first term of my service in congress I made a speech on the tariff and had a good deal to say about principle. After I had finished, Reed rolled over to me, congratulated me and drawled out: 'That was a good speech, Jerry, but you shouldn't lay so much stress on principle. After you've been in congress a few years you will come to the conclusion that there isn't any such thing as principle in anything.' Reed was perfectly serious, for once. He has been long enough in congress so that he hasn't got any principle himself."

The Whole Science of Money.

"What good is the Atlantic ocean anyhow?"

"My dear boy, it sustains the money standard."

"No!"

"Yes. If there were no Atlantic ocean gold couldn't be sent across it to Europe."

"What of it?"

"Why, when gold is crossing the Atlantic ocean in this country we're prosperous. When it's crossing to Europe the silver agitation is throttling the honor of the nation."—Twentieth Century.

STATE TOPICS.

Late News Items of General Interest to Alabamians.

Corn Crop in St. Clair.

Late corn in St. Clair county gives promise of an extraordinary yield. The farmers say the crop never looked better.

Work Resumed.

Mr. E. Lewis, who has recently returned to Anniston from a trip North, has started up his foundry and machine shops in Oxanna. These have been idle since he went away about two months since.

Veterans' Basket Picnic.

August 5 has been decided upon as the day for having the Jefferson County Confederate Veterans' basket picnic. Col. W. H. Denson has consented to deliver an appropriate address on the occasion.

Huntsville Will Lay Sewers.

Huntsville has $42,004 in her city treasury as the result of a bond sale to W. R. Rison, and will at once build sewers. William Meyers will superintend the work, which is to be completed by December 1st.

Opening Gold Mines.

Mr. A. L. Higginbotham has a large force at work under direction of expert miners opening up his gold mines near Chulafinnee. They have struck a broad and rich vein. If it holds out according to present indications it will prove to be the richest gold mine ever found in this State.

A Valuable Relic.

W. D. Campbell, of Geneva, has a paper printed on wall paper, claiming to be the last issue of the Vicksburg Daily Citizen, dated July 2, 1863, with a final note bearing date July 4, that year. It is a valuable relic, full of crisp items, that sound strange after the lapse of years.

A Profitable Enterprise.

The secretary of the Southern Building and Loan Association of Huntsville recently published his semi-annual report showing the resources of the association to be $1,004,943.47. During the past twenty-four months the members of the association have been paid profits to the amount of $736,813.11.

Stockholders Meeting.

A meeting of the stockholders of the Sheffild Land, Iron & Coal Company, of Alabama, will be held at the office of the Sheffield City Company, in Sheffield, on the 10th day of August, 1897, at 11 a. m. for the purpose of selling, assigning or mortgaging a part or all of said company's property to settle its indebtedness, and for such other business as may come up.

Defaulter Located.

It is reported that W. W. Kidd, the defaulting superintendent of education of Marshall county, has been located at Monterey, Mexico, and that his family has gone there to join him. He is said to be bossing a squad of hands on some railroad construction works. No effort will be made to have him returned to Alabama, it is said.

Hand Book of Alabama.

Commissioner Culver is preparing a hand book of Alabama for distribution at the Nashville Centennial. It has been gotten up with a great deal of care and it is said that one of the most attractive features is the article on the educational system of the state, prepared by Superintendent of Education John O. Turner, who presents the advantages of the school system and the great work it is doing in an able and attractive manner.

Reorganization.

According to a statement in a recent issue of the Guntersville Democrat a reorganization is on the tapis for the Tennessee River Transportation Company. President Williams, of Waterbury, Conn., and Messrs. Bohl and Pierpont, heavy stockholders, bought all the property of the company for $23,620 and claim they will put the boats on a basis of profitable operation. Receiver Watt Wilkey is now in charge.

Alabama's Gold Mines.

It is stated that Hon. T. H. Aldrich and associates are making a good thing out of their gold mines near Goodwater. A good authority recently stated that there had been gotten out of these mines specimens of ore that assayed $75 per ton. Some of this ore has been shipped to Charlotte, N. C., where stamping machines are being built for the mines, to be tested and also to show what kind of machinery is best needed for this particular kind of ore. It is understood that Mr. Aldrich and his associates are going straight ahead on developing their properties and that the prospects are excellent.

Fourth District Agricultural School.

The board of control of the Fourth district agricultural school at Sylacauga was organized by electing B. B. Billy, president; Ed. J. Smith, treasurer; J. F. Morgan, secretary; John R. Dewberry, president; S. J. Dean, first assistant; Miss Mary Anderson, lady principal; Miss Bettie Forman, intermediate teacher, Mrs. R. L. Freeman, primary; Dr. M. E. Conway, way, superintendent of farm. The salary of the teachers are $1,000, $600, $500 and $400 respectively.

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A CALL.

All former members of the Farmers' Alliance and others interested are hereby requested to meet at Clanton on Saturday, July 31, 1897 at 11 o'clock for the purpose of reorganizing the Chilton County Alliance. It is particularly desired we have a full meeting.

Signed. A. G. DAKE,
FRANK CRICHTON.

☞NOTICE. The date of the Alliance meeting called for Saturday, July 24, conflicting with the annual meeting of the Second District of the Mulberry Baptist Association, and other church meetings, it has been decided to postpone the Alliance meeting until one week later, and all friends of the Alliance are requested to make their arrangements to attend the meeting at Clanton on Saturday, July 31.

SMALL-POX is abroad in the land some twenty cases being reported in Birmingham.

WORK was commenced this morning on the new storehouse for Mr. J. W. Edwards. This makes six additional stores to Clanton's business section this year—almost one for each month—Kantner's, Gullahorn's, the office building, Sampey's, Stanfield's and Edwards. A vacant residence can never be found in Clanton, and anyone would find it a profitable investment to build half a dozen convenient sized houses. They would readily be rented at a remunerative price. There is also a splendid opening for a first-class hotel, which properly managed would do a fine business.

AN epidemic of lynching seems to have broken out in various parts, with Alabama and Georgia in the lead. If the published reports are correct the victims of lynch law fully deserve the fate they met. In cases where the culprits are taken red-handed in the commission of fiendish crimes, and there is no mistake as to their identity, a short shrift and a long rope about meets the requirements of the case. But in many instances where these crimes have been committed, as soon as the facts are known, men in the passion of the moment jump hastily to conclusions, and upon slight evidence a victim is strung up while the real criminal escapes to again commit another crime. This must inevitably occur in some lynchings and is greatly to be deplored. The case of Dr. W. L. Ryder who was lynched at Talbotton, Ga., Monday night is not of this kind, and is attributable to the deficiency of the law. Over a year ago Dr. Rider murdered Miss Owen at Talbotton, and has been on trial in various courts ever since. On Monday his case came again before the court and was continued until next fall. Possibly next fall it would have been again continued on some legal technicality. It was a perfectly plain case. He undoubtedly killed the young lady. Was he to be held accountable, or not? The law should be able to decide that in a much shorter space of time than has elapsed since the murder. The people of Talbotton were evidently of this opinion, and the result was he was lynched Monday night while he was being carried from the court room to the jail. Had the law been carried out and a verdict rendered that he was mentally unsound at the time of the killing there would have been no lynching. But so long as the law by various trivial technicalities neglects to render a verdict the people are more than apt to take affairs in their own hands and deal summary justice, and by so doing discredits the entire State. The moral is execute the law impartially and with all possible dispatch consistent with justice.

A meeting of the Alliance of Chilton county has been called for Saturday, 31st inst., at Clanton, for the purpose of reorganizing the Alliance in that county. Several distinguished speakers have been invited and the meeting will no doubt prove successful. This is a move in the right direction. It would require very little effort for such a meeting to be held in every county, and there would be no difficulty in securing two or three prominent Alliancemen to be present and deliver addresses. The Alliance is too noble an order and capable of too much practical benefit to farmers for it to remain disorganized in any county in Alabama. Get a move on yourselves and set the ball in motion.—Monitor.

South Chilton.

Farmers of this section are in good spirits this morning, over the refreshing shower, which fell last night. The cloud moved with great rapidity. The wind was strong enough to blow some timber down in places. After the wind ceased, it rained for one half hour steady. Crops are good but small. If we can get two or three more such rains as fell during the past night will come forth in the time of harvesting all O. K. But there are some farmers in our section who say they have not had enough rain yet. But the crops speaks for themselves. Watermelons are plentiful but small.

We are glad to see the M. T. M. railroad so nicely constructed and rapidly going up for our convenience. It has been needed for a long time.

Mr. J. Y. Propst, one of our most energetic business men has been in Birmingham on special business for a few days.

Prof. H. A. Askins has a full school at Center Point, and is giving good satisfaction.

Prof. E. B. Deason, one of our self-made young men, is teaching near New Prospect; we need more such energetic young men in our community.

Mr. Walter Mills has been very sick for some time with malarial fever, but we are glad to see him up again.

There was an all-day singing at Pilgrim's Rest Sunday last, was well attended. R. C. Kendrick was appointed chairman; Profs. J. C. Veazey and F. M. Foshee were the leaders for the day. The refreshments were plentiful; many thanks to the people of that community.

Best wishes to the BANNER and its readers. SUB.

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Rockymount.

Two preachers have been going around and preaching in this community. Their articles of faith seem very weak indeed. They claim the Bible to be the word of God so far as translated correctly; the book of Mormon to be the word of God; that the church exists to-day as it did in the days of Christ and his apostles; the laying on hands for the gift of the Holy Ghost; baptism for the remission of sins, and that the ten tribes of Israel will be gathered together and Zion will be built on this continent. How it is that the ten tribes of Israel which have been out of existence for centuries will be gathered together on this continent is more than I can understand. In regard to the laying on hands for the gift of the Holy Ghost, what about the first four verses of the 2nd chapter of the Acts of the Apostles? If you believe in baptism for the remission of sin, why was Christ baptised? and why it is you take a novel called the book of Mormon written by an educated crank called Joseph Smith to be called the word of God is more than I can understand. You go from house to house scattering your literature, letting the Lord pay your bills, imposing yourselves upon our Christian people. Now then, what we Southern people want is evidence and facts and that we will have. If you can't heal the sick, restore sight to the blind, cause the lame to walk, raise the dead, you are not living up to your profession, and if you are not living up to your faith you have got no business in the pulpit. We would suggest that you quit visiting us and teaching your doctrine and go to your homes in Utah and settle down Remember what happened to six of your brethren a time ago down in Taylor county, Florida, and two others over near the line of Georgia last winter.

ONE OF THE BOYS.

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A Correction.

Verbena, Ala., July 18, 1897

Editor BANNER. In your report of the Teachers' Institute last week I was reported as making the quotation "Mathematicians, like goats, are born and not made." It should have read: "Mathematicians, like poets, are born and not made. Will you please correct the error and oblige Yours truly,

JUDSON STROCK.

Political Points.

People's Press Bureau, St. Louis Mo., July 21, 1897.

The wearisome tariff debate is over and we now know what we have to expect and can compare the Dingley with other tariffs. In 1862 in the midst of a terrible war, the average tariff was but 32 per cent. The McKinley tariff raised the per cent. to 49. The Wilson bill lowered the rate to 39 per cent. Now comes the Dingley bill and raises the average tax to 58 per cent; this too in time of peace and abundant crops. Will the people stand this? It is estimated that this bill will pour into the treasury $230,000,000 a year; $60,000,000 more than the Wilson tariff. At the opening of the last day's debate on the tariff the Chaplain prayed "that the tariff bill may disappoint the fears of its opponents and excuse the hope of its advocates in the effect upon public prosperity and activity."

Although there has been much discussion of arbitration no settlement of the coal workers' strike has yet been effected. The labor commissioners and governors of the states affected, viz: Ohio, Pennsylvania, Indiana, Kentucky and West Virginia met and agreed on plans that they hope may avert the disaster of a prolonged strike. A number of the metropolitan dailies have sent correspondents and artists into the mining districts and they reveal a degree of suffering that should make all honest Americans sympathize with this poorly paid class of laborers. Men with their families have lived on 60 cents a day; the father who must have strength to work, consuming the only meat that could be bought, the women and children doing without. A coal famine is threatened and the prices have gone up.

Chauncey Depew, post-prandial orator, society man, diplomat, anglomaniac and railroad attorney, has been "jacking up" his party. He says, "Republican promises of better times must be fulfilled and quickly fulfilled or the party will be swept off the face of the earth." We venture to hint that Chauncey, like the Irishman's chicken, spoke too late. He also defines "Bryanism" as "but another name for discontent." If this be true then his assertion last winter that Bryanism was a thing of the past, must be false.

Gov. Altgeld has given out eight reasons for McKinley's administration being a total failure. He denounces the president as a "false prophet" who allowed himself to be advertised as the "advance agent of prosperity," "a man who would rather be president than right," "who must reap what he has sown," who sees to-day a quarter of a million starving miners whose condition is the result of men and methods approved by him and his party. He closes with a comparison of McKinley and Bryan, showing the one over powered by office seekers, a tool of trusts, and surely, day by day, losing the esteem of all the people; the other brave and free to stand for principle, the idol of his party and growing daily in popular esteem.

The Nashville conference has met and parted. The credentials of three hundred and fifty-five delegates were accepted. The usual policy of reaffirming the Omaha platform and then tacking various vagaries thereto was gone through with. The committees were crowded with leading malcontents and ex-fusionists of the party. A fight between two of the brethren who called one another "a red headed sap sucker" and "a political buzzard" respectively, was the event of the meeting. The meeting of the Reform press July 2, was devoted to abuse of Chairman Butler, Robert Schilling of Wisconsin, being almost alone in the defense. After this they resoluted that theirs was a mission of education and peace and that they were "deadly" in earnest. The conference appointed three committeemen from each state to organize a national committee and elect officials.

President McKinly has asked the Senate for authority to appoint a currency commission but it is not apt to be granted.

A. R.

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Verbena.

The people of Corinth and adjoining communities met July 4 for the purpose of singing the Master's praise in memory of our forefathers in their struggle for the freedom of our republic.

A constitutional convention met in Georgia at Savannah on the 4th day of July, 1775. Every parish or county in that colony was represented.

July 4, 1776 was the day on which the Declaration of Independence was adopted It was good news to the people. The old bell that hung in the steeple of the house in which congress met rang out the glad tidings. This bell has ever since been known as the Liberty Bell.

Program of the singing: Introductory. Prayer by Bro. Anderson Baker, sr. Arranging committee: W. D. Goss, J. C. Alred, J. D. Roy. First lesson by J. S. Jones, 30 minutes. Second lesson by Henry Robinson, 30 minutes in Perennial songs. Third lesson by James Gulledge in Star of Bethlehem. 10 minutes intermission. Preaching, Bro. Joe Thomas, followed by E. L. Manning, adjourned for dinner.

At 2 p.m. the house was called to order. Fourth lesson by W. E. Gray in Star of Bethlehem. Fifth lesson by R. D. May. Sixth lesson by N. J. Jones. Seventh lesson by Thos. Beck. Adjourned.

J. B. Jones, Sec.

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Yates Schoolhouse.

A singing was held recently at the Yates schoolhouse. The meeting was opened with prayer by S. M. Yates jr. W. A. Huckabee made a talk upon the duties of one toward another as Christian brethren and sisters. Then the subject of organizing a Sabbath-school was discussed and all present favoring it one was organized with S. M. Yates, jr., as superintendent, and George Harris secretary. The afternoon was devoted to singing; first lesson led by John Piron, followed by Jim and Tom Dupree. The singing was of the best, and was a grand success. Everyone seemed to enjoy themselves very much and we hope they will come to see us again.

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Davis Schoolhouse.

Our Sunday-school is moving along nicely, and our celebration will be held here on Saturday before the fourth Sunday in July; everybody is invited to come and bring a basket and somebody with them.

Our reading circle is still kept up by our faithful members, but would be better if the frogs would get a little further from the house to do their balloaing.

Professor R. O. Headley opened his school here with a large attendance, and is progressing nicely.

THREE S. S. MEMBERS.

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Highly Prized Relic Lost.

In our fire on the night of the 4th inst. there was destroyed a large solid silver table spoon that was 96 years old. On the flat part of the handle was engraved the monogram, J. & N. M. (John and Nancey McMorries) On the neck of the spoon was stamped, J. Stevenson & Bro., Philadelphia, 1801. My grandfather, John McMorries, of Newberry, S. C., bought this set of spoons when he married and began house-keeping in 1801. When my grandmother died in 1863 this set of spoons fell to my father's family, and there happening to be just six of us each got one of these spoons as an heirloom.

I regret the loss of this relic more than any article lost.

E. Y. MCMORRIES.

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Burwells.

Obituary.

G. C. Norris, a son of H. J. Norris, triumphantly met, and through the merits of Christ conquered the last enemy, death, July 19 at the residence of E. L. Manning. He was sick only a short while. He had been living until recently at Prattville. He was good and kind to all. We tender our sincere sympathy to the bereaved family, and humbly submit to the Will of Him who is too wise to err and too good to do wrong; whose rulings are justice, mercy and wisdom; and as we sorrow with them we point them to the sweet beyond where loved ones never part. A FRIEND.

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A Card.

Clanton, Ala., July 5, 1897

Editor BANNER. It seems to be the desire of some people to press the idea that I reported a certain person for illicit distilling, notwithstanding Marshal Dudley's oft-repeated statement to the contrary. Hence I asked Mr. Dudley to make an affidavit to the effect that I had nothing to do with it. The affidavit is printed below; please read it. I think it will satisfy every reasonable mind. J. A. LOGAN.

The State of Alabama }
Chilton county. }

Before me, R.M. Honeycutt, Judge of Probate in and for said county and State, personally appeared J. A. Dudley, who being by me duly sworn deposes and says, that during the early part of the year 1897 he was serving as deputy U. S. marshal, that certain persons were arraigned upon a charge of illicit distilling; that Joseph A. Logan did not report to the officers, or in any way, directly or indirectly, furnish them with the information leading to the arrest of said persons; that to his own personal knowledge said J. A. Logan did not, during his continuance in said office of deputy marshal, report said persons or anyone else for said offense of illicit distilling or any other offense. J. A. DUDLEY.

Sworn to, and subscribed before me, this the 5th day of July, 1897.

R. M. HONEYCUTT,
Judge of Probate.

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Mr. J. P. Longhurner, widely known for many years as the special representative of the Populists and Free Silver Press of the United States, has kindly forwarded the following letter for publication: Jan. 25, 1897.

DEAR SIRS—I am anxious for the sake of the suffering and out of gratitude to you to give my personal endorsement of your wonderful remedy. On the 4th of January 1897, I was in Washington and was suddenly seized with an aggravated case of inflammatory rheumatism, so severe and painful was the attack that within 48 hours my left arm was paralyzed and I was only able to dress with assistance. I secured a bottle of 5 Drops and took a dose that night, rubbing some on externally as directed. The following morning I was surprised to find myself immensely relieved, and continuing treatment woke the second morning cured. My arm was also free from pain, and all swelling and stiffness had disappeared. The completeness of my cure was my marvel. I now know for over a year of the great curative properties of your medicine and have several friends who have been cured by it of Neuralgia, Catarrh and Asthma. Wishing you every success and trusting that those similarly afflicted will at least give this remedy a trial. Sincerely yours, J. P. LONGBURNER.
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DEAR SIRS:—I would like to thank you for your great remedy, "5 DROPS," and tell you what it has done for me. I had Rheumatism in every joint and in the heart, and had Catarrh of the head for 30 years. I was so poorly that I lost the use of my legs and arms and could not move without pain. I was so crippled that I had done but little work for seven years, and our family physician, a good doctor, told me that my Rheumatism and Catarrh were incurable and I believed him. But now, after using "5 Drops" only two months, I can truly say I have not felt so well for seven years. This medicine does more than is claimed for it. At this time my Catarrh is much better, and I have scarcely any Rheumatism at all and the heart weakness and pain are gone. My hearing is now good and my eyesight is much better. I have gained more than 10 pounds of flesh and can do a full day's work. It is the best medicine I ever saw to give a mother who has a young child for it has the same effect on the child as on the mother. It wards off Croup and cures the hives of the child and causes sweet and refreshing sleep to both young and old.
Yours respectfully, WM. M. KELLEMS, Liberta, Perry Co., Ind.

Jan. 29, 1896.
We received the following letter from Mr. J. F. Wilson of Omaha, Ill. Mr. Wilson has been for many years an invalid, and reading the above letter which was published needs Mr. Kellems asking of his endorsement was genuine, and received this reply, which he forwarded us.
MR. J. J. WILSON.
DEAR SIR:—Your letter of recent date at hand, the testimonial you speak of is genuine. The company who manufactures and sells "5 Drops" published my testimonial just as I gave it to them and every word of it is true, and I could swear to it and prove it by many witnesses. The company did not ask me for this letter. I sent it to them last January for publication in order that poor sufferers, incurable as I once was, and as you are, might be cured. Get "5 Drops" and use it and it will cure you such as it has cured me. I have received many letters like yours, and it is a pleasure to me to answer all who write. Tell all your neighbors what I have written about "5 Drops." I know how to sympathize with those who are afflicted, for though I suffered so long, it is now 8 months since I have felt any pain. Dr. W. Kellems, my brother, uses "5 Drops" in his practice, and joins me in endorsing this great remedy. He says for a case like yours it is a positive cure.
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L. W. Shackelford, the popular dentist, will visit Clanton Monday, July 26, to practice at Dunlap house for one week. All those wishing dental work will do well to call on him. His work is first class and prices reasonable. Teeth extracted without pain.

C. W. Reynolds, of Jemison, was in town Tuesday.

Prof. McMorries went to Montgomery Friday.

Durwood Foshee is spending awhile with friends here.

Charlie Northington, of Montgomery, was in Clanton a short while last week.

Miss Kate Freeman on her return from the Chautauqua, stopped over in our town to visit friends and relatives.

Miss Celestia Dunlap is again visiting in our town.

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Miss Hattie Belle Aldridge, of Birmingham, is on a visit to friends here.

Henry Martin is visiting his grandparents here to-day.

Miss Pearl Watts has returned home after a pleasant visit to relatives in Greenville, Ala.

Miss Susie McGhee, of Columbiana, is visiting Mrs. W. T. Callen.

Miss Mary Williamson, of Verbena, was a welcome visitor to Clanton Tuesday.

Miss Mamie Bethay, of Montgomery, passed Tuesday with friends here.

James Bazemore and wife, of Birmingham, are paying a visit to friends here.

Mrs. G. H. Green continues to slowly but surely improve.

David L. Smith and son, of Bazemore Cross Roads, Coosa county, paid a few days visit to old friends in this neighborhood.

Col. W. R. Oliver, of Calera, was in town yesterday.

Hon. H. A. Wilson is in town this morning.

W. H. Foshee, Durword Foshee John Gulliahorn and Lon Smith went out to the river yesterday and returned this morning with a fine catch of fish.

Harvey Chandler has returned from a visit to Birmingham.

Mrs. J. M. Morgan and children of Birmingham, are visiting relatives at Ehrman's mill.

Miss Mattie Sue Chandler has returned home after a pleasant visit to Birmingham.

Tom Young and wife, of Macon, Ga., are visitors at John Vines.

Rev. W. B. Tichnor is at home on a vacation.

Mr. Ken Wells, we are sorry to say, is in a very low condition.

John and W. L. Wells, of Vicksburg, Miss., are visiting here on account of the sickness of their father, Mr. Kin Wells.

Marriage licenses have been granted this week by the Probate Judge to the following persons.

Mr. Thomas Watson and Miss Henrietta Smitherman; Mr. L. K. Durbin and Miss Alice Asew.

Colored. Wm. Robinson and Elizabeth Tyas.

Miss Kate Stanfield is on the high road to recovery.

Mrs. Mollie Woolley, of Jemison, was visiting here yesterday.

Miss Blanche Foshee returned home Monday, after a pleasant visit to friends in Birmingham.

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Mr. Ken Wells died this evening about five o'clock, and will be buried at Verbena to-morrow (Friday).

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Non-Resident Notice.

THE STATE OF ALABAMA, Chilton County.

Mrs. Susan Loveladv, complainant, vs Ward & Hubbard, et als, defendant.

In Chancery at Clanton, Alabama, Seventh district N. E. Chancery Division.

In this cause it is made to appear to the Register, by the affidavit of W. M. Adams, solicitor for complainant, that the defendants, W. B. Bearden and W. C. Bearden, are non-residents of the State of Alabama and that their residence is in the county of Howard, State of Arkansas, and further, that, to the relief of said affiant, the defendants are over the age of twenty-one years.

It is therefore ordered by the Register, that publication be made in THE BANNER, a newspaper published in Clanton, once a week for four consecutive weeks, requiring them, the said W. B. Bearden and W. C. Bearden, to answer or demur to the same, within thirty days after the 6th day of August, 1897, and failing so to do a decree pro confesso will be taken against them in said cause.

Done at office, in Clanton, Alabama, this 6th day of July, 1897.

W. E. STEWART, Register in Chancery.

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THE STATE OF ALABAMA, CHILTON COUNTY.

By virtue of a decree of sale granted by the Probate Court of Chilton county, Alabama, I will, as Tax Collector of said county, sell to the highest bidder, for cash, before the Court House door of said county, at Clanton, on

MONDAY, AUGUST 16, 1897,

the following lands for taxes due thereon for the year 1896, to wit:

BEAT No. 1.

R. Fox nw ¼ of sec 22 tp 24 r 14; tax and costs $7.18

Owner unknown ne ¼ of se ¼ sec 19 tp 23 r 14 tax and costs $5.22

BEAT No. 2.

G. W. Edwards s½ of se¼ and se¼ of sw¼ sec 18 tp 23 r 13 tax and costs $6.15.

Owner unknown nw 1-4 of ne 1-4 sec 2 tp 23 r 13 tax and costs $5.22

Owner unknown se 1-4 of sw 1-4 sec 6 tp 23 r 13 tax and costs $5.22

Owner unknown se 1-4 of ne 1-4 sec 7 tp 23 r 13 tax and costs $5.22

BEAT No. 4.

Owner unknown n ½ of se 1-4 sec 33 tp 22 r 14 tax and costs $6.04

Owner unknown nw 1-4 of ne 1-4 sec 15 tp 22 r 14 tax and costs $5.16

Owner unknown w ½ of nw 1-4 sec 30 tp 23 r 15 tax and costs $5.16

Owner unknown se 1-4 of ne 1-4 less 10 acres sec 22 tp 22 r 14 tax and costs $5.18

Owner unknown w ½ of sw 1-4 and part of sw 1-4 of nw 1-4 fractional sec 8 tp 22 r 16 tax and costs $7.56.

BEAT No. 5.

Brittle & Harrell e ½ of sw ¼ and w ½ of se ¼ sec 9 tp 21 r 16 and se ¼ and n ½ of sw ¼, w ½ of nw ¼ sec 17 tp 21 r 16 tax and costs $12.08

John L. Harrell ne ¼ of sw ¼ and nw ¼ of se ¼ sec 7 tp 21 r 16 tax and costs $5.76

Mrs. Sallie Hanlin 22 acres east side of se¼ of sw¼ and 16 acres on west side of sw¼ of se¼ sec 31 tp 21 r 16 tax and costs $10.41.

James M. Hanlin one 12 acre lot at Coopers tax and costs $5.86.

Moses Moore & Son part nw¼ of sw¼, part s½ of sw¼ of ne¼ and se¼ of nw1-4 sec 16 tp 21 r 15 tax and costs $16 63.

BEAT No. 6.

Robert Roebuck nw1-4 of sw1-4 sec 7 tp 20 r 13 tax and costs $3.24.

BEAT No. 7.

Mrs. Ella Shoults one store house and lot known as Chilton County Alliance store house and lot tax and costs $7.23.

Owner unknown n ½ of se 1-4 of nw ¼ sec 32 tp 21 r 12 tax and costs $1.96

Owner unknown nw 1-4 of se 1-4 sec 10 tp 21 r 11 tax and costs $5.22

BEAT No. 8.

Owner unknown nw 1-4 of ne 1-4 sec 4 tp 20 r 11 tax and costs $5.00

Owner unknown one lot in Stanton between D. C. Gandy and Pynor lots tax and costs $1.72.

BEAT No. 9.

Owner unknown ne 1 4 of sw 1-4 sec 10 tp 22 r 14 tax and costs $5.00

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Non-resident Notice.

THE STATE OF ALABAMA, Chilton County

James P. Hayes, Complainant, vs. Alice Hayes, Defendant.

In Chancery at Clanton, Alabama, Seventh District North-eastern Chancery Division. June 18, 1897.

In this cause it is made to appear to the Register, by the affidavit of W. H. Foshee, that the Defendant, Alice Hayes is a non-resident of the State of Alabama, and further, that in the belief of said affiant, the Defendant is over the age of twenty-one years.

It is therefore ordered by the Register that publication be made in The Banner, a new-paper published in Chilton County, Alabama, once a week for four consecutive weeks, requiring her, the said Alice Hayes, to answer or demur to the same within thirty days after the 26th day of July, 1897, and failing so to do a decree pro confesso will be taken against her in said cause.

Done at office in Clanton, Alabama, this 18th day of June, 1897.

W. E. STEWART, Register in Chancery.

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AN ORDINANCE

To accept the map or plat of the town of Clanton, made by E. E. Todd, surveyor, and J. M. Pitts, P. D. Wilson, and J. H. Vines, members of the committee or board.

Whereas it appears to the satisfaction of the Mayor and Council of Clanton that on the 4th day of June 1897, a competent surveyor and three real estate owners of the town of Clanton were duly appointed and sworn as a board or committee to make a map or plat of the town of Clanton as required by section sixteen (16) of the Act passed by the General Assembly of Alabama, session 1896-7 and approved February 12th, 1897 entitled "An act to incorporate the town of Clanton, in the county of Chilton, State of Alabama, and to repeal all former charters for said town." And whereas it appears to the further satisfaction of the Mayor and Council of Clanton that the said board or committee have in all things fully discharged their duty as required by the said section sixteen (16) above referred to.

And it further appearing that the said board or committee with the surveyor have attested and signed the said map or plat, and that the Mayor and Councilmen of said town being satisfied with the correctness of said map or plat and they having endorsed the same as accepted, and the said map or plat having been duly filed in the office of the Probate Judge of Chilton county, Alabama, for record, therefore,

Section 1. Be it ordained by the Mayor and Council of Clanton, that the said map or plat of the town of Clanton, as above referred to, be and the same is hereby accepted and declared to be the official map or plat of the town of Clanton.

Passed, this the 21st day of July, 1897.

W. L. SAMPEY, Mayor.

Countersigned,

T. S. PHILLIPS, Clerk.

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Se1-4 of ne1-4 sec 21 t 22 n r 15e.

Nw1-4 of ne1-4 sec 13 t 21 n r 15e

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Mobile & Ohio Railroad Company, a Body Corporate, Petitioner,

vs.

J. F. Welch, J. F. Welch, executor of J. F. M. Welch, dec'd, Walter Welch, Oscar S. Welch, Mrs. Sallie L. Duncan, Horace Welch, Earnest Welch, Daisy F. Welch, Vestor Welch, Scott Welch, Respondents.

J. F. Welch and J. F. Welch, executor of J. F. M. Welch, dec'd, Lucretia A. Welch and Walter Welch, respondents in above cause, non-residents of the State of Alabama, and residents of the State of Mississippi, will take notice that the Mobile & Ohio Railroad Company has filed a petition to my office, seeking the condemnation of a Right of Way one hundred feet in width through certain property belonging to above named Respondents in Chilton county, Alabama; and the Tenth day of August, 1897, and my office in the court house of Chilton county, Ala., are the time and place set for the hearing of such Petition; when you may appear and contest the granting thereof, if you see fit so to do.

R. M. HONEYCUTT, Judge of Probate.

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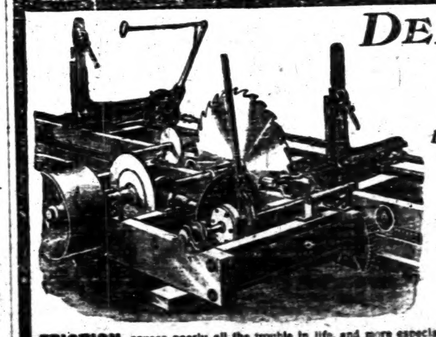

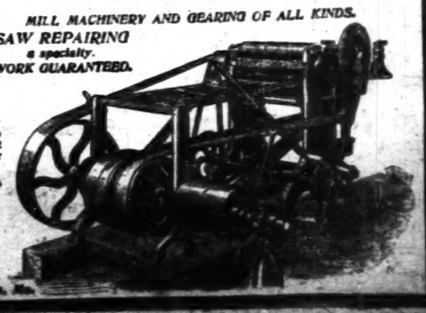

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"Who may it be?" inquired the doctor.

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Dr. Jessup also tells of overhearing the following conversation between a Mohammedan and Doctor Van Dyck:

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CAPITOL ITEMS.

The Monthly Statement of the Exports and Imports.

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General Wilson, Chief of Engineers, States That the Canal From the Great Lakes to the Hudson Would Cost $200,000,000—It is Not Likely to be Built.

Brought to Terms.

The difficulty in Morocco over discrimination against the Americans employing native labor has been settled, and Uncle Sam's war ships have moved on. Americans were given their rights.

Gold From Alaska.

Mr. Preston, the director of the mint, has received a telegram from the superintendent of the San Francisco mint stating that $500,000 in gold had arrived at that port from Alaska and that an equal amount was expected to arrive next week.

Would Cost $200,000,000.

The secretary of war has transmitted to congress the report of chief engineers on the preliminary examination of a ship canal from the great lakes to the Hudson river. Gen. Wilson, chief of engineers, says in the report that it is the opinion of the local officers that the best route for a ship canal is that by way of Niagara river, Lake Ontario, Oswego, Oneida lake and the Mohawk and Hudson rivers and that this would cost at a rough estimate $200,000,000. Maj. Symonds further expresses the opinion that the construction of such a ship canal is not a project worthy of being undertaken by the general government, for the reason that its benefits would not be commensurate with its cost.

Don't Believe It.

At the Japanese legation no credence is given to the report cabled from London that the Spanish and Japanese governments have entered into an alliance against the United States. It is pointed out that the Spanish newspapers are nearly as bitter in their denunciations of the Japanese, whom they charge with giving material aid to the Philippine insurgents, as they are against this government for permitting arms and men to be sent to Cuba. It was stated in most positive terms that there was absolutely no truth in the rumor, and it was explained that the presentation of the chrysanthemum decoration to King Alfonso had no significance whatever, so far as the United States is concerned, and does not imply any change in the relations between Japan and Spain.

The state department has no information whatever of any alliance between Spain and Japan.

Exports and Imports.

The monthly statement of the exports and imports of the United States issued last week by the bureau of statistics makes the remarkable showing that never before in the history of the country has the exports of merchandise, which include practically all the exports, except gold and silver, reached so high a figure as during the fiscal year ended June 30, 1891, nor has the excess of exports over imports ever been so large.

The only time these figures were approached was in 1892.

The statement for 1897, with comparisons, is as follows: Exports of domestic merchandise, $1,032,998,880, increase over 1896, about $170,000,000; total exports of domestic and foreign merchandise, $1,051,987,091, as compared with $882,606,938 for 1896. The total imports of merchandise during the fiscal year just closed amounted to $764,373,905, of which $381,942,605 was free of duty. The total imports were about $15,350,000 less than last year, and the excess of exports over imports for the year was $287,613,186. This is an excess of about $185,000,000 over last year and an increase of about $23,000,000 over any previous year.

Presidential Nominations.

The President has sent to the senate the following nominations:

Interior—Roland T. Rombauer, of Montana; Edwin S. Mathaway, of Montana, and Wm. V. Tompkins, of Arkansas, to be commissioners to examine and classify lands within the land grant and indemnity land grant limits of the Northern Pacific Railroad company in the Missoula land district in Montana.

To Be Receivers of Public Moneys—C. Frost Liggett, at Lamar, Col.; Alvah Eastman, at St. Cloud, Minn.; Richard H. Jenness, at O'Neill, Neb.; Wm. Q. Ranft, at Missoula, Mont.

Charles S. McNichols, of Illinois, to be agent for the Indians of the Colorado river agency in Arizona.

Joseph C. Auld, of Montana, Jas. A. Johnson, of Montana, and Watson Hoyle, of the District of Columbia, to be commissioners to examine and classify lands within the land grant and indemnity land grant limits of the Northern Pacific Railroad company in the Bozeman land district in Montana.

Cyrus Leland, Jr., to be pension agent at Topeka, Kans.

Justice—Isaac E. Lambert, attorney of the United States district of Kansas.

War—Lieut.-Col. Daniel W. Henham, Seventh infantry, to be colonel; Maj. G. S. Carpenter, Fourth infantry, to be lieutenant-colonel; Capt. S. Baker, Sixth infantry, to be major; First Lieut. L. W. V. Kennon, Sixth infantry, to be captain; Second Lieut. H. J. Hunt, Fifteenth infantry, to be first lieutenant; Frank L. Chambers, of Kentucky, to be civil engineer in the navy.

THE DIPLOMA INDUSTRY.

Want to Fix a Minimum Standard of Requirements.

Washington Letter Boston Transcript.

"Resolved, That the state should exercise supervision over degree-conferring colleges, through some properly constituted tribunal, having power to fix a minimum standard of requirements for admission to or graduation from such institutions, and with the right to deprive of the degree-conferring power such institutions not conforming to the standard so prescribed."

This resolution is to be considered by the National Educational association. It is intended to curb the passion of obscure institutions of learning for conferring degrees. There are now 460 so-called colleges in the United States where United States Commissioner of Education Harris says there should be forty; and some legislation is wanted before the number increases to 1,400 or 1,500, and the entire country is overrun with half educated "bachelors of arts." The resolution will be presented by President Rodgers, of Norwestern University, Evanston, Ill., and will be discussed by President Jesse, of the University of Missouri, and President Baker, of Colorado.

There will be a discussion on the same day of a paper on "The Practical Value of a College Training," which is to be read by Dr. Canfield, of the Ohio State university.

EPWORTH LEAGUE CONVENTION.

Opening Meeting of the Great Methodist Gathering in Toronto.

A telegram from Toronto, Ont., dated July 16 says: The Epworth Leaguers have been coming for two days until today they number 20,000 and carry everything by storm. Meetings are being held in profusion and delegates from Greenland's icy mountains to India mission fields are all mingled. Today the meetings numbered not less than eighteen, and there are anything up to a dozen speakers who were limited to five minutes at each meeting and it is impossible for any one delegate to imbibe more than a certain part of all the good things going. However, they did their best. Note book in hand they rushed from meeting to meeting, only stopping to show their appreciation of element of sentiment by spontaneous applause.

The music is perhaps the most pleasing feature of the convention. Choirs of 150 to 200 voices are at each meeting and as the good old hymns are sung and a few thousand extra voices help out the choruses, the effect is inspiring. The theories under discussion today were spiritual, literary and social work. The Junior league and missionary conferences were also held.

THE LADIES SHOCKED.

They Object to an Order Compelling Women to Work in Overalls.

The order of the police commissioners of Kansas City, Kas., that women prisoners must work on the stone pile along with the men has caused a great commotion and has not been put into effect.

The Current Events club, an organization of women, has expressed itself as immeasurably shocked and has called an indignation meeting to protest against the "threatened disgrace and degradation of womanhood." Their principal objection to the rock pile plan is that part of the order compelling the women to work without skirts and to wear overalls instead.

Challenged Prince Henry.

When the Italian officers who were recently released from captivity in Abyssinia, arrived at Para and heard of the reports that had been made against the Italian army of cowardice, they drew lots as to who should take the matter up, and the man who drew the lot sent a challenge to Prince Henry.

Wonderful Memory

It is said Vice-President Hobart has a wonderful memory and has studied the present tariff bill and the Wilson bill so closely that he can name instantly the number of the paragraph in which any article is mentioned in either of the bills.

Will Pray for Money.

At Chicago the efficacy of prayer is to be tried by the Woman's Christian Temperance Union in the matter of raising the $250,000 necessary to clear the Women's temple from debt. The union has set aside Monday next as the special day of prayer. Should the debt not be paid before January next the building at Monroe and La Salle streets will pass into the hands of Marshall Field. The amount owed is about $300,000. Marshall Field has promised to give $50,000 if payment is made before the first of the year.

Goes to Corea as Missionary.

A telegram from Columbia, S. C., says: Dr. Mattie B. Ingold, of Rock Hill, expects to set sail from San Francisco on August 5th bound for Corea, whither she goes as a foreign missionary, being sent out by the executive committee of the foreign mission department of the Southern Presbyterian church. She has been under appointment for this work for about six years, and has been spending that time in fitting herself for the work she is undertaking.

An American flag flying at the city hall in Toronto, Ont., in honor of the visiting delegates to the Epworth league convention was torn down by an ultra-British artisan one day last week. The man was at once arrested and locked up.

Ernest R. Taylor and Will H. Tolbert, of Los Angeles, have started on a cycling trip around the world from Los Angeles, Cal. They will be without funds and undertake to return in twelve months.

TRADE REVIEW.

Dun & Co. Report the Business Outlook Very Encouraging.

CROP PROSPECTS IMPROVED.

In Many Home Industries, Particularly in Building, There Is More Activity Than in Any Year Since 1892—An Advance in Wheat.

R. G. Dun & Co.'s weekly review of trade says: Excepting the great miners' coal strike, which may terminate at any time, there is scarcely a feature of the business outlook which is not encouraging, the season considered.

Our prospects have been improved by needed rain in some regions and foreign advices continue to promise a large demand.

In many home industries, particularly in building, there is more activity than in any year since 1892.

The advance in wheat to 81½c was not due to the government estimate, which was followed by a decline, but to foreign advices and considerable buying for exports.

Demand is also felt from Australia, South Africa, Brazil and even Argentina, while the promise for European crops if not considered bright. The disposition of farmers to keep back wheat for higher prices may effect the outward movement, but Atlantic exports during July, flour included, have been 3,115,443 bushels, against 2,028,817 last year, although in the same weeks 4,659,315 bushels of corn went out, against 1,571,072 last year. Wheat closed 4 cents higher for the week, and corn ½c higher.

Cotton is 1-16c higher, the closing or partial stoppage of important New England mills hardly neutralizing, in market estimation, the expressions of injury from drought.

The cotton goods market does not yet reduce large accumulated stocks, as the curtailment of production shows, but is growing a little more healthy without change in prices. Woolens for the coming season have not been shown, though on some low priced goods advances of 7½ per cent. are asked, and presumably will be asked on better grades.

The output of iron furnaces July 1 was 164,064 tons weekly, against 168,380 June 1, but several furnaces have gone into blast since July 1, and the output is large for the season. Presumably an unprecedented share of it is to supply the great steel companies, which are even now putting more furnaces into blast, and have heavy orders taken when prices were dropped, while the demand for structural shapes and plates are large and for bars improving, though steel bars are now at the lowest quotation ever known in Pittsburg, 87½c to 90c, with Bessemer pig quoted slightly lower.

Tin plates are slightly lower at $3.10 for full weight, and less than $3 is paid for 100-pound boxes.

Failures for the week have been 263 in the United States, against 269 last year, and 27 in Canada, against 30 last year.

MISS WINNIE DAVIS

Invited to Be Present at the Logan Day Ceremonies at Chicago.

Efforts are being made by the committee in charge of the Logan Day ceremony and the ex-Confederates' association of Chicago to secure the presence of Miss Winnie Davis, the daughter of the confederacy, at the dedication exercises, which take place July 22. An invitation had been sent Miss Davis through Miss Lucy L. Hill, a personal friend, and ex-World's Fair commissioner from Kentucky. The formal invitation was followed by a telegram from Miss Hill and others in the Confederates' association, urging Miss Davis to come.

Theodore Noel, commander of Camp Eight, United Confederate Veterans, and a warm personal friend of General Logan, has issued a call to members of the organization urging them to be present at the ceremonies.

It is expected that at least 4,000 of those who fought under the stars and bars will be present.

PRISONERS PARDONED

By the Queen Regent of Spain—General Lee Exhonorated.

Acting upon the suggestion of Captain General Weyler, the queen regent has granted the pardon of Domingo, Castillo, Gongales, Guttermano, Flevera and Fuernte, who are under sentence of death.

Capt. Laborde, of the alleged filibustering schooner Competitor, and two of the crew of that vessel sent a communication to Consul General Lee saying that the report published in a New York newspaper that Gen. Lee was neglecting them was entirely without foundation.

Emanuel Rich, a member of the firm of M. Rich & Bros., one of the largest dry goods and furniture houses in the south, committed suicide at his home in Atlanta at 7 o'clock last Friday morning by cutting his throat with a fruit knife. The dead merchant was a native of Hungary and 40 years old. He was an equal partner with his two brothers in the firm of M. Rich & Bros. As the house enjoys excellent financial standing, no cause is known for the suicide except nervous dyspepsia, from which he suffered.

Ex-Secretary of the Interior Hoke Smith has received from United States Consul Parker at Birmingham, England, a request for the left hind foot of a graveyard rabbit, to be placed in the Pitts Rivers museum, of which Prof. E. R. Tyler is curator. Tyler, it seems, is an authority on superstitions, and has recently received an American buckeye charm against rheumatism. He needs a rabbit foot to complete the collection and Mr. Smith is asked to supply one that has actually been worked by a believer in the charm.

CAUSES A SENSATION.

Weds His Housemaid—A Bluebblooded Philadelphian.

Dr. C. E. Cadwalader, the head of one of Philadelphia's oldest, and most exclusive families, was married last Thursday afternoon in St. Paul's Episcopal church, Philadelphia, Pa., to Bridget Mary Ryan, his former housemaid.

This marriage caused quite a sensation in society circles in the city. The bride came to this country five years ago from Tipperary, Ireland, and three years later entered the doctor's employ as housemaid.

Dr. Charles E. Cadwalader is a decendant of the famous John Cadwalader, whose geneology is replete with fame and exclusiveness, whose treasured geanological sheepskin, with lion rampant, contains the names of Lord and Lady Erskine, Gen. John Cadwalader, of revolutionary fame; the Welsh Cadwalader, who fought against Saladin under Couer D'Lion; Dr. Thomas Cadwalader, who, with Franklin, founded libraries and was prominent in early Philadelphia.

The bride comes of poor but respectable Irish parents. She is 21 years of age, while her distinguished husband has passed 50. The couple left on a brief wedding trip immediately after the ceremony.

AN ALLIANCE.

Spain and Japan Reported to Have Joined Forces.

A dispatch from Paris to a news agency in London says that inquiry at the American embassy there has elicited a confirmation of the rumors that the governments of Spain and Japan have arranged an offensive alliance against the United States. The terms of the undertaking, which is for the mutual protection of Cuba, and Hawaii, provide that in the event of an actively aggressive movement on the part of the United States tending toward interference in Cuban affairs or persistence in the annexation of the Hawaiian Islands, both Spain and Japan shall declare war simultaneously against the United States and shall make hostile demonstrations along both the Atlantic and Pacific coast lines of that country.

NOT CREDITED IN WASHINGTON.

Little credence is placed in official circles in the statement that the Spanish and the Japanese governments have entered into an offensive alliance against the United States for the mutual protection of Cuba and Hawaii.

NINETEEN MILES LONG.

Will Be the Tunnel Through Pike's Peak.

Gen. H. Proctor, president of the proposed Cripple Creek Pike's Peak tunnel, which is to be run through the mountain from Manitou to Cripple Creek, arrived at Colorado Springs, Col., the other day from New York and says he will let the contract for the tunnel, which will be nineteen miles long.

He says the estimated cost is about $9,000,000, but during his recent visit to England there was subscribed $12,000,000, of which $1,000,000 is now in bank, and the other money will be paid in installments of $1,000,000 whenever money is necessary.

Mr. Proctor says work wil be begun within sixty days after the contracts are awarded.

THE DEMANDS MODIFIED,

But Turkey Won't Evacuate Thessaly Until the Indemnity Is Paid.

At Constantinople it is understood the council of ministers agreed upon a great reduction in the demands of Turkey for a settlement with Greece, but still insists that all the passes, Elassona, half of the Trikhala district and other territory shall belong to Turkey, while Thessaly shall be evacuated gradually as the installments of the indemnity are paid.

At the last council of ministers the sultan was present and took a personal part in the proceedings, a thing never done before. His majesty addressed questions to the ministers on slips of paper and received answers in the same way.

Great Britain and Russia are opposed to the sending of Turkish troops to Crete and the other powers have assented.

RUINED BY WHISKY.

Cut the Throats of Her Four Children and Then Her Own.

In London, Eng., Emma Simonds, the wife of an engine fitter, cut the throats of her four young children and then her own last week. Simonds returned home about 1 o'clock in the morning, and as he entered his bed room stumbled over the bodies of two of his children, dead, and found his wife and the others dying. Mrs. Simonds, after a period of abstinence, broke the pledge on diamond jubilee day and had been drinking heavily ever since.

Pittsburg Celebrates.

Pittsburg, Pa., celebrated last week what it termed the emancipation of the Monongahela river. The government purchased all the locks and dams on the river owned by private parties, paying over $3,000,000, and the river is now opened to commerce free of lockage tolls. This means cheaper coal for Pittsburg and gives the coal operators of that section an advantage they have not heretofore possessed. A marine display was the chief event of the celebration.

Sold for $1,500,000.

The Ohio Valley Railroad, a branch of the Chesapeake, Ohio & Southwestern railroad, which recently passed into the hands of the Illinois Central, was sold at public outcry last week, at Henderson, Ky., at the upset price, $1,500,000. The road was bought in by Judge A. P. Humphrey, of Louisville, Ky., representing, it is understood, the Illinois Central railroad. The road will pass into the hands of the latter corporation as soon as the sale has been approved by the United States court.

A fierce anti-Jew agitation is in progress in Austria, and it is so violent that it will probably cause a great exodus. There are at least 2,000,000 Jews in Austria, about one-fourth as many as in Russia. A few are very rich, but the masses are very poor. It is the very poor who will suffer most from the hostile legislation and action of the government now in prospect. Naturally many are trying to get out of the country and will come to the United States, where prejudices of race and religion are not so powerful as in Austria and Russia.

Had a Right To.

Office Boy—Jimmy, listen to the editor: He's swearing like a sailor.

Stenographer—He's got a right to; Mr. Longhair, the poet, was in here and left a lot of "blank" verse a minute ago.—Cincinnati Commercial Tribune.

If you owe a man, don't imagine that he will keep the fact to himself.

Are Your Eyes Right?

You are either left-eyed or right-eyed, unless you are the one person out of every fifteen who has eyes of equal strength. You also belong to the small minority of one out of every ten persons if your left eye is stronger than your right. As a rule, just as people are right-handed, they are right-eyed. This is probably due to the generally greater use of the organs of the right side of the body, as, for example, the runner uses his right arm and shoulder, uses his right eye, thereby strengthening it with exercise. This law is confirmed by the experience of jurists. If a person who has ears of equal hearing power has cause to use one ear more than the other for a long period the ear brought into requisition is found to be correspondingly stronger than the other.

One-third of the Line Has Been Completed and Trains Are Running.

Since the beginning of the regular service between Tscheljabinsk and the bridge over the Obi, Oct. 16, 1896, trains run only thrice a week, Sunday, Tuesday and Thursday. These trains accomplish the distance of 930 miles in fifty-one hours. The tickets cost: First class, $39; second class, $23.25, and third class, $15.75. Each of the three classes is provided with sleeping arrangements; yet as often happens in Russia, the travelers bring their own beds and samovars, or tea urns, with them, besides other articles. But one must not think that the cars on the Siberian railway are fitted up with all the comfort of European or American "trains de luxe." Even the ordinary station accommodation is only just being gradually completed; for example, the lack of refreshment rooms has been in many places and is still supplied by the peasants of the neighboring region, who come down to the stations with bread, cheese, butter, meat and baked fish. These small defects in the management will naturally soon vanish. For, although for the present it is but a single line of rails, yet the line is destined for considerable traffic in the future, as can be seen from the fact that as a start 2,000 locomotives, 8,000 employes and 35,000 freight cars were decided upon. This staff and rolling stock will allow, on completion of the whole line, of a train composed of one engine, one or two employes and eighteen freight cars for each mile.

As one-third part of this gigantic railway is now ready, it can be conceived that already $150,000,000 out of the estimated general cost of $345,000,000 have been spent. The line has, moreover, in this brief space, shown its influence on the colonization of Siberia, as the western portions of it have been brought, piece by piece, into working order. The colonization has greatly increased along the line since 1895, and the hope of the Russian Government is being rapidly fulfilled, that the cultivation of the swampy Taiga district on both sides of the line will proceed at a quicker rate than hitherto; the swarms of flies make this district terrible in summer. Up to the present there is no data as to the influence of the construction of the line upon trade; there can, however, be no doubt that this influence does exist to a considerable degree, as also an influence for good as regards the administrative system in Siberia. The Russian officials and soldiers, who were often hitherto month after month on the journey ere they reached their destination in Siberia, will, at all events, joyfully greet this connection by railway; its importance from the point of view of transporting troops is clearly seen from the fact that Russia at this moment has in Eastern Siberia alone an army of 60,000 men.—New York Tribune.

Keep the Mouth Shut.

If you would avoid colds, keep the mouth shut when coming out of an over-heated room, especially late at night, and breathe through the nose. Chills are apt to ensue when people talk freely while out of doors just after leaving a room full of heat, as many theater-goers who discuss the play over the play on their way home are inviting illness. It is, in fact, during youth that the greater number of those kind contract habits of inspiration which make their whole life a series of disorders.

Senator Morgan proposes a new test for the immigrant—a knowledge and understanding of the ten commandments. If he will add a provision that the immigrant shall have kept them from his youth up he will be able to put an effective check upon the incoming tide for several years to come.

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EVILS OF MONOPOLY.

JERRY SIMPSON'S FOURTH OF JULY SERMON.

He Describes the Dangers That Threaten the Republic and Calls Upon the People to Rally Around the Free Silver Banner.

The members of the People's church in Washington held a Fourth of July celebration which deserved more than the passing mention it received from the daily newspapers. The principal speakers were Jerry Simpson and Senator Allen.

Mr. Simpson was the first speaker. He said:

"I suppose I am here to speak to you about the Fourth of July and things associated therewith. It is one of the days of the year when we should go over the glorious achievements of our ancestors in giving the world one of the grandest governments ever seen. Up to the time of the Declaration of Independence there never had been an attempt to give the world freedom. It was an unheard of declaration. The idea of governing by the people was an unheard of thing. Heretofore the idea prevailed that the right to govern come from on high, and that it belonged to the few. We all concede to Jefferson the authorship of that great paper. It was Jefferson's greatest declaration that 'just government can only exist by the consent of the governed.' It was launched upon an unknown sea. Has it been a success? What are the achievements of that declaration? Have people realized its full import?

"I doubt if half a dozen men at the time who took an interest in the affair really understood the full import of the Declaration of Independence. Jefferson understood it and laid it down as a cardinal principle. What little success we have achieved lies in the fact that Jefferson realized and incorporated therein equality of opportunity. Equality of opportunity for all is Jeffersonian Democracy. The progress of the new government has been marvelous. We look back! We see the colonists fight a seven years' war of devastation and devotion to their cause to a successful conclusion. We see a few settlements on the bays and inlets of the seacoast develop into the grandest nation of the world. We see them during this time conquer a continent. We see commerce and trade spring up everywhere. That increase of growth was because the declaration of equality of opportunity had been made. Under the benign influence of the same the great storehouses of wealth were opened. It is easy to account for. The same old story over again. Every government that has risen is one where the masses are given equal opportunity.

"We sometimes think that when we establish public schools and libraries that all is done. India and Spain have had public schools, libraries and municipalities, but they did not save India to Spain. In France, before the great revolution, there were all the opportunities of education and reading, but they did not save France. Fifty years before the great French revolution 12,500 persons owned all the land. No wonder the people revolted.

"I want to point out, if possible, some of the evils confronting us. We have seen the progress made and the building of the institutions. I want to ask some questions. Has this given the people equality of opportunity? Have the masses shared the blessings, or have only the few been benefited? If this is not the case we have but to make a new resolve that we will try to secure the advantages that should result. It is hard to speak on these topics without stepping on some one's prejudices. But it is the duty of every public speaker to tell the truth as he sees it.

"I hold that today the struggle for existence and the conditions of life are harder than in the days of Jefferson, and that we do not receive the full benefit of our government. What are the causes? We see the land taken up and controlled by syndicates. We ought to devote more attention to pleading the cause of the miners of the state of Idaho and should manifest an interest in the conditions under which they struggle. What is true of them is true of every laboring man in the United States. We say that ought not to be. We grand a land, with all its resources and the inventive genius of man to create machinery. Yet these are the conditions confronting us today. We are on the verge of a revolution, a political one, perhaps—a social one, perhaps. I do not believe the people who listen to annual Fourth of July orations will sit down quietly and submit to those conditions. It is the duty of every statesman to provide and point out, when he gets an opportunity, the evil he sees, however much he may, by so doing, hurt the prejudices of these fine haired statesmen.

"One of the great evils is the power of accumulated wealth. If you would use your common sense and mother wit for just a moment you would know that many of the men in congress are only developed in the faculties of gaining wealth. If you point to the United States senate you will find a body of millionaires. There are not more than a dozen states that will send to the senate a man without the capacity of gaining wealth. It is the same with the house, which, I should say, has gone into the hands of a receiver. It is so that we don't even get a report from the receiver as to the assets. Oh, how far the Ship of State has drifted from its moorings! See how the representatives of the nation have surrendered the rights of the people to one Thomas Brackett Reed, of Maine. I venture to say when truth gets a hearing it will be put down as the most shameful surrender of the rights of the American people ever known.

"The leaders are shrewd—the shrewdest of the land. They put a man like Reed ahead after every election, or place in the white house a man like McKinley, who can be molded at will. I am not a pessimist, although my ramblings may lead you to think so. We have for 100 years studied to acquire wealth. Now we enter upon the new struggle—that of its distribution. There was a time, only thirty years ago, when there was a thirst for wealth. Cotton was king and slavery ruled. After riots it was actually discovered one day that there were twenty-two good men. It was a Sodom and a Gomorrah. John Brown, with twenty good men, went to Harper's Ferry, and before the end was in view the Stars and Stripes meant something. A million men were sacrificed for a principle that gave the black slave his liberty. May the time come for us when twenty-two good men will go to Harper's Ferry or some other place and fight for the liberty of the white slave.

"Let us demonstrate that the Declaration of Independence did mean something—that it meant reward for toil of labor, and not that the results of miners' hard work should go into the pockets of Mark Hana or any other plutocrat. I refer you to the last campaign when they wanted to set aside Flag day, and Mark Hanna, the patriot citizen, was to be made the banner bearer of the occasion. The sole purpose of the agitation was to bolster up the Republican policy. The purpose of Mark Hanna's flag is to cover up the dirt of the Republican party.

"I hope the day will come when that flag will mean something—equality of opportunity. I believe in the American people. I have another hope born of the fact that 6,500,000 people put up in Chicago as a standard bearer a young and a poor man. Everywhere he went spontaneous enthusiasm sprang up, born of a desire to obtain liberty of the masses. That was the grandest thing seen in thirty years.

"The people in the great cities ask why they pay such enormous sums to live in garrets, while some men own vast lots of unimproved land. Why do not the people own the land themselves? These are the questions that agitate the people's minds. We have seen only the border of the promised land, without having had even a taste of the fruit.

I hope the day will come when we can tell the glories of our land without lying about them.

"Now my remedies for these evils. I don't believe a high tariff will employ more labor. I don't believe that gold monometallism will right things. I don't believe that there is a combine not protected by law. I don't believe that people will receive full fruition of the principles of Jefferson's declaration until the people own the land. We can't live without land. If you deprive man of it and its results you make him an abject slave. To remedy the evils you must destroy land monompoly. Let the United States senate not forget to attack land monopoly. If you love Jefferson you must hate it. Some people tell me to practice what I preach, but I must travel in the line that offers the least resistance. Such a resolution, if introduced by me in the house, would not be given a chance.

"I believe in free silver and Bryan, and believe that in rallying around the banner we should instill the idea that land monopoly must go. (Applause.)

"To sum up we have made wonderful progress and along with it there has been a very rapid concentration of wealth. We see that half our homes are in need. We see now a quarter of a million men going on a strike because they can't live on starvation wages. So I thought this a good day to point out the evils that surround us. I believe that some time in the future there will be a sweet bye and bye when we will reap the benefit of our forefathers' sowing; that we will have a government where life will not be a mere struggling for animal existence—a government of equal opportunity."

Agitate, Agitate, Agitate.

James Bryce in his American Commonwealth points to the fact (page 331), that under the European legislative system, "which may be dissolved, and ministries which may be upset at any moment" * * * the persons who move in the inner sphere of politics give unbroken attention to political problems, always discussing them both among themselves and before the people." In the United States, with its presidential election once in four years, the education on matters of public policy is intermittent, and during the intervals not enough is done towards the formation of political thought and the solution of political problems. A little later in the same chapter he says that what is wanted is "a more sustained activity on the part of the men of vigorously independent minds, a more sedulous effort on their part to impress their views upon the masses; and a disposition on the part of the ordinary well-meaning but often inattentive citizens to prefer the realities of good administration to outworn party cries."

Is a Liar a Thief?

According to Edward Atkinson, our farm values fell seven hundred and fifty millions of dollars in 1896, not from the contraction of the currency, but from fear of the remonetization of silver. On the same principle, Atkinson's lies have done no harm; but, if he should ever repent of them, he would fall seven hundred and fifty millions of miles into the bottomless pit.—Ex.

THE GREATEST CRIME.

PLUTOCRACY IS HOLDING THE EDUCATIONAL FORTS.

Every University in the Country Enlisted on the Side of Mammon—The Conditions Are Almost Revolutionary—Gold Their Idol.

(By George Canning Hill.)

The new curriculum of university studies is to be a revision of liberal studies to conform to a gold basis. The money dynasty means to direct and govern everything from life's beginning to its end. President Andrews, of Brown university, in Providence, is to be bidden by a select committee to resign his office or else have it peremptorily taken from him on account of the views he holds on bimetallism. His views on tariff taxation are also alleged against him, in order to serve as a sort of buffer to the main charge. He is to be driven from his high office of an educator of youth, however, for presuming to hold and teach what conflicts with the present interests of those who are themselves in the toils of a power they are helpless to resist.

And such a system goes by the name of the higher education. It presumes to claim the title of liberal, when it exemplifies only the intensest bigotry. A handful of men set themselves up to exclude from the studious pursuits of a large body of youth what they choose to regard as improper because their own personal interests are to appearance antagonized by the teaching.

One may well ask where the mental fibre and sinew of the coming generation is to be looked for, if education is to consist in the adoption of prevailing prejudices and thinking is to be restricted within certan permitted limits. Where is the virile strength to come from that is to give power to the advocacy of truth, and the upholding of law, if the intellectual nutrition of our youth is to be fed to them in the form of prepared pap, and in process of mental digestion or rejection is to be forbidden altogether.

It is the narrow tyranny of the act of the trustees of Brown university that chiefly excites the general sense of revolt. To think that a so-called university education is to be sifted down to a class of studies that for the time offer no contradiction to the business interests of those who presume to formulate them, is to accept education at the dictation of men who are least qualified to outline or inspire it, and to deny to the growing branch the capacity ever to bear either sound or abundant fruit.

There are two points of view in the case that are of serious consideration. One is that a system of education may be laid down and undergo alteration, addition, emendation, and grotesque combination at the hands of men who make no pretension to capacity to guide or supervise an educational method or course; the other is the growing habit, here exemplified again, of exchanging what is fundamental; and what deals with principles and laws, for what is politic and ephemeral, for what may temporarily equip, but can in no sense permanently endow. Any one of fair intelligence who is addicted to the exercise of his reason can see what a muddle and inconsequential result must be the inevitable sequel.

If this sort of policy is to be followed at Brown University, of course there will be no further use for a man like President Andrews as its directing head. The present movement is purposely designed to throw him out. The gold monometallists demand a system of education in American colleges and universities that shall teach their dishonest and revolutionary dogmas or shut their doors to the youth of the country. Who is it that would overthrow and destroy if it is not they? Who seek to destroy our free system of disciplining and developing the mental and moral faculties in the very crisis of their growth, if it is not those who would instruct in party passion, teach the scheming art of money-making for the few, and restrict the excursion of the evolving reason to policies that are as likely to be as base as they are fleeting?

The war we are now engaged in is on for the uninterrupted advance of our common civilization. There is a far greataer stake involved than the immediate prosperity of manufacturing establishments, which is evidently to be the inspiring and moving force at Brown University. The meddlers, of course, fail to realize it; they see only their own selfish interests, which are certain to disappear from their sight in the general cataclysm which a course like theirs invites. The controlling center has its seat in other countries; one may better understand the secret and subtle power it is exercising when it is thus seen in the determination to dictate our American method of public education. It strikes at the source and fountain of our independent existence. It demands the right to teach our youth that they may at last become its more efficient slaves.

The newspapers lose no time in registering their obedience to this central power by applauding the action of the trustees of Brown University and approbating their motives. They really do not see how the regents of the university could have done otherwise by its president, and cringingly anticipate the criticism it is sure to provoke by deploring it as "hot censure," and to be expected from a certain "element of Populism," etc. They indulge in the Pharaseism of the remark that "with the majority of the trustees it is possibly conscientious conviction that President Andrews' views are repugnant to the highest teaching of Brown or any other university." Very possibly, indeed!

If the teaching of bimetallic laws, which have the sanction of more than two centuries, is of so faulty and falsifying character as these wise men of the east would have it believed, it would seem that nothing would be easier than to confute it, that it would be the most vigorous exercise for healthy reasoning powers at their developing stage. But that is not the road selfish tyranny takes. It prefers to cut down, to restrain, to clap in the stocks, to immure in dungeons, to burn at the stake, to punish, to silence. The world has always got on in that way, and until we adopt a larger and entirely liberal one, we have no particular reason for boasting as we do of the wonders of our achievements or the long strides of our civilization. We must continue either wholly slave or wholly free.

CALDWELL KNOWS IT.

Emphatically Expresses a Positive Opinion On 1900.

No man in the United States deserves or enjoys the confidence of the American people more than Judge Caldwell, of the United States Circuit court. It is refreshing and instructing to listen to his wise and patriotic remarks just at this time, and we call special attention to an interview which appeared in the Denver News, and will be found below:

"I have never for a moment doubted the result of the silver fight, remarked Judge Henry C. Caldwell, of the United States Circuit court. "The cause will win. I do not say that it may win—but it will win," added the distinguished juror, with an emphasis on the "will" that resounded down the corridor. The judge was sitting in the private room of Judge Hallett, where he was engaged in friendly conversation with callers.

"The silver cause," said he, is a righteous cause, and I have an abiding faith in the final judgment of the American people. I am not a politician. I have been on the bench too long to think of ever taking an active part in politics, but my sympathy is with Bryan and the cause he so nobly represents. In my opinion Bryan is one of the most remarkable men of the times, and so is Towne. If there is a more eloquent and convincing orator in America that that man Towne, I have certainly failed to hear him. Towne leaves nothing further to be desired as an orator."

"Some people think you ought to go into politics," remarked a listener to the judge.

"That would require an entire change in my methods of life," replied the judge, with an expression on his face that indicated perhaps that the suggestion might have been followed if the person to whom it was addressed were twenty-five years younger.

"I have been very much interested in watching the course of Bryan, and I do not believe he has made any mistakes since he was nominated last fall. He seems to be growing stronger this year, and I am glad to hear that he is making money. He is a man who will make good use of money, and those are the kind of men who ought to have it. It requires a brave man to take the position Mr. Bryan has assumed, but he has never flinched. We need never fear that the right kind of timber will be found when the needs of our country call for the material with a genuine ring about it. No intelligent American citizen ought to doubt the destiny which awaits this wonderful country."

A Bimetallic Fantasy.

The Republican party of the country is gradually making bold enough to admit that the "international agreement" clause in the Republican platform was and is intended only as a trap for the unwary, says the Nebraska Independent. It is merely a confidence game. The Republican party would make the people believe that it is for the restoration of silver as a money metal, and when given power will discriminate against it more than ever. Concerning the probability of any good for silver coming from the international agreement commission the St. Paul Pioneer Press, one of the oldest Republican papers on the northwest, says:

"The report that the English government intends to give any sincere aid to the establishment of international bimetallism is absurd. All representatives of the kind, either in relation to England or any of the principal countries of the continent, do not deserve the serious attention of men at all acquainted with the nature of European opinion. So far as any sentiment in favor of bimetallism exists at all it exists outside of business and government circles."

This is a partial uncovering of the real intent of the Republican party. It is for the perpetuity of the gold standard, nationally and internationally. It is for the continued contraction of the currency and the consequent decrease in price of all products. Under such a system how can this country ever get out of debt? Our products are to grow less valuable and our obligations to increase in amount by the accumulation of interest. How will we ever make both ends meet?

Here Is Respectable Authority.

The legislatures are passing, and in many cases have passed, out of the hands of the people, and are now regularly bought up by money furnished by the corporation to a "boss," who undertakes to procure such legislation and to prevent such legislation as they desire, and who renders no account.—New York Post.

THE HONEST DOLLAR.

HOW THE BONDHOLDERS DEFINE IT.

By Unjust Legislation the Purchasing Power of the Dollar Has Been Increased and the Awful Debt Burden Doubled.

Is the silver dollar an honest dollar? There can be no question that the silver dollars now in circulation in the United States are honest dollars, because all the obligations of the United States are, by express law, payable in silver dollars; and, besides, silver dollars will buy the same amount of property and pay the same amount of debts as gold dollars.

But the goldites say that silver dollars would become dishonest dollars if the mints were opened to free coinage, says the Silver Knight-Watchman. The Republican party in its platform declared that it was in favor of opening the mints of the United States to free coinage whenever an international agreement could be obtained for that purpose. They will hardly contend that the silver dollars coined after such agreement would be dishonest dollars. If dollars coined without the agreement would be dishonest dollars, how would the agreement make them honest dollars? They would in either event be a full legal tender and would pay debts and taxes the same as gold dollars.

But they say that gold might go to a premium if the United States opened her mints without the consent of other nations. How would the vast increase in the use of silver, which would be produced by free coinage in the United States, increase the premium on gold? The premium is now about 50 per cent. Do the goldites think that the demand created by the United States for silver through free coinage would make silver cheaper than it now is? It could not increase the premium on gold over silver unless it did.

We have always been opposed to the premium on gold which was produced by doubling the demand for that metal by demonetizing silver, and we are now told that if we make any additional use of silver for coinage purposes it will make silver cheaper and increase the premium on gold. If the goldites mean that a dollar must have the same purchasing power of commodities in general at the time of payment that it did at the time the loan was made, they will prove that the gold dollar is a great thief, because it takes twice as much property to pay a debt in gold now as it did twenty years ago. If the goldites contend that it is honest to have a dollar with a constantly increasing purchasing power because such a dollar enriches the creditor and impoverishes the debtor, upon what do they base such a contention? Do they really think that no person in the civilized world has any rights except the bondholder and money lender?

But they say contracts have been made since the gold standard was adopted and that they ought to be paid in gold. Why is that? The contracts were made payable in money. Do they think that the people have no right to any other kind of money than gold? The established law of the United States and Great Britain is that the current money at the date of payment is the money of the contract, for every government has the right to regulate the quantity of the circulation which affects the purchasing power of legal tender money. All men who make contracts make them with a view of this sovereign power, and it is not dishonest to pay the current money in circulation at the date of payment. When a government fails to perform its duty in not keeping a volume of money in circulation **sufficient** to maintain stability of prices (which means stability in the purchasing power of money), the people must suffer.

The reason we complain of the goldites is that after both metals had been used for thousands of years and the business of the world adjusted to the volume of money furnished by both metals, they demonetized silver. It is true they got the governments to do it, thereby making the governments do a great wrong. By this scheme of legislation, which adopted the gold standard, the creditor class added to the burdens of the people more than a hundred thousand millions, because it is estimated that there was at least that amount of indebtedness at the time silver was demonetized. By this unjust legislation they made the burdens of this hundred thousand millions as great as two hundred thousand millions would have been if silver had remained a money metal equally with gold.

It is strange that men who have manipulated legislation and influenced governments, and thereby absorbed the wealth of the world, should use the term "honesty." If an intelligent goldite, whose wealth has been doubled by robbing others through legislation which he has procured, is honest, then we must have a new definition for honesty. We would suggest the substitution of larceny as a better word. If it be really true that the criminal legislation which has ruined the prosperity of the civilized world by gross and vulgar robberies has become so sacred that it is dishonest to attempt to change it, how long will it be before burglary and highway robbery will be the highest test of honesty, and that the laws against those offenses will be repudiation of the rights of man?

The architects of our present system of money desire to see the mass of our wealth-producers in the eternal bondage of debt to plutocratic classes.—Farm, Stock and Home.

POINTS FROM THE PRESS.

Two per cent of the American people own twice as much as the other 98 per cent, who make it. How and why?—San Francisco Star.

It is hardly the proper thing for any man to sit around and grumble about the condition of the country when he casts his vote for exactly what he is getting.—Dawn.

Labor fills the world with wealth yet labor has to beg wealth for a chance to earn something to keep alive on.—Tacoma Sun.

The man who reads less and thinks more is better equipped than the man who reads more and thinks less.—Railway Times.

Some $7,000,000 of silver have been surreptitiously coined of late and covered up as "customs receipts," as it is time to begin making a little homeopathic genuine "prosperity" to float the bogus article for next year's campaign.—San Francisco Star.

Cut down the salaries of officeholders, and selfish people will go out of politics. When there is little money and much honor, good men will do their duty. Then to him who best does his duty will be given greatest honors.—Longmont Times.

Those Americans who attended the celebration of the queen's jubilee are the legitimate descendants of the New York Tories who fought against our struggle for independence in 1776-1783. They have not a drop of American blood in their veins. They are English in all save decency and patriotism.—The New Time.

Wouldn't direct legislation, with the president voted for direct, and the senate either abolished, or the members elected by the people, and the members of congress lopped off at least one-half, and the supreme court dumped into the sea, suit you far better than our present aristocratic horde of debauched nonentities? — Coming Nation.

During the hot spell the laboring residents in New York tenements died like flies, while Astor and the other rent-sweaters found cool breezes in Europe or on the Atlantic coast. A, those dead laborers voted for McKinley they will doubtless claim that their translation to heaven is their promised reward of prosperity.—Journal of the Knights of Labor.

Populists believe that law makes and unmakes money; that the value of the dollar has no relation whatever to the material out of which it is made; that the value is fixed by the number of dollars in circulation, compared with the demand by the people. Populists believe that it is the duty of congress to provide and, through the executive department, keep in circulation a sufficient amount of money at the least possible expense to the people.—Southern Mercury.

Wealthy Class Usually Wrong.

Bryce, in his American Commonwealth states the following deduction from observed facts (Page 252): "Nearly all great political and social causes have made their way first among the middle or humbler classes. The original impulse which has set the cause in motion, the inspiring ideas that have drawn men to it, have come from lofty and piercing minds and minds generally belonging to the cultivated class. But the principle and precepts these minds have delivered have waxed strong because the common people received them gladly, while the wealthy and educated classes have frowned on or persecuted them. The most striking instance of all is to be found in the early history of Christianity.

And again he says: "The chief difference between the so-called upper, or wealthier, and the humbler strata of society is, that the former are less influenced by notions, often erroneous, of their own interest. Having something to lose, they imagine dangers to their property or their class ascendency. Moving in a more artificial society their sympathies are less readily excited, and they more frequently indulge the tendency to cynicism natural to those who lead a life full of unreality and conventionalisms."

Keep It Before the People.

"In these times campaign speeches are only empty shells, without kernels. However well meaning, or whoever it is who thinks he does good by them, must be forgetting that a million of workmen and their children are hungry. The man who looks for bread in such speeches will not have much to eat. The public heart cannot be fired by eloquence in this way just now, for the powder of patriotism is wet with the tears of suffering unemployed. * * * To keep work for the thousands and more persons in my employ and turn away from the several hundred who apply daily and beg for the privilege of labor to keep the wolf from the door drives me into a fever, and I must speak out. I cannot sit on a fence with a stiff wind blowing and whistle for prosperity, vanished bird of beautiful plumage, to come back."—John Wanamaker, former Republican postmaster general.

Fasting Without Prayer.

The laborer fasts to pay what ought not to be paid—rent; fasts to pay interest, fasts to redeem debts, fasts to support the proprietor, and when the crops fail, fasting becomes starvation.—Freedom.

THREE CHILDREN PERISH.

The Summer Theatre at Paducah, Ky., is Destroyed by Fire.

The Casino summer theater at Ramona park, was burned Friday night at 10 o'clock. A performance was being given to about 600 people when the fire broke out from a fireworks display on the stage.

The audience was panic-stricken. Probably over one hundred persons were injured by being trampled. Several of the actors were painfully burned. The building was covered with tar paper, and was in a mass of flames inside of a minute.

It is reported that three or four children perished in the flames, but this cannot be verified. All the doctors in the city were required to look after the injured.

KILLED THEIR HUSBANDS.

Women Sentenced to Death for Wholesale Poisoning.

The trial of twelve women and two men charged with wholesale poisoning, was concluded at Buda-Pest last Friday, and sentences were passed upon six of the prisoners.

Four of them were condemned to death, one to penal servitude for life and one for a term of six years' imprisonment.

The series of crimes which occurred in the Hodmezoevasahely district, extend over some years past. The victims were in most cases married men who were killed by their wives, the motive for the crime being generally a desire to obtain insurance money.

The insurance companies, the testimony at the trial showed had called the attention of the authorities to the suspiciously high rate of mortality in the district, a number of times before proceedings were taken to ascertain the cause.

A WARNING TO SEEKERS OF GOLD.

Great Suffering for Those Who Go Illy Prepared.

Fred Price, a Seattle, Wash., man who has returned from the Klondike with several thousand dollars in gold dust, says that there is great fear of suffering on the part of those who attempt to go into that country without an abundance of supplies of provisions. He does not believe the trading companies can begin to supply the demand which will be made on them. Price thinks the men who take up horses to cross the pass from Dykes will do well. They can get their provisions in easy that way and sell the horses for dog meat afterwards.

He also advises new comers to look for claims on other creeks besides the tributaries of the Klondike, the latter being pretty well staked out. Stewart river creek promises as well as the Klondike. He says further that gambling dens and dance halls have already opened in Dawson. Games of every description are running and some of the miners play very heavy. They go into the mining town in sheer desperation at the loneliness and gloom and winter and gamble in a reckless manner to break the monotony. Price says it is hard to get along in Dawson City on less than $50 a day, and many of the men spend ten times that much. He claims that one saloon cleaned up $30,000 in three weeks this summer.

HAVE THE GOLD FEVER.

Englishmen Are Anxious to Visit the Yukon District.

Sir Donald Alexander Smith, the Canadian high commissioner in London, has been besieged for several days past with inquiries by those who desire to go to Yukon mining district. Most of the applicants for information are young men who are employed on farms and in factories. Would-be emigrants of this class are urged to remain at home, but hardy men with a capital of 100 pounds or more are encouraged to leave for the gold fields. Several solid capitalists are interesting themselves in the mining territory and are making investigations with a view of organizing mining companies.

Experts have been dispatched to inspect the region.

Regarding the suggested exclusion of Americans from the Yukon reservation the commissioner says that there is nothing in the treaties between Great Britain and the United States to prevent this action, but as a matter of courtesy it is hardly likely this step will be taken. A few emigrants have left England for the gold fields thus far. This is probably due to the monetary situation.

Talmage Won't Leave.

At Des Moines, Ia., a few days since, Dr. T. DeWitt Talmage was asked: "Is the report true that you are dissatisfied with Washington and that you will not return in the autumn and that you will probably go to Chicago?" Dr. Talmage replied, "No, that story from top to bottom and from stem to stern is a falsehood. I have no idea of leaving the church in Washington."

Twenty-Six Dead Infants.

Special dispatches from Madrid state that the bodies of twenty-six infants in rough boxes have been discovered in the tower of St. Peter's church at Seville. It is supposed that a wholesale crime has been committed by the church warden, Orellana, and his wife, and they have been arrested.

The United Brethren conference in Indiana has refused the request of many women to strike out the word "obey" in the marriage service.

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A CALL.

All former members of the Farmers' Alliance and others interested are hereby requested to meet at Clanton on Saturday, July 31, 1897 at 11 o'clock for the purpose of reorganizing the Chilton County Alliance. It is particularly desired we have a full meeting.

Signed. A. G. DAKE,
FRANK CRICHTON.

☞NOTICE. The date of the Alliance meeting called for Saturday, July 24, conflicting with the annual meeting of the Second District of the Mulberry Baptist Association, and other church meetings, it has been decided to postpone the Alliance meeting until one week later, and all friends of the Alliance are requested to make their arrangements to attend the meeting at Clanton on Saturday, July 31.

FOR the information of our Kincheon correspondent and others we beg to say the reorganization of the Farmers' Alliance is strictly for the benefit of our farmers, and is not in the interest of any office-seeker.

WE are happy to say the prospects of a big Alliance meeting at Clanton next Saturday are of the best. From all parts of the county we are assured the old guard is coming and will start up the Alliance with such a boom as will reverberate all over the State. Several prominent Alliancemen are expected and a big time looked forward to. Let every old Alliancman be on hand, and those who desire to join the noble brotherhood are invited to come right along, the door is wide open—come in!

FROM a reliable source we learn that Professor E. Y. McMorries of Clanton will be a candidate before the Democratic State convention for the office of State Superintendent of Education. As all our readers well know the learned Professor stands very highly in this section of the State as an educator, and we are satisfied that if there is to be another Democratic administration (which we very much doubt) it will be to the best interest of all that Professor McMorries should be the successful candidate. He is a pronounced free silverite, and unless our Populite convention puts up a better man we hope he may be successful.

Death of Mr. Kineon Wells.

Another of Chilton's oldest and most highly respected citizens passed away last Thursday. For fifty years Mr. Kineon Wells had been a prominent person in this county esteemed by all with whom he came in contact. Born in Shelby county in 1828, he came to Chilton when he was twenty years of age and settled at Verbena, where he resided until about two years ago when laying aside all business cares he came to spend his declining years with his beloved daughter, Mrs. W. I. Mullins. For forty years he was a faithful and zealous member of the Baptist church, and was treasurer of the Unity Baptist Association for twenty consecutive years. He served his country in the Confederate army four years, during the struggle displaying those qualities of pluck and endurance which characterized his whole life. He served his county as member of the Legislature one term and also served his party as chairman of the Democratic executive committee. His life's companion and two sons and three daughters survive him, and mourn the loss of a fond and indulgent husband and parent. The remains were carried to Verbena on Friday morning and with Masonic honors were laid to rest until the last trump shall sound. His life work done he sleeps in Jesus.

THE suggestion of Hon. Sam Adams for reorganizing the Alliance is not practicable, for the reason it is proposed to reorganize strictly in conformity with the requirements of the State Alliance; otherwise the suggestion is good.

Jemison.

The farmers of Jemison all seem to be cheerful after having nice rains on their farms.

Mr. Joe Robins who was brought from Elmore county to Jemison, his old home, for medical aid, died on the night of the 20th, inst., was laid to rest by the side of his father and mother in the Jemison cemetery on the 21st. He was a man of about 38 years of age, and leaves a wife and two children to mourn his loss.

Miss Eliza Gay, a young lady 16 years old who lived in the country three miles from Jemison committed suicide by taking morphine It seemed that this young lady was determined to die. She took one dose of morphine and failing to take enough to kill her she took a larger dose which bought her to her death. She had been living quite a while with Mr. Henry Benson, one of the most prominent farmers of the community; they had learned to love her as one of the family and were grieved very much about her death.

Prof. C. C. Slaton who has been teaching school at Jemison has accepted a school at Calera which leaves a vacancy at Jemison for some other good teacher.

Misses Laura Langston and Mamie Woods, two of Jemison's fairest young ladies are busy getting ready to go the Judson college at Marion, where they will complete their education.

Misses Della Whatley and Allie Garner returned to their home in Birmingham Wednesday after a pleasant visit to friends in Jemison

Messrs. I. N. Langston and J. M. Langston went to the capitol city Thursday on business.

Miss Mattie Ruffin, of Helena, is visiting friends in Jemison this week.

Mrs. Woolley and charming daughter, Miss Maud are visiting relatives in Arkansas.

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Turn-Round Topics.

This community about one week ago was visited by some good rains which helped all crops wonderfully, but am sorry to say we are beginning to need rain very badly again.

On Friday evening the 16th inst Mr. G. C. Norris, of Prattville, we are sorry to say, after a short visit to his parents, departed to join his wife at Bozeman for the purpose of continuing his visit here awhile longer. He being not exactly well to start with, started a foot to Bozeman, but it was all he could do to reach Mr. Manning's 2½ miles from where he started; news spread rapidly as possible. There he lingered without relief. His deathbed was surrounded with friends and relatives until 3 o'clock Sunday evening, the 18th, when the hand of Providence carried him away. He leaves a wife, two little children and many relatives and friends to mourn his loss.

Mr. F. M. Connell, jr., and wife of Cross Roads, spent Sunday with Mr. Kendrick.

On account of the sickness of Mrs. Wm. A. Connell, whose relatives were visiting here they were compelled to return to their home at Northport, Ala., much to the regret of their many friends.

Mrs. Goss spent part of last week with Mrs. H Kendrick.

Messrs. H. I. Norris, W. M. Pyron, Mrs. Sneed and Mrs. Connell we are sorry to report on the sick list this week.

Mr. H. Kendrick visited his son, W. H. Kendrick, of Elmore, last week.

Mr. T. P. Connell and family of Prattville, after a week's visit to home folks, returned home last Saturday.

Doctor Becket of Coosa county, and Mr. Kelly of Coal Springs, were guests of Mr. H. Kendrick last week.

J. C. Pattillo has a very flourishing school here, 45 pupils enrolled.

Prof. R. D. May is now teaching a singing school at Pine Level.

The water is too low to grind at Pyron's mill, so all its patrons have to hunt other accommodations.

Sorry are we to note the death of the little in ant child of Mr. and Mrs. H. Glenn the 23rd inst.

Several of our young people attended the convention at Coopers Saturday and Sunday.

Mr. Walter Kendrick reports a delightful time while visiting Clanton, Lomax, Unity and Cedar Grove the latter part of last week and first of this.

Would say something on roads but think it unnecessary, so will close with best wishes to all.

OLD STONEWALL.

Political Points.

People's Press Bureau, St. Louis Mo., July 28, 1897.

Mark Hanna is having a busy time of it. He is over run with office seekers who are inclined to pour out on the head of the recent campaign manager the vials of wrath that they dare not inflict upon the president. One of the recent offenders in this line was a Cleveland negro who told Mark in very plain language that he was tired of getting nothing but promises. The strike among his miners is also supposed to be giving the Prophet of Prosperity some anxiety. It is understood that Mr. Hanna has taken up his abode in the White House but there are some of us who give the President credit for too much sense to have permitted that.

The only serious bit of diplomatic work accomplished by our government so far this year is shown in the seal fishery dispute. It is understood that the communications will not be made public but English journals are most severe in their comments on what they style "the incurably bad manners of Sec. Sherman." Russia and Japan have agreed to aid the United States in forcing England to protect the seals by the use of enclosures for the male and branding for the female seals. This affair is of but little interest to the many save as a faint anti-English administration as but few of us are in a position to wear the fur of the much discussed seal.

The strike has widened in scope and no settlement is in view unless the demands of DeArmitt, a large operator who favors arbitration, are conceded to. He calls for the abolishment of company stores, a uniform screen, honest weight, 2,000 lbs to the ton, cash payments every two weeks and the price of mining to be left to a committee. Miners employed by DeArmitt say "he never lied to us and is our friend." Eugene V. Debs and Jas. Sovereign are giving assistance in organizing and guiding to a successful issue the striking miners. This great strike began the day the new tariff bill was passed by the Senate.

President McKinley has been appealed to by the Pittsburg chamber of commerce to come to the rescue and help settle the great strike peaceably.

Hopes of an international bi-metalic conference are awakened by encouraging reports from England whence our somewhat dilatory emissaries are to go from France. Some high English officials have expressed themselves as favoring silver coinage and the re-opening of the mints of India.

The Senate has reduced the price of armor plate from $550 and $600 to $300 per ton. This was hotly contested by the friends of Carnegie. This action is largely due to the active work of Populist Senators.

John D. Rockefeller has had to pay his promised $250,000 to help lift the debt of the Baptist Missionary Society. His contribution to Brown University contingent on the resignation of President Andrews still hangs fire. He has not yet replied to the letter written to him by Debs, in regard to extending aid to the Social Democracy. It is asserted that he has however found time and money to buy a controlling interest in the sugar trust.

Gov. Pingree at the national Republican league convention at Detroit, July 13, delivered a strong address of welcome in which he asserted that the hope of the country was in the common people but he was promptly called down by Col. Dallifield who stated that "the hope of the country is in the Republican party."

Fusion on county tickets throughout Iowa and Nebraska are reported in local papers.

Silver to the amount of $21,203,701 has been coined by the United States mints during the closing fiscal year.

The seignorage of $6336,104 was turned over to the treasury.

The State central committee of the People's Independent party of Nebraska met at Lincoln July 8 and called a State convention to meet at that place September 1. A.R.

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It is a wise precaution always to have at least a small bottle of Scott's Emulsion in the house. Uncopened, it will keep indefinitely. Tightly corked, after using, kept in a cool place, it will remain sweet for weeks.

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[We are willing to publish our subscribers views at any time, but it must be distinctly understood we do not hold ourselves responsible for these opinions.—EDITOR.]

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Jemison, Ala., July 26, 1897.

Editor BANNER: I desire to say to the Alliancemen of Chilton county that I had made my arrangements to meet with you at Clanton on 24th inst. and the charge to the 31st conflicts with some appointments that I have made (or rather that have been made for me) to preach in South Alabama and I have made an effort to change my appointments but have failed and for that reason will be compelled to meet them. I regret very much not being able to meet with you on 31st inst., but I can meet with the County Alliance at any time and I must meet appointments made for me to preach, now or never, so I hope that the brethren will not think hard of me for not being present. I would respectfully suggest the following plan of re-organizing: 1st, Let each primary (old primary) Alliance come together with the officers last elected and enroll the name of every farmer eligible to membership in the Alliance, taking the name and number of the original primary and do this free, make no charges for dues, invite all the old members back without money and without price, the first thing to do is to organize and when that is done then the plans for operation and the plans for work can be agreed on later. Say nothing about method now, but organize first. I find that the spirit of re-organizing the Alliance is in the air. I have received a request to meet with some other counties to assist in re-organizing, so let the good work go on, the farmers should never have given up their organization. With many good wishes I am yours in the work.

S. M. ADAMS.

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"Last summer one of our grand children was sick with a severe bowel trouble," says Mrs. E. G. Gregory, of Fredericktown, Mo. "Our doctor's remedies had failed, then we tried Chamberlain's Colic, Cholera and Diarrhœa Remedy, which gave very speedy relief." For sale by J. S. Johnson, jr., Clanton.

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Mars Hill, Ala., July 22, 1897.

Editor BANNER: The Alliancemen of this place noticed the call for a meeting of the Alliancemen of Chilton county at Clanton on the 31st inst., for the purpose of re-organizing the Farmers' Alliance, and in persuance to that call, we met last evening about 25 or 30 of the old guard, and had it not been that your call was on our church day, 20 or 25 of us would have been on hand at Clanton, but as we can't all be there we elected 2 of the old soldiers to meet with you: E. G. Coffer and F. M. Langston. We are heartily in favor of reviving the Alliance, the farmer's best friend.

ONE OF THE BOYS.

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Jemison, Ala., July 24, 1897.

Editor BANNER: All created beings should now rejoice in the thought that man in the 19th century has discovered that woman is capable of learning mathematics. O, glorious thought; O, blessed hope. After thousands of years, curiosity has developed this previously dormant faculty in woman. It is nice to realize that feminine curiosity is catching up with male curiosity, voluminous as it is. Pity this problem had not been solved thousands of years ago. Then the anthropology of the race would not have been so one sided. Now as the subject under consideration was among the thoughts brought out at the late teachers institute as reported by the committee, we are anxious for this information, in favor of woman, to go out in all the papers, and thus inform men everywhere that they will in the future have help in solving mathematics. Better late than never.

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Send your address to H. E. Bucklen & Co., Chicago, and get a free sample box of Dr. King's New Life Pills. A trial will convince you of their merits. These pills are easy in action and are particularly effective in the cure of Constipation and Sick Headache. For Malaria and Liver troubles they have been proved invaluable. They are guaranteed to be perfectly free from every deleterious substance and to be purely vegetable. They do not weaken by their action, but by giving tone to stomach and bowels greatly invigorate the system. Regular size 25c per box. Sold by J. S. Johnson, Druggist.

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Jemison, Ala., July 25, 1897.

Editor BANNER: Please allow me space in your columns to say a few words about foreign missions. Gentlemen and kind people I don't believe in these foreign missions because I think the people have the gospel in all the world. When our preachers get up in the pulpit about the first thing they ask for is money to send preachers to the heathen. I think we have plenty of them here. Don't you think so?

ANOTHER OF THE BOYS.

HOW TO FIND OUT.

Fill a bottle or common glass with urine and let it stand twenty-four hours; a sediment or settling indicates an unhealthy condition of the kidneys. When urine stains linen it is positive evidence of kidney trouble Too frequent desire to urinate or pain in the back, is also convincing proof that the kidneys and bladder are out of order.

WHAT TO DO.

There is comfort in the knowledge so often expressed, that Dr. Kilmer's Swamp-Root, the great kidney remedy fulfills every wish in relieving pain in the back, kidneys, liver, bladder and every part of the urinary passages. It corrects inability to hold urine and scalding pain in passing it, or bad effects following use of liquor, wine or beer, and overcomes that unpleasant necessity of being compelled to get up many times during the night to urinate. The mild and the extraordinary effect of Swamp-Root is soon realized. It stands the highest for its wonderful cures of the most distressing cases. If you need a medicine you should have the best. Sold by druggists, price fifty cents and one dollar. You may have a sample bottle and pamphlet both sent free by mail Mention THE BANNER and send your address to Dr. Kilmer & Co., Binghamton, N.Y. The proprietor of this paper guarantees the genuineness of this offer.

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Kincheon.

Farmers in this section have laid aside the plow and hoe to rest, and big meetings are in vogue.

Crops look promising. It has been a week since we had any rain—the last July 18.

The Sunday-school picnic at Davis school house last Saturday was a success in point of good speeches plenty of dinner, melons, lemonade, etc., the absence of whiskey proves what we said in our last letter about all-day singings being a place where more whiskey is used than at a picnic during the week.

Several of the young folks took in the singing convention at Chestnut Creek last Sunday. That body will meet at Pleasant Grove next year.

Mr. W. C. Atkinson and family of Fayetteville have returned home after a lengthy stay with relatives in this community.

We are listening every week to hear the merry gingle of wedding bells at more than one place—"that is no joke"

There has been some talk through the BANNER about public roads. Observer says the cause of our bad roads is because the apportioners and overseers fail to do their duty. We will admit that to be a fact as far as it goes. There are other reasons besides that. Other counties have a full supply of all kind of tools kept at the court house to keep up the roads with and it is a fact beyond dispute that in the counties where there is plenty of tools the public roads are in better conditions than they are in Chilton. I, for one, am willing to be taxed to buy the tools to work the roads with. We will say to the Overseers in the county to take our advice and stop putting the big piles of dirt and brush across the road called a break, they do more harm that good.

What does Freethinker mean when he says let us be from under bondage, does he mean that it is not his duty to work the roads or what?

We notice that the Alliance is to be brought before the people again in this county. We want to ask the question will it be the Alliance of men wanting office, or is it the Farmers' Alliance? We are asking for information.

Success to the BANNER.

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Read carefully this testimonial found below, also letters from those who have been cured of other diseases and remember that "5 Drops" has and can never fail to quickly relieve and permanently cure. SEPT. 9, 1896.

DEAR SIR:—Your bottle of "5 Drops" received. It was for an old friend, Mr. Wm. Edwards, of Martinstown Wis. He has had Neuralgia in his chest, suffering a great deal of pain, so much so that it affected his heart and he could not sleep on account of a smothered feeling. He has been under the care of the most eminent physicians, but found no relief until I gave him a dose of "5 Drops." The very first night he rested well, and has ever since and is gaining daily. I myself am 67 years old and begun taking your medicine last April for Rheumatism, which I have had for 49 years, also for a weak heart. Since taking "5 Drops" the Rheumatism has all disappeared, the stiffness is gone from my joints, and my heart never misses a beat. I am to-day a well, strong woman, and I owe it to "5 Drops." I only wish I could sound my bugle of praise loud enough to be heard all over the world, and could convince every one that "5 Drops" is all you claim it to be and more.

Mrs. D. T. Carver, Winslow, Stevenson Co., Ill.

34 YEARS OF SUFFERING.

JANUARY 2, 1897.

DEAR SIR:— Over 34 years ago, I had Typhoid Fever, and barely escaped with my life. It left my system so shattered that I have had ever since, Rheumatism and Throat Trouble, which gave me a terrible Cough. I had been unable to find any relief for these diseases, until I learned of your "5 DROPS", which I commenced taking only two months ago, and my cure has been indeed wonderful. Already my cough has entirely disappeared, and the Rheumatism which for a few years past has threatened to make a cripple of me, is cured, and I am free from pain. This is the most wonderful and the cheapest remedy ever discovered. I am more thankful to you than words can tell and I want everybody to know what "5 DROPS" has done for me. Although I am over 70 years old, I am feeling better than I have in years.

I shall be glad to answer any questions regarding my case from anyone enclosing a two cent stamp. Gratefully yours,

MRS. SAMUEL RIBLET, Litchfield, Mich.

CATARRH AND HAY FEVER.

I find the bottle of "5 DROPS" to be very good and just what you claim. My wife has been suffering with Catarrh and Hay Fever over 16 years. She has tried everything and doctored much, but no cure until she tried "5 DROPS" which completely cured her.

Yours truly REV. L. VON WALD,
March 31, 1896. Milbank, S. D.

NEURALGIA AND SCIATICA.

For twenty long years my wife suffered untold tortures from Sciatica and Neuralgia, and I thank God for the day that your heaven-sent remedy fell into my hands, for it completely cured her. I am a minister of the Gospel, and when I find any who suffer, cannot help but recommend "5 DROPS", for I know it will do more than you claim for it.

REV. F. M. COOPER, Washington Center, Mo.

PARALYSIS AND RHEUMATISM

DEAR SIRS: NOVEMBER 9, 1896.

It is with pleasure I speak of your priceless remedy and of the good it has done me. For the last eight years I have been an miserable cripple from paralysis and rheumatism, and think for eight years a total cripple, not able to earn a penny nor able to walk or step on the ground without the aid of something to lean on. Heaven bless the man who discovered this remedy, for, thanks to him and to God, I am able to walk and able to work. I have only taken two-thirds of a bottle, but have not had any pain in my back since I took the first dose, and after the second I walked across the floor, which I have not done in years. I have thrown away my cane and shall never need it again. To any one sending me a two-cent stamp I will send my affidavit. I have another bottle of "5 DROPS" and value it at $10.00 per drop.

Thankfully yours, EDWARD CASTLE.
1003 Wall Street. Sioux City, Iowa.

INFLAMMATORY RHEUMATISM.

DEAR SIRS: SEPTEMBER 24, 1896.

I wish to tell you and suffering humanity how much good "5 DROPS" has done me. On the beginning of this year I took down bedfast with Inflammatory Rheumatism, and I was doctored by as good physicians as this country has, but they could not cure me. On August 4, I began to take "5 DROPS." At that time every joint in my body and my limbs were stiff, so that I could not be moved. Even my tongue was getting so that I could hardly speak so any one could understand me, but to-day, only seven weeks from that time, I am absolutely cured, and thank you and God for my recovery.

Gratefully yours,
HORACE F. ANDERSON, McCracken, Kans.

If you have not sufficient confidence after reading these letters to send for a large bottle, send for a sample bottle, which contains sufficient medicine to convince you of its merit. This wonderful curative gives almost instant relief, and is a permanent cure for Rheumatism Neuralgia, Sciatica, Catarrh, Asthma, Dyspepsia, Backache, Hay Fever, Sleeplessness, Nervousness, Nervous and Neuralgic Headaches, Heart Weakness, Toothache, Earache, Croup, "La Grippe," Malaria, Creeping Numbness, Bronchitis and kindred diseases.

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Commissioners' Court meets second Monday in February, first Monday in April, third Monday in May, second Monday in August, and first Monday in November.

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Miss Iris Johnson has been one of our pleasant visitors here this week.

The young people had a "water-melon cutting" at the residence of Mr. W. H. McDaniel last Tuesday night, which was much enjoyed by all present.

Mrs. Evans has returned home from visit to her daughter, Mrs. G. C. Hill, at Helena.

A number of our people attended the series of sermons commenced last Sunday at Mulberry Baptist church.

Mrs. Jackson, of Evergreen, and Mrs. Bishop, of Birmingham, are on a visit to their parents, Mr. and Mrs. Joel Mullins.

Planters CUBAN OIL cures Cuts, Burns, Bruises, Rheumatism and Sores. Price, 25 cents.

Mr. Sam Morrison and wife, of Blocton, on their return from Coosa, visited Mr. Pat Smith on Friday last.

Commissioner Moses Robinson was amongst our visitors Saturday.

The Misses Letcher, of Planters ville, are guests of Mr. P. Moore's family.

Dr. A. J. Massey, the well known dentist, will be at Clanton on the 23rd of August and remain one week. If you wish new teeth this fall now is the time to have them taken out by his painless process. Come promptly.

Mr. and Mrs. A. J. Gullahorn have left Jasper and are now paying a visit to Mrs. Gartman.

Mr. Wiley Letcher, of Plantersville, was in town Monday.

Alderman B. M. Gentry, of Jemison, was a visitor here Monday.

Mr. W. H. Merritt returned home Sunday from a trip to his plantation at Waugh, Ala.

Dr. G. W. Shackelford, the dentist, can be found this week at the Lake House.

Hon. L. H. Reynolds was in town Tuesday morning.

Everybody Says So.

Cascarets Candy Cathartic, the most wonderful medical discovery of the age, pleasant and refreshing to the taste, act gently and positively on kidneys, liver and bowels, cleansing the entire system, dispel colds, cure headache, fever, habitual constipation and biliousness. Please buy and try a box of C. C. C. to-day; 10, 25, 50 cents. Sold and guaranteed to cure by all druggists.

Rev. L. B. Pounds commenced a school at the Congregational church this week with a good attendance.

Mr. Lorenzo Popwell has removed to the old place two miles south of Clanton.

Mr. Robert Stewart spent Sunday with friends here.

Hon. H. A. Wilson was in town this morning.

Mr. and Mrs. A. C. Smith went to Coosa last Thursday to attend the funeral of Mrs. Smith's father, Mr. W. B. Calloway, who died on Wednesday the 21st inst.

On Saturday evening as Prof. and Bascom McMorries were returning from the Sunday school picnic at the Davis school house, the horse attached to the buggy ran away. Both occupants were thrown out and considerably shaken and bruised but fortunately escaped any serious injury. The buggy was smashed.

The machinery for Mr. C. J. Stewart's new gin has arrived and is now being fixed.

Planters CUBAN RELIEF cures Colic, Neuralgia and Toothache in five minutes. Sour Stomach and Summer Complaints. Price, 25 Cents.

Mrs. John W. Bailey, who has been spending a few days with relatives here, returned to her home in the capital city yesterday.

There was a partial eclipse of the sun between seven and ten o'clock this morning. Did you see it?

The examination of the books of the county officers steadily continues, but it will probably be another two weeks before a report is made.

Marriage licenses have been granted this week by the Probate Judge to the following persons.

Mr. W. F. Phillips and Miss Rose Ella Vanderslice.

The True Remedy.

W. M. Repine, editor of Tiskilwa (Ill.) Chief," says: "We won't keep house without Dr. King's New Discovery for Consumption, Coughs and Colds. Experimented with many others, but never got the true remedy until we used Dr. King's New Discovery. No other remedy can take its place in our home, as in it we have a certain and sure cure for Colds, Whooping Cough, etc." It is safe to experiment with other remedies, even if they are urged on you as just as good as Dr. King's New Discovery. They are not as good, because this remedy has a record of cures and besides is guaranteed. It never fails to satisfy. Trial bottle free at Dr. J. S. Johnson's Drug Store.

Almost Distracted?

DID YOU EVER suffer from real nervousness? When every nerve seemed to quiver with a peculiar, creepy feeling, first in one place, and then another and all seemed finally to concentrate in a writhing jumble in the brain, and you become irritable, fretful and peevish; to be followed by an impotent, weakened condition of the nerve centers, ringing in the ears, and sleepless, miserable nights?

Dr. Miles' Nervine Restores Health.....

Mrs. Eugene Searles, 110 Simonton St., Elkhart, Ind., says: "Nervous troubles had made me nearly insane and physicians were unable to help me. My memory was almost gone and every little thing worried me until I was almost distracted. I really feared I was becoming a maniac. I imagined all sorts of evil things and would cry over nothing. I commenced taking Dr. Miles' Restorative Nervine and four bottles of this wonderful remedy completely cured me and I am as well now as I ever was."

Dr. Miles' Nervine is sold on guarantee, first bottle will benefit or money refunded.

An excursion train will leave Montgomery Sunday morning for Pensacola, Fla. Fare for the round trip two dollars.

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Non-Resident Notice.

THE STATE OF ALABAMA,
Chilton County.

Mrs. Susan Lovelady, complainant, vs. Ward & Hubbard, et als, defendants.
In Chancery at Clanton, Alabama. Seventh district N. E. Chancery Division.

In this cause it is made to appear to the Register, by the affidavit of W. M. Adams, solicitor for complainant, that the defendants, W. B. Bearden and W. C. Bearden, are non-residents of the State of Alabama and that their residence is in the county of Howard, State of Arkansas, and further, that, in the belief of said affiant, the defendants are over the age of twenty one years.

It is therefore ordered by the Register, that publication be made in the BANNER, a newspaper published in Clanton, once a week for four consecutive weeks, requiring them, the said W. B. Bearden and W. C. Bearden, to answer or demur to the same, within thirty days after the 6th day of August, 1897, and failing so to do a decree pro confesso will be taken against them in said cause.

Done at office, in Clanton, Alabama, this 6th day of July, 1897.

W. E. STEWART,
Register in Chancery.

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TAX SALE.

THE STATE OF ALABAMA,
CHILTON COUNTY.

By virtue of a decree of sale granted by the Probate Court of Chilton county, Alabama, I will, as Tax Collector of said county, sell to the highest bidder, for cash, before the Court House door of said county, at Clanton, on

MONDAY, AUGUST 16, 1897,

the following lands for taxes due thereon for the year 1896, to wit:

BEAT No. 1.

R. Fox nw ¼ of sec 22 tp 21 r 14; tax and costs $7.18

Owner unknown ne ¼ of se ¼ sec 19 tp 21 r 14 tax and costs $5.22

BEAT No. 2.

G. W. Edwards s½ of se¼ and se¼ of sw¼ sec 18 tp 23 r 13 tax and costs $6.15.

Owner unknown nw 1-4 of ne 1-4 sec 2 tp 23 r 13 tax and costs $5.22

Owner unknown se 1-4 of sw 1-4 sec 6 tp 23 r 13 tax and costs $5.22

Owner unknown se 1-4 of ne 1-4 sec 7 tp 23 r 13 tax and costs $5.22

BEAT No. 4.

Owner unknown n ½ of se 1-4 sec 33 tp 22 r 14 tax and costs $6.04

Owner unknown w ½ of nw 1-4 sec 30 tp 23 r 15 tax and costs $5.16

Owner unknown se 1-4 of ne 1-4 less 10 acres sec 22 tp 22 r 14 tax and costs $5.18

Owner unknown w ½ of sw 1-4 and part of sw 1-4 of nw 1-4 fractional sec 8 tp 22 r 16 tax and costs $7.36.

BEAT No. 5.

Brittle & Harrell e ½ of sw ¼ and w ½ of se ¼ sec 9 tp 21 r 16 and se ¼ and n ½ of sw ¼, w ½ of nw ¼ sec 17 tp 21 r 16 tax and costs $12.08

John L. Harrell ne ¼ of sw ¼ and nw ¼ of se ¼ sec 7 tp 21 r 16 tax and costs $5.76

Mrs. Sallie Hanlin 22 acres east side of se¼ of sw¼ and 16 acres on west side of sw¼ of se¼ sec 31 tp 21 r 16 tax and costs $10.41.

James M. Hanlin one 12 acre lot at Coopers tax and costs $5.86.

Moses Moore & Son part nw¼ of sw¼, part s½ of sw¼ of ne¼ and se¼ of nw1-4 sec 16 tp 21 r 15 tax and costs $16.63.

BEAT No. 6.

Robert Roebuck nw1 4 of sw1-4 sec 7 tp 20 r 13 tax and costs $3.21.

BEAT No. 7.

Mrs. Ella Shoults one store house and lot known as Chilton County Alliance store house and lot tax and costs $7.23.

Owner unknown n ½ of se 1-4 of nw ¼ sec 32 tp 21 r 12 tax and costs $4.96

Owner unknown nw 1-4 of se 1-4 sec 10 tp 21 r 11 tax and costs $5.22

BEAT No. 8.

Owner unknown nw 1-4 of ne 1-4 sec 4 tp 20 r 11 tax and costs $5.00

Owner unknown one lot in Stanton between D. C. Gandy and Pynor lots tax and costs $4.72.

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The State of Alabama, } In the
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To W. L. Wells and John T. Wells, residents of Vicksburg in the State of Mississippi, and Paralee Cook and her husband, John T. Cook, residents of Brooksville in the State of Mississippi

You will please take notice that on the 24th day of July, 1897, a certain paper in writing, purporting to be the last Will and Testament of Kineon Wells, deceased, was filed in my office for probate by William L. Wells, and that the 1st day of September, 1897, was appointed a day for hearing thereof, at which time you can appear and contest the same, if you see proper.

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Many thanks to the patriotic individual who cleaned our churchyard off so nicely.

Miss Mollie Gardner is now teaching in our new academy, her patrons are fortunate in securing her services.

Miss Celeste Dunlap and Mr. Zeke Martin have been visiting relations here.

Mr. Pettus Crum, Misses Jones and Wright have been visiting Mr. T. DuRose's family.

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Non-Resident Notice.

In the Probate Court of Chilton county, Alabama.
Mobile & Ohio Railroad Company, a Body Corporate, Petitioner,
Vs.
J. F. Welch, J. F. Welch, executor of J. F. M. Welch, dec'd, Walter Welch, Oscar S. Welch Mrs. Sallie L. Duncan, Horace Welch, Earnest Welch, Daisy F. Welch, Vestor Welch, Scott Welch, Respondents.

J. F. Welch and J. F. Welch, executor of J. F. M. Welch, dec'd, Lucretia A. Welch and Walter Welch, respondents in above cause, non-residents of the State of Alabama, and residents of the State of Mississippi, will take notice that the Mobile & Ohio Railroad Company has filed a petition in my office, seeking the condemnation of a Right of Way one hundred feet in width through certain property belonging to above named Respondents in Chilton county, Alabama; and the Tenth day of August, 1897, and my office in the court house of Chilton county, Ala., are the time and place set for the hearing of such Petition; when you may appear and contest the granting thereof, if you see fit so to do.

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Se1 4 of ne1-4, sec 21 t 22 n r 15e.
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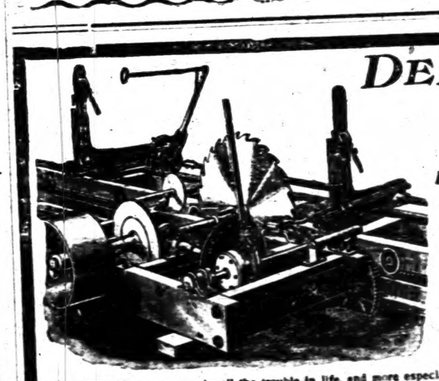

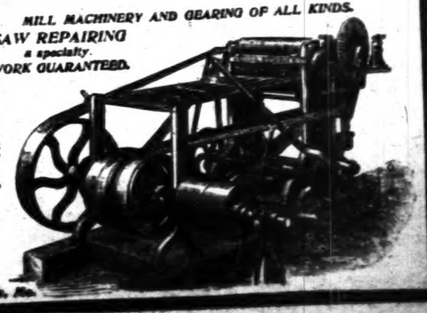

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Grocer—Right glad to hear it; I've been a member for some years; it's a splendid thing, and—

"Yes, sir; and will you get some other clerk to sell those pure spices now?"—Adams Freeman.

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She—No; only just managing to keep out of my grave.

He—Oh, I'm sorry to hear that.—Judy.

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Let the Little Ones Sleep.

"God giveth His beloved sleep," and little children should have plenty of it. It is the tendency of the times to disregard this necessity; hence the increase of nervous diseases among our young men and women. Sleep means growth with young people, and unless there is much sleep there will be no healthy growth.

Nature teaches a little child to lie down and sleep whenever it is weary, and after a bath or after its mid-day meal, and it is only through artificial influences that a little child leaves off the habit of taking a daily nap, and it is generally due to the mother's neglect that it is finally dispensed with. Yet the world often sympathizes with the mother rather than the child when toward night baby grows cross and fretful, while the mother often grows impatient, forgetting the long, tiresome day which the little one has endured. What wonder that these little ones grow up into nervous young men and women, with no constitutions to speak of!

Many grown people are pressed for time to accomplish all that they desire, and in their march for gold or daily bread, find little time to rest, yet there is no reason why they should begrudge their children an extra hour's sleep in the morning because they have an inherited idea that it is more healthful for them to rise early, and they fear that if they are allowed to sleep until they naturally awaken, habits of laziness will be formed which will mar their after lives.

The appalling catastrophe in Paris is in some respects without a parallel in the history of human disaster. A bazar of charity instituted by ladies of the highest rank was destroyed by fire and at least 200 women of the cream of Parislan society were inclnerated in the funeral pile. Princesses, duchesses and other titled ladies, with many others of high aristocratic blood, were the victims of death by fire. Of course the poor and needy or those of average social rank feel as acutely as those of the highest blood the tortures of death in a holocaust. The sacrifice of the lives of 200 persons of any rank is a manifold tragedy, carrying desolation to homes as dear to their occupants as are the palaces and mansions of wealth and rank. But it never before happened that all the victims of such a cremation were of the highest rank. Fair Sisters of Charity died in the flames. The circumstances inspire the event with peculiar pathos. The rank, wealth and loveliness of Paris had instituted the bazar to procure money for the support and relief of the poor. The wares exposed for sale were the choicest finery, ornaments of dress, the flimsy articles of taste and fancy which are the supreme art products of Parisian skill and expertness. From recollections of the French department at the World's Fair an idea may be formed of the beauty and value of these exhibits. When fire touched the inflammable materials the wealth of beauty and values was swept away as by a breath. The world will sympathize with the grief of Paris and France in their tragic bereavement. It is not a loss that gifts of money can replace. The event is one of the most awful catastrophes that the annals of misfortune will record.

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COMMITTEES.

Speaker Reed Announced the House Committees Saturday.

THE COMPLETE LIST GIVEN.

Committees on Ways and Means, Accounts and Mileage were Announced by the Speaker at the Beginning of the Extraordinary Session.

Speaker Reed, on last Saturday, at 8:30 p. m., announced the House committees. The committees on ways and means, accounts and mileage were announced at the beginning of the session.

Foreign Affairs—Robert Hitt, Illinois; Robert Adams, Jr., Pennsylvania; Lemuel Quigg, New York; Robt. G. Coussins, Iowa; Alden Smith Michigan; Joel P. Heatwole, Minnesota; Richmond Pearson, North Carolina; Frederick H. Gillett, Massachusetts; Charles L. Henry, Indiana; republicans; Hugh A. Dinsmore, Arkansas, democrat; Francis G. Newlands, Nevada, silverite, and Champ Clark, Missouri; John S. Williams, Mississippi; Albert S. Berry, Kentucky, and William M. Howard, Georgia, democrats.

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Territories—William L. Knox, Massachusetts.

Immigration and Naturalization—Lorenzo Danforth, Ohio.

Labor—J. J. Gardner, New Jersey.

Militia—Benjamin F. Marsh, Illinois.

They seem determined to protect the song birds in Pennsylvania. An Italian was fined at Milford the other day the sum of $25 and costs for killing a robin.

STATE TOPICS.

Late News Items of General Interest to Alabamians.

Want a Good Road.

A subscription is being taken to build a good road from Dawson to Collinsville. The amount already raised is $813.

Killed by Lightning.

Nathan McCowan, a farmer living in Jackson county was killed in his field from a stroke of lightning in the presence of his wife, brother and little son. McGowan and his horse were instantly killed and the others present were terribly shocked.

Wholesale Vaccination.

It is estimated that more than 5,000 people in Birmingham have been vaccinated within the past four weeks. The physicians have been having their hands full performing the operations. There are no new developments in the smallpox scare.

Back Taxes.

H. P. Turner, back tax commissioner for Madison county, has served notices upon the property owners of the county, summoning them to appear before the court of county commissioners and show cause why the assessments on their property should not be raised.

Lightning Kills Stock.

A singular accident happened on the farm of W. L. Daniel, at Leesburg. The lightning struck a tree standing near a wire fence and the current followed the fence for a quarter of a mile and met Daniels stock coming in from the range. All that were on the side next the fence, ten steers and several hogs were killed.

Found Guilty.

C. W. Lowery, the ex-mail carrier, who was charged with an attempt to criminally assault little Emma Schillinger, was tried in the criminal court at Birmingham and found guilty. The verdict is that he shall pay a fine of $100 and serve thirty days in the mines at hard labor. Lowery has appealed to the higher court.

Suit for Damages.

J. N. Hall, owner of property in the western part of Montgomery, along the right of way over which the Louisville & Nashville and the Mobile & Ohio Railroad companies have had such a scramble, has brought suit for damages against the Louisville & Nashville company in the sum of $100,000. Hall figures that the Louisville & Nashville damaged his property to that extent.

Brief Courtship.

While out driving, E. L. Patterson, a young carpenter, and Miss Willie B. Reed, daughter of a well-known mechanic, of a Huntsville, decided to surprise their friends by getting married without warning them. At the nearest minister's house they were made man and wife. It is said that neither of the young people had any intention of marrying before going out to drive.

Jumped From a Fast Train.

Mazie Mitchell, a negro woman in charge of Bob Carroll, a deputy sheriff, jumped from a Birmingham Mineral train near Blue Creek, twenty miles below Birmingham, while the train was going forty miles an hour. She got up to get some water, and darted out of the door and off the platform. Her skirts served as a parachute, for she landed safely, and when the deputy got back to where she left the train, the woman was nowhere to be seen.

Decapitated His Wife.

On a charge preferred by a 7-year-old boy, his father, George Anderson, and brother, Wesley Anderson, were arrested and jailed at Tuskaloosa last week. The boy avers that while on a trip though Jefferson, Shelby and Tuskaloosa counties, his father and brother murdered Mrs. Anderson, who was George Anderson's fourth wife, he holding her while Wesley Anderson chopped her head off with an axe. The boy in his affidavit could not locate the place where the deed was done, but stated he could show where the body had been cast into a hole. George Anderson claims that his wife is alive and in Columbiana, but in very poor health. Sheriff Shirley has sent a query to Columbiana to ascertain the truth of this statement.

The Association Solvent.

The directors of the Southern Building and Loan association, of Huntsville, held a meeting recently in reference to the reported suit against the association brought in Macon, Ga., and gave out the following statement:

"We do not owe Milo Abel $2,000 or any other sum due and demandable. Even if we did we have in bank over $8,000 with which to pay it. The association is absolutely solvent. All obligations due and demandable are paid to September 10. We have anticipated withdrawals to that date. The balance of July receipts will be about $7,000 and the August receipts about $20,000. The telegram sent out is an infamous libel. The first National bank of this city will furnish information as to the correctness of this statement made by the association."

To Increase the Capital Stock.

At a meeting of the stockholders of the Birmingham Rolling mill company, last Thursday, authority was granted to increase the capital stock of the company from $500,000 to $600,000. This is done for the purpose of doubling the capacity of the company's new steel mill. The mill made its first run of steel late Thursday afternoon before a large number of prominent citizens, the officers and stockholders of the company and several experts. The run was a pronounced success. The mill has a daily capacity of eighty tons. Before the beginning of next year the capacity will have been doubled. The steel is made direct from Alabama low silicon iron turned out of the Tennessee Coal, Iron and Railroad company's furnaces. This is the first successful effort that has yet been made in this district to make steel on a commercial basis, and it promises to open a new industrial era for Alabama. Experts who witnessed the first run pronounced it a thorough success in every detail. Superintendent John Dwyer says the cost of steel making here will not exceed $12 per ton and may be reduced to $10 or even $8, which will enable Birmingham to undersell Pittsburg manufacturers in the home markets of the latter. A prominent capitalist who witnessed the test says he stands ready with $1,000,000 to erect a mammoth steel plant in Birmingham.

State Normal College Board.

The recent meeting of the Troy State Normal College Board was characterized by intense interest in the College's growth, and perfect harmony of sentiment and action prevailed. Provisions for the College's ordinary needs and constant growth were made, and steps were taken to meet extraordinary demands, now imperative, likewise, to provide fully for the College as indicated by the prospects as seen from the many scores of letters from young people wanting to prepare for teaching.

Dr. E. R. Eldridge was unanimously re-elected President, and entering now the tenth year of his work, is the ranking College President in Alabama as to length of tenure, except Dr. Brouse, of Auburn A. & M. College, who has served about twice the time of Dr. Eldridge.

As "Teacher Training" is the special purpose of this College, the board seeks to emphasize more and more the

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and have organized this work as follows:

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II. PRACTICAL PEDAGOGY;

the application of all under I, in the—A—Peabody Summer School of Pedagogy, June 1, four weeks, annually: E. R. Eldridge, LL. D., Conductor Didactics; E. M. Wright, B. L., Psychology; James H. Glanville, Ph. D., Psychic Phenomena; Miss Catharine Gardner, Calisthenics; Miss Sue Pierson, B. S., Physical and Vocal Culture; B—The Model School Department: E. R. Eldridge, President of College, ex-officio Superintendent; E. M. Wright, Director High School; Miss Mabel Eldridge, B. Ped., Assistant; Miss Catharine Gardner, Director of Intermediate, Primary and Kindergarten; Miss Pearl Gellerstedt, M. Ph., and Miss Laura Hamil, M. Ph., Co-Principals. Intermediate, 1896-7; Miss Willie Belle Segars, M. Ph., Principal of Primary, 1896-7; Miss Wyche Green, M. Ph., Principal Kindergarten, 1896-7; Pedagogic Seniors, as per demand are assistants in model schools; C—Scholastic, Fellowship, Practice, Teachings: The Professor of Pedagogy of College, ex-officio Director; the Scholastic Professors' Assistants; Post Graduates as Tutors; W. A. McCreless, M. Ped., Latin; Wilkerson Whitehurst, M. Ph., Algebra; Julia Bowles, B. S., English; senior students as per necessity, or opportunity.

THE SCHOLASTICS DEPARTMENTS.

E. R. Eldridge, LL. D., Psychology, Logic and Ethics; E. M. Shackelford, A. M., English and Civics; C. R. McCall, A. M., Ancient and Modern Languages; M. D. Pace, C. E., Pure and Applied Mathematics; C. L. McCartha, A. M., Material Sciences; Miss Mary Murphree, Instrumental Music; Miss Sue Pierson, B. S., Physical and Vocal Culture; Miss Elizabeth McMillan, Drawing and Painting; Miss Daisey Brenner, Phonography; —— ——, Penmanship and Book-Keeping.

It was the sentiment of the Board that the expenses of the attendance should be the lowest possible, and in this line the Senatorial and Representative scholarships were commended as the best medium to equalize the advantages of the College to all sections of the State alike. Nominations of candidates for Teacher Training by Senators or Representatives, in their respective districts, approved by their respective County Superintendents as worthy, appointed by the State Superintendent of Education, are entitled to scholarships as per the regulations governing, made known on the application to the President.

The State Superintendent, (like the Governor of the State) is ex-officio a member of the Troy State Normal College Board, and while attending a meeting of the Board requested that all students capable of passing the examination for a State certificate, good in every county of Alabama, be certified at any term ending, on passing said examination, that he might issue to all such, from his office at Montgomery, such State certificate, and this certification was ordered by the Board, at any term ending, commencement, or otherwise, the effect of which is to grant to Normal students the immediate advantages in the way of State certification to teach, a great recommendation to any teacher. School officers desiring such "Trained Teachers" can be put in communication with such by addressing the President of the College. Many such calls are filled annually.

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Dr. George S. Wilkins, Engineering.

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DEFINITION OF MONEY

SHOWING IT A CREATION OF LAW.

Gold Is the Money of the Bondholders—In Times of Great Emergencies Both Metals Disappear—Ten Times More Debt Than Money.

What is money? A creation of law. Would either gold or silver be money if there were no law making them such? No, they would no more be money than lead, iron, paper, or any other commodity.

If neither gold nor silver were used as money in any part of the world, asks the Silver Knight-Watchman, would they be worth the same as they are now? No, neither of them would be worth five per cent of their present value. With fifty years of supply on hand the demand for them for other purposes would not make them worth ten cents a pound avoirdupois.

What does the stamp on gold or silver or paper which passes as money signify? It signifies the will of the sovereign power of the government authorizing the stamp or superscription which appears on the gold, silver or paper, and also designates the number of units or parts of units of account which the particular piece of gold or silver represents.

Did any country ever use any gold or silver in war where the existence of the nation was involved? We know of but one instance where such was the case. Germany in the Franco-Prussian war continued to use silver supplemented by paper and did not suspend specie payment during the war.

Was gold ever used as a medium of exchange during any great war of any of the great commercial nations of Europe? It never was. Every great nation has been compelled, with the single exception of Germany, in the Franco-Prussian war which used silver, to suspend specie payment and used paper to designate the will of the sovereign power of the nation.

If the nations in great emergencies, such as war, are compelled to stamp the flat of the government on paper to prevent dissolution and destruction, why may not that be done in time of peace to rescue the country from universal distress? There would be no difficulty in the exercise of the sovereign power of the government to create money in times of peace as well as war if money dealers and usurers did not get control of all governments in times of peace.

For whose benefit is the United States confined to the use of one commodity, gold, upon which to stamp its paramount authority designating it as money? For the sole and exclusive benefit of those who own that commodity and those who have bought bonds which are gold futures and require the delivery of the commodity gold.

Is it true that the gold combination has a corner on the gold of the world? It is most emphatically true. That combination has induced the monarchies of Europe to purchase more than half the gold of the world and hold it in reserve for military purposes. The other half is either held or controlled by the combination.

On what terms and conditions can those who have no gold obtain it? Upon such terms and conditions as the owners of gold may prescribe.

How much gold have the people of the civilized world agreed to deliver, that is to say, what is the amount of their gold obligations? This question cannot be accurately answered. The amount is variously estimated from one hundred to one hundred and fifty thousand millions.

How can the people obtain gold to deliver to their creditors, in other words, to pay their debts? They must buy it from those who have it, and if they can not get it in any other way they must be sold into slavery as the Romans were when that grand civilization was decaying and falling into barbarism.

Why do the Republican party want a conference in Europe to decide what laws shall be passed in this country? Because they know that legislation in this country for the benefit of America is deprecated by the crowned heads of Europe and they desire to please the sovereigns on what they term the most civilized nations, however much it may displease or injure the American people.

How long has the United States been sending delegates to European monetary conferences to ask permission to legislate in this country? More than 20 years.

Do the people of the United States think it a wise thing to allow European jurisdiction over our domestic affairs? Some of them do. The banks, the gold-bug politicians, and the gold-bug press have preached loyalty to Europe and our dependence on the smiles of monarchy so long that they have converted the weak and vain and caused them to look to Europe and not to this country for law and government.

What excuse do the advocates of foreign aid in our legislation make for departing from usages of the early days of the republic? They have several excuses. One of them is that all the world must have the same kind of money.

Did all the world ever have the same kind of money before? Never but once. In 1863 France, Italy, Switzerland, Belgium and Greece agreed to have the same kind of money and formed a union called the Latin Union.

Is it true that international trade has been carried on during all the centuries without the same kind of money? It certainly is.

Is it the policy of the government to export its money? No; the export of money is an unmixed calamity. It produces contraction and financial ruin at home.

Why do the goldites say that we want money that is good in Europe? Because they want the United States to make all its money out of the commodity gold on which Europe holds a corner.

Is our gold money good money in Europe? No, it is not money at all any more than our wheat is money in Europe. It is simply a very dear commodity which Europe has cornered to make us sell our commodities for less than the cost of production to obtain it.

Could civilization exist if the government should put its sovereign stamp upon anything besides gold and make it a full legal tender? Yes, the governments of the world have existed for thousands of years and they never were confined to the use of gold alone until the dealers in money and bonds conspired to deprive the civilized world of the right to use silver as well as gold.

THOUGHTS BY YOUR UNCLE.

Uncle Sam Reflects Upon Industrial and Political News.

London has an army of 100,000 pickpockets. Now if some one will only tell us how many useless officeholders we have, born of political necessity, we can compare notes and inform London how many pickpockets we have.

The 50 cents a day a man is offered as a wage in the truck raising portion of this state is almost enough to keep any man from engaging in "honest" labor, and now that a negro has been killed by lightning, attracted by the hoes he was carrying, the incentive to work is still smaller. It is hard to tell which is the most deadly—lightning or wage slavery.

The Tribune of Scranton, Pa., says the presence of 20,000 alien paupers in that state is a good reason why congress should pass laws to prevent additional ones from coming in. This would be a beautiful theory to work upon were it not for the sad truth that these aliens have been made paupers since they came to this country.

A girl out in Indiana was struck on the foot by lightning the other day. She was stunned, but soon recovered, the only injury being the raising of several small blisters on the soles of her feet. There are about 3,000,000 men in the United States who can show similar injuries. They were not caused by lightning, however. They got them tramping around after that job they were promised last fall if McKinley were elected.—Cumberland (Md.) Uncle Sam.

Original Sin.

There was once a prosperous city, in which poverty, disease, crime, prodigality and parsimony were almost absent. Their state was said to be too millennial to last.

This city had a splendid water system, bringing abundance of pure water from the only available source. This had become a commonplace, so that the people hardly ever even mentioned it. Therefore, nobody ever dreamed of stealing water.

Now a conscienceless company, having acquired a monopoly of the springs, and wishing to assert their claim and to put a price upon it, suddenly cut off the supply. Within 24 hours, water was the only subject mentioned in the city. Everything else sank into insignificance. Everybody tried to secure a monopoly for himself, and the people began lying, fighting, stealing and murdering for water. They became diseased, insane, and died for lack of water. Hundreds committed suicide to escape the pangs of thirst.

"This," said the directors, "is the natural result of the growth of population."

Those who had no water stored up sold themselves body and soul to those who had secured a surplus of the life-giving fluid.

The teachers and preachers lost control of the people and warned them in vain against neglecting the gods and drinking foul and poisonous liquids.

The water company said: "This is indeed a dishonest and anarchic city. We must hire police and courts and soldiers to protect our water rights from these robbers."

The president and stockholders said that was just, so the company raised the price of water to pay for the expense.—Bolton Hall, with acknowledgments to Mr. Edward Irving.

Proved Her Relationship.

A poor Irish widow, her husband having died in one of the lanes of Edinburgh, went forth with her three children, bare of all resource, to solicit help from the charitable establishments of that city. At this charitable establishment and then at that she was refused; referred from one to the other, helped by none, till she had exhausted them all, till her strength and heart failed her; she sank down in typhus fever, died and infected her lane with fever so that 17 other persons died of fever there in consequence. The humane physician asked thereupon, as with a heart too full for speaking, "would it not have been economy to help this poor widow?" She took typhus fever and killed 17 of you. Very curious. The forlorn Irish widow applies to her fellow creatures, as if saying, "behold, I am sinking, care of help, ye must help me! I am your sister, bone of your bone; one God made us, ye must help me!" They answer, "No, impossible; thou art no sister of ours." But she proves her sisterhood, her typhus fever kills them, they actually were her brothers, though denying it! Had human creature ever to go lower for a proof?—Thomas Carlyle.

BRYAN ON THE COAST.

EXTRACTS FROM HIS SAN FRANCISCO SPEECH.

Lucid and Powerful Arguments in Favor of Bimetallism—Bryan Aroused Great Enthusiasm in California—A Clinching Illustration.

Notwithstanding the great number of speeches Mr. Bryan has made and the Republican assertions that he simply repeats himself, he continues to supply new material. In his recent address in San Francisco he said:

"We want 16 to 1 because we own property and owe debts, and we don't want to decrease the value of our property and increase the value of our debts by changing the ratio of 16 to 1. By opening our mints we can raise the value of silver. When India closed her mints it drove down the value of silver in this country and thereby decreased the value of our products. Thus by the legislation of England the value of our silver product was affected. Yet they tell us that legislation cannot do anything for silver. We has history, we have experience to justify us in the opinion that the opening of our mints would raise the price of silver."

He said the government would not be criticized for deepening the harbor of San Francisco, even though thereby the value of real estate in the city would be increased. For the same reason he thought there should be no objection to the free coinage of silver because the silver mine owners would be benefited by it.

"De la Vola has said that if a river is fed from two sources it will be more uniform in volume than if fed from one source, his explanation being that when one feeder is swollen the other may be low and vice versa. Therefore the volume of water in the river will change less than if it is fed from one source, and must change with the change in one feeder. This illustrates bimetallism. In bimetallism the volume of money is derived from two sources—the gold mines and the silver mines. In the beginning of the century we were producing $3 of silver to $1 of gold. Fifty years later the world produced $3 of gold to $1 of silver. Then silver increased, and within the last two years gold has increased in production. But if the volume of money is fed from two sources that volume is less changeable and the value of the dollar is less fluctuating than if the volume of money is fed from one source, whether it be gold or silver. On this point, however, I want to remind you that it is necessary that the debtor shall have the option in order to maintain bimetallism."

He riddles the absurdity of sending commissioners to induce foreign nations to accede to an international agreement for free coinage, by thus outlining the line of argument such commissioners would be compelled to adopt, if they work in good faith:

"The American people want bimetallism. The American people are tired of the gold standard and want to get rid of it. The American people have suffered from falling prices, and while they have suffered from falling prices, you, the financiers who hold the notes and mortgages, have profited by the rise in the value of the dollar. We want you to join with us in restoring bimetallism. We want you to help us to stop the advantage you have been getting, and to stop the laws from which we have been suffering, but before you give your answer we want to tell you that if you refuse to join us, we will stand by you as long as the world lasts.

"Isn't that the substance of it? Isn't that what the platform says when it declares that we must maintain the gold standard until they join with us? It is giving them notice in advance that we will stand in with them if they refuse to listen to our petition."

It would, we know, be a positive advantage to our commerce and business for the gold standard nations to keep on that basis, if the United States had free coinage of silver; for so long as they did so, this country would capture the commerce with all silver standard nations, seeing they could buy our manufactures, etc., with silver, but would have to pay the premium on gold in dealing with Europe. Following is another brief extract, which contains a volume of truths:

"A land of landlord and tenant, my friends, is not the land in which a free government grows. A land of home owners is the land where such a government grows and prospers. I want you to study conditions and then try to find the cause, because every bad condition has its cause. Do not lay it to the Almighty. Do not say it is unfortunate. It is not his fault. It is not misfortune. It is vicious legislation that has done more than anything else to make the last twenty years a period in which wealth accumulated in the hands of the few with more rapidity than ever before in the history of the world."

Bryan's reception from all classes, regardless of politics, was hearty and enthusiastic, and his speeches were splendidly reported by the Examiner. Californians, Republicans as well as Democratic papers, instinctively recognize that he truly represents the American people, with whom he is proud to be a "commoner."—National Democrat.

"He who aids in increasing landlordism in this country hastens the overthrow of the republic, for free government will not long survive when a few own the land and means of support, while the many are tenants at will."—Wm. J. Bryan.

THE POPULIST FIELD.

Nebraska's Populist legislature, besides much other meritorious legislation, enacted a law reducing stock yard charges at Omaha about 40 per cent. Such measures as this, and, in fact, Populist state government in general, are supposed to drive away capital. But the supposition fails to dovetail with the facts. Armour has just let the contract for the erection in Omaha of the largest packing house in the country, and a half million dollar sugar refinery is also to be located there. And this in defiance of the fact that Bryan carried four-fifths of the counties in the state and that all of the state officials are Populists.

The Cleveland Leader sits on a fence with a stiff wind blowing and whistles the following ode:

A croaker sat upon a box
And croaked the whole day long;
"Prosperity has not returned,"
Was the burden of his song.

And so he croaked and croaked and croaked,
And never worked a stroke,
For hall he worked he'd had no time
To sit up there and croak.

The Cleveland Recorder also owns a poetry machine and grinds out this lyrical reply:

The reason that he did not work,
I'll make quite plain to you;
The advent of "prosperity"
Has left no work to do.

Charles A. Towne writes in the Arena:

"Under such disquieting conditions is it not as criminal as it is unscientific for men to go about prating of the system that has occasioned these things as "honest money" and "sound money," and denouncing its opponents as repudiators and anarchists?"

United States Senator Pettigrew has specially studied the reasons for the adoption of the gold standard by Japan, and, in a statement to the senate, says the change was made entirely in the interest of the creditor classes, whose influence has been greatly increased by the war debt. Manufacturers have been made to believe it would increase their exports, but, while farming is the paramount industry in Japan, farmers have not been considered or appealed to. He believes that if China continues on a silver basis, Japan's "wonderful industrial prosperity" will be checked and her industries transferred to China. So would much British industry and trade be transferred to this country, if we had the silver standard.

Mr. Pulitzer has a delicate job on his hands in swinging the St. Louis Post-Dispatch around for sound money, after all its rabid utterances for free silver coinage, says the Indianapolis News. The task has been begun by studied silence on finance and editorial allusions to the state of the weather, north pole expeditions, and the probabilities of the canals of Mars being controlled by syndicates. P.S.—The News tried goldbugism for a while but had to quit it.

Nebraska Populists, Democrats and silver Republicans will hold their state conventions at Lincoln, September 1. A mass convention will be held in the evening, says the Advocate, and Bryan, General Weaver and ex-Congressman Towne will be invited to make addresses.

It is amusing to observe the dodging and squirming of the corporation attorneys in the senate when urged to put themselves on record as regards the strike. The proposition has been made to have the government exercise its undoubted prerogative and compel the warring factions to settle their differences by means of arbitrators appointed under national laws. Secretary of State Sherman has come to the aid of these corporation attorneys in an interview. He does not believe in any governmental interference in disputes between employers and employees. The parties to such a conflict ought to be left to settle it between themselves. It does not occur to the secretary of state, says the Twentieth Century, that every great strike is settled by the government which sends troops to the aid of the capitalists. The theory of arbitration under governmental authority, he remarks, is good, but the execution would be difficult, if not impossible. He does not say that the theory of governmental aid by means of military power to enforce the conditions of the capitalists is bad, but the execution thereof neither difficult nor impossible. Arbitration with England is a very good thing, but arbitration between employer and employed is something the government can take no cognizance of. The bishops and college professors who were such enthusiastic friends of arbitration a little while ago, when the arbitration treaty was in the senate, have not a word to say at present when hundreds of thousands of men are pleading for arbitration. There is now nothing to arbitrate. Meanwhile the strike is spreading in all directions. The men seem to be very well organized and their leaders report that the prospect of success is encouraging. It is likely that the troops will be sent to the front if no other way of giving victory to the capitalists can be found.

One of the Gravest Problems.

The important thing about the whole matter is that the farmers are awakening to the necessity of state control of those means of transportation which in their nature are monopolistic. The ownership and control of the railroads of this country by the people through government, state and national, will settle once and forever one of the gravest problems which confront the American agriculturist today.—Farmers' Voice.

LET THE PEOPLE RULE

DIRECT LAWS—AND PROPORTIONAL REPRESENTATION.

An Explanation of an Important Plank in the People's Party Platform and the Arguments in Its Favor as Viewed by a Democrat.

By Francis R. Cole, LL. D.

As a tree is judged by its fruit, so a government may be judged by its laws. Why is there so much special legislation on our statute books, and so much corruption in office? Because the people have little to say about it. Their representatives are the masters and do as they please; no matter how treacherous to their constituency, or to what extent they violate the pledges on which they secured election, they cannot be removed. When another election comes around new questions arise and command attention, old wrongs are forgotten or lost sight of and other untrustworthy men sneak into office, to again do the bidding of monopoly and neglect measures that would promote the general good. In a discussion over the official conduct of a legislator, one neighbor asked of another what he really did, anyhow, and was answered, "What has he done? Why, he built two houses and started a store." Is not this about all the general run of them do? Local and special interests are served, the public domain freely granted in chunks as large as principalities without consulting the owners, the people, much less gaining their consent. The policy of government should be to make it as easy as possible to do right; to make dishonesty and bribery as hard as possible and remove unholy temptation. Our present system throws the doors of fraud wide open and sets a premium on dishonesty and perfidy. The people should have the veto power over special legislation and franchises. The talk of sending rich men to office because they don't need bribe money is all bosh. They may be honorary (onerary) and chaste, but are not the common people intelligent and chased? The patches on their trousers seem to say so. The dogs of special legislation are ravenous and cunning. Under normal conditions, such as existed in the early days of the republic, when the country could boast of a sterling charactered yeomanry, and before property was exalted and labor degraded, when wealth was fairly well distributed and ere Mammon and his withering creed held sway o'er the nation, it was not so much needed; but now, since manhood has been so undermined, wealth so centralized, and corporate interests so inimical to the common welfare, it is a crying demand of the times. There will be no bribery and deals when there are no franchises to give away, and no selling of votes when the votes do not insure the delivery of the goods. No, let people take a hand in legislation. They have been frozen out long enough. Adopt that statesmanlike, scientific, efficacious reform, the initiative and referendum, by which the people can initiate beneficial legislation by popular petition, and also, when desirable, compel the submission of any law to the great jury of the people for approval or rejection. Then no such lobby poetry as the following would be inspired:

"Midas, they say, possessed the art, of old,
Of turning whatsoe'er he touched to gold;
Modern monopolists reverse it with ease,
Touch with gold and turn 'em as they please."

Campaigns would then reach a maximum of education and a minimum of personalities. This law should be supplemented with the imperative mandate by which obnoxious officials could be recalled during their tenure of office. It should also be supplemented by civil service and proportional representation, by which the legislature and government would be a true counterpart of the people. Each party would be represented in the halls of legislation to the force and extent manifested in the elections; no more, no less. No imaginary lines of district boundaries are to be allowed to disfranchise minorities and rob them of a voice in the government. The senate committee on representation once reported, "Proportional representation is a system of great merit." Our system of districts you readily see can be so arranged by the party in power at the time of districting so as to capture for the party as many of the districts as possible. If 100,000 votes are cast and say 20 senators are to be elected, 5,000 should be sufficient to elect one. If there are four parties, the Republicans casting 35,000, the Democrats 30,000, the Populists 25,000, and the Prohibitionists 10,000 votes; the Republicans under our present system would likely elect all the senators, while the other 65,000 people wouldn't be represented at all, whereas an equitable division would be seven Republicans, six Democrats, five Populists and two Prohibitionists. Garfield showed in the lower house, in '70, the non-effectiveness of the vote and annihilation of the freeman's will: "In my judgment it is the weak point in representative government, as now organized, that a large portion of the people are disfranchised. There are 10,000 Democrats in my district voting year after year without any more hope of having a representative on this floor than the commons of Great Britain." Gerrymandering should cease. It is high time the government should cease holding up such examples of injustice to the eyes of its citizens. All these systems work splendidly in Switzerland, in several European and American cities. Wherever tried it has proven a signal success. They surely could be called the same problem of politics and legislation. When put in use the poet will feel compelled to reverse his lines about the world. After saying this is a pretty good place to live in, he went on:

"But to borrow or beg to get one's own,
It is the worst world that ever was known."

TARIFF PROBLEMS.

By Gen. A. J. Warner.

No doubt a tariff may be so levied as to remove foreign competition and thereby enable manufacturers of some things to raise prices, but it never was possible and never will be, by tariffs or any other form of taxation, to raise the prices of all things.

The prices of all things, or general prices, can be raised only by increasing the proportion between money and other things. If, with no change in the proportion of money and commodities, the prices of some things are raised, the prices of some other things will be lowered.

If by tariffs the prices of manufactured goods are raised with no increase of money in any form, the prices of other products, and especially of agricultural products, will be lowered, for it is impossible by taxation to increase the value in money of everybody's property. Hence, while some may be made richer by tariffs that give them an advantage over others, all can not be—some will be, poorer.

How much one can buy depends on how much he can sell. If he must pay higher prices for what he buys while he gets no higher prices for what he sells, he can not buy as much. How, then, are the great mass of the people, who are too poor to buy at present prices, going to buy more at higher prices under the Dingley tariff? They can't do it.

To enable people to buy more, and to increase trade, the prices of the things one buys with—the farmers' products for the farmer, for instance—must go up. This condition can be brought about only by increasing money supply; never by increasing taxes.

Debtor nations must pay what they owe to other countries with goods or with gold, if on the gold standard. They can pay with goods only on condition that they will sell as low as any other country. If, therefore, by tariffs, prices in a debtor country, are raised, and to the extent they are raised, goods will stay and gold will go. The attempt, therefore, to raise prices in a debtor country, and at the same time maintain the gold standard, is like trying to rise by pulling at one's boot straps. The evil day may be put off by increasing debts abroad, and that is what the attempt to maintain the gold standard, by manipulating tariff schedules will come to.—National Bimetallist.

Has the Debtor No Rights?

Republican partisans of gold monometallism refuse to see anything but their side of the question, says the Chicago Dispatch. In this we find a striking illustration of the proverb that "none are so blind as those who won't see."

A leading Republican newspaper of Chicago, in an attack on the silver conference, pitched in a querulous key, takes occasion to remark: "There was a time when 371 grains of silver would pay off as much indebtedness as 23 grains of gold. It takes now 780 grains of silver. The purchasing power of silver cannot be increased by law; the debt-paying power can be increased dishonestly as far as existing contracts are concerned."

Thus, in plain terms, is admitted the fact that the man who borrowed 371 grains of silver must now pay the lender 780 grains of silver in settlement of his debt. This strikes our contemporary as just and right, and it argues hotly in the interests of a monetary system that has more than doubled the indebtedness of this nation, since it has been put in force.

The rights of the creditor are sacred in the eyes of the goldites, and so far as the debtor is concerned there is nothing but reviling for his portion.

It is useless to argue with gold monopolists when they lay down a proposition so self-evidently false as that embodied in the statement that, "the purchasing power of silver cannot be increased by law." To argue on a false promise is to reach nothing but a false conclusion, and when people make a statement which is false in fact and evidently wish to make that the basis of an argument, the inference must naturally be drawn that they prefer false conclusions to those which are true.

There is one great and important truth in the statement of our contemporary, and that is the demonstration it contains of the appreciated and constantly appreciating value of gold. The debtor is suffering from a cruel and bitter wrong when he is required to pay twice and more than twice as much as he borrowed. That this should be the case is the result of forcing this nation on a gold standard. No more dishonest confidence game than this was ever played, and the abuse of debtors as dishonest men comes with bad grace from the advocates of legalized highway robbery.

Insult to Organized Labor.

"The Central Labor union of New York city have adopted the following resolution:

"Resolved, That the appointment of T. V. Powderly as commissioner of immigration is the greatest official insult ever offered by the federal government to organized labor."

MILLIONS

Saved by Importers Who Anticipated Increased Duties.

THE YELLOW FEVER GERM.

Charles S. Johnson Who Was Recently Appointed United States Judge for Alaska, Alleged to Have Voted for Bryan and McKinley.

Anticipated Increased Duties.

The bureau of statistics, treasury department, has prepared a statement showing the estimated loss of revenue to the government on account of increased imports during the months of March, April, May and June, in anticipation of the increased duties by the new tariff, to aggregate $32,666,427.

Voted for Bryan and McKinley.

Chas. S. Johnson, who was recently appointed United States judge for Alaska, voted for McKinley at St. Louis and Bryan at Chicago. Mr. Johnson was a delegate from Alaska to the St. Louis convention, and voted for the nomination of McKinley. After the convention he went up to Chicago to see the democratic show. There he fell in with the Alaska democratic delegation. They had proceeded to make merry, and one of the democrats was laid out to sober up. Jhonson borrowed his badge, went into the convention with the delegation and voted for Bryan.

Applicants Must Be Equipped.

A statement prepared at the treasury department shows that the recent civil service order of the President increases the exemptions from the civil service competitive examination from 63 to 219 in the internal revenue service, and in the customs department 348 positions are added to the exempt class, and 150 places hitherto outside the rules have been brought within them. All of the exempt places, however, are subject to a rigid noncompetitive examination, conducted by the civil service commissioner.

Railway Mail Service.

Alexander Grant, chief clerk of the railway mail service, was today appointed assistant general superintendent of that system, succeeding Lilburn T. Myers, of Virginia, resigned to accept transfer as chief of the division of inspection of the second assistant postmaster-general's office. A. S. Roberts, of Texas, chief of the inspection division, and John A. Chapman, now in the inter-state commerce commission, have been appointed assistant superintendents of the Railway Mail service on special assignments to inspect the Star route service.

The Yellow Fever Germ.

Surgeon-General Wyman, of the marine hospital service, has translated the account written by Dr. Sanarelli, of Montevideo, of his discovery of what he claims to be the yellow fever germ. The particular germ which he holds to be responsible for yellow fever is found in the blood or tissues, and not in the gastro intestinal cavity.

NEW GOLD MINE IN MEXICO.

More Hopeful Feeling Among Business Men at the Capitol.

A telegram from Mexico City states that a new gold has been located on the famous El Grovein, in the state of Mexico, and prospects for a valuable property are excellent. The Esperanza gold mine at Tultanengo is taking out $160,000 in gold ore monthly. The goverment has taken measures which will result in economics which assure the punctual payment of the gold interest in October without in any way crippling the public service.

There is a more hopeful feeling in the business community, as it is recalled that the country has never been more prosperous than during the past few years of the declining value in silver. All that remarkable progress has been effented under apparently adverse conditions. Large amounts of exchange have been bought the last two days.

All Aboard for the Klondyke.

The steamer Excelsior, chartered by the Alaskan company, left San Francisco last week, sailing direct from St. Michael's. This is the last of the company's fleet that will connect with the Yukon river steamers this season. For hours before the departure of the steamer the wharves were crowded with people. Three times the original price was offered for passage. One passenger changed his mind, after being offered $1,500 for the pasteboard for which he originally paid $150. Many people gathered upon the wharf to bid farewell to the 110 passengers for the Klondyke.

Tobacco Packed in Logs.

An examination by custom house officials of 155 logs which reached New York last week on the steamer Segurance, and which were deposited in the custody of the police at the Tilbiddra wharf shows them to have been packed with fine Sumatra leaf tobacco. Proportionate to that found in those already examined, it is estimated that the total shipment of tobacco will reach 4,000 kilos. The logs were shipped by a Maine lumber company.

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For several weeks a gentleman appointed by Mr. Joseph F. Johnston has been engaged in examining the books and accounts of ex-tax collector Gentry, and his report is published in this morning's Age-Herald. We have not room at this late hour to publish it in THE BANNER, but will do so next week. The examiner states Mr. Gentry is short $827.37. The gentleman has had plenty of time to find out, but we freely confess we do not believe this statement. We do not believe that Gentry is short one-tenth of that amount, and we very much doubt if he is one-hundredth part short. "Figures don't lie" is an old adage. No, they don't, but in the hand of experts they can be made to tell any tale that is wanted. That it is possible Gentry made some errors in his book-keeping is quite likely; not every man taken from the plow is capable of correctly keeping a set of books in the style of an expert accountant. But there is not a man in Chilton county, and we include the examiner himself, who believes that Gentry is anything like $800 in arrears. We would much like to know from the examiner where he found "many" of the taxpayers of the county who complained of bad management of the taxes. We only know of one and according to report he has never paid any taxes for years. As a matter of belief we do not believe a dozen persons can be found in the county who will publicly substantiate this observation of the examiner. We propose to discuss this subject further.

THE FARMERS' ALLIANCE OF CHILTON COUNTY.

PURSUANT to call on Saturday last a number of old Alliancemen met at the court house and organized the Central Alliance of Chilton county. Opponents of the Alliance had been industriously engaged the last two or three weeks circulating rumors of various descriptions which were calculated to reduce the size of the meeting. In point of numbers this result was partially accomplsshed. In point of material the result was exactly opposite to that anticipated by those gentlemen who are desirous of seeing the Alliance forever dead and buried. When the reqvest was made that all except old Alliancemen should leave the room, EVERY former member of the Alliance then present stayed and gladly went into the new organization.

Bro. A. G. Dake was elected temporary chairman, and Frank Crichton Secretary. Bro. Dake made the opening address, disclaiming from the outset that any political move was connected with the re-organization of the Alliance. He said that if mistakes had been made before, now was the time for true Alliancemen to avoid them, and see that the Alliance was not embroiled in politics in the future. It had been said that certain office-seekers were at the back of the movement for re-organizing the Alliance, but for his part all he had to say was if any office-seeker tried to use the Alliance as a stepping stone to aid him to office he was doomed to disappointment.

This re-organization of the Alliance was intended to benefit farmers, and no one but a farmer could expect any advantage from it

Bro. J. H. Harris, the State Lecturer, familiarly known as "Uncle Joe" then gave a lengthy address, in his usual happy manner, dwelling upon the necessity to the farmer of standing by the Alliance. He quoted (and really to his audience it was unnecessary) the numerous advantages which had accrued to farmers from the Farmers' Alliance and showed them why it was still necessary to adhere to the organization. Bro. Harris' address had its effect, and WITHOUT A SINGLE EXCEPTION every old Allianceman went into the new organization.

Chilton county, as of old, came readily to the front. Chilton County Alliance used to be the standard-bearer for the State of Alabama. Clanton Primary Alliance (No. 1) was the first Alliance organized in Alabama. We infer from last Saturday's meeting that Chilton county has aroused from its lethargic condition and again intends to become the banner county of the Alliance in Alabama. God speed the movement. It is more essential to the well being of our people now than it ever was at any time in our previous history.

Bros. J. A. Logan and L. B Pounds next addressed the meeting, then the following officers were elected:

President—E. G. Cofer, Providence.

Vice-president—H. A. J. Harris Clanton.

Sec-Treasurer—Frank Crichton, Clanton.

Lecturer—J. M. Scott, Clanton.

Assistant Lecturer—W. H. Shaw Clear Creek.

Chaplain—N. J. Calloway, Verbena.

Doorkeeper and the election of the Executive Committee was left over until next meeting.

Delegate to State Alliance—L. H. Reynolds.

It was unanimously agreed that a request be sent to President Pinckard to call the annual meeting of the State Alliance to be held at Jemison, and the Secretary was instructed to forward the resolution to the President.

The next meeting of the Alliance was decided to be held at Cedar Grove on Wednesday August 25, when State Lecturer J. H. Harris again promises to be with us. Every Allianceman is urged to be present at that meeting. It is confidently expected that fully three-fourths of the old members will rejoin.

Every Allianceman should bear in mind that if he really wants to down office-seekers, the way to do it is by concerted action, he cannot do it by his individual efforts. Our advice is use your own judgment, and when you do that we are satisfied you will at once see the necessity of joining the Alliance.

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The University School.

Through the courtesy of the Editor I am permitted to present to the people of Chilton and surrounding counties some of the educational advantages of the University School.

The location was a fortunate one. It is central and equally convenient to all the citizens of the community. The campus ($3\frac{1}{2}$ acres) cannot be excelled anywhere for adaptability, comfort and beauty. It is elevated, perfect drainage, no slush, beautiful dense grove of oak for the girls, open grounds for the boys, pure air, pure free stone water.

The school building is 36 x 64. It is new, painted, ceiled, and has three rooms, each well furnished with chairs, desks, slated blackboards, etc., is well ventilated and has heating power enough to make every student comfortable at his or her desk in the coldest weather. The janitor bTilds the fires, brings the water, keeps the building neat and in order so that pupils have nothing to do but to study. Near by the main building—near enough for convenience but not near enough for study—stands the music room, a neat, cosy little building, well warmed and ventilated, where the music class will be comfortable during recitations and practice.

The Faculty. The principal has had an experience of twenty years as principal of high schools. Mrs. McMorries, an experience of fifteen years in primary teaching, and Mrs. Smith, the teacher of music, is a graduate of the New England conservatory, Boston, the highest school of music in the United States. Should other teachers be required, competent ones will be provided.

Clanton, as a community, stands deservedly high both socially and religiously. There are Sunday-schools and preaching every Sunday which boarding pupils are required to attend.

The pupils in point of morals, intelligence and esprit du corps have no better average in any school. Our pupils have pride and emulation and strive to excel, and their example must necessary exert a wholesome influence upon those who are here to pursue their studies. Their scholarly attainments would not suffer in comparison with these of the best secondary school in the South. Besides primary branches, we have classes in advanced English Grammar, Rhetoric, English Literature, English Classics, Higher Arithmetic, Elementary and Higher Algebra, Geometry, Trigonometry, Natural Philosophy, Physical Geography, Chemistry and in Latin, Classes from first Latin Book to Horace.

The Honors offered next session to ambitious pupils and the Students Lyceum of the University School established during the last days of our last session must necessarily give a new impetus to higher achievements.

Expenses. Tuition from $2 to $4 a month. Music $3 a month extra. Board from $7 to $10 a month. Incidental fee the entire session $1.

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Political Pointers.

People's Press Bureau, St. Louis Mo., Aug. 4, 1897.

Senator Allen has further endeared himself to all liberty-loving Americans by openly and courageously telling Czar Thomas Reed what a despotic villian he considered him. Reed had just entered the Senate chamber and was rooted to the spot with surprise and chagrin, to be thus publicly labeled. All the senators, except a small ring of extreme high tariffites, were delighted, and Allen was overwhelmed with congratulations at the close of the session.

The infamous Dingley tariff bill has become a law and the people may now enjoy all the benefits derivable from having an average of 58 per cent. added, not only to some of the luxuries, but to all the necessities of life. The signing of the nefarious bill was made the occasion of much rejoicing in the circle of chosen spirits that were permitted to be present when the President affixed his signature. The real beneficiaries of the law are clearly designated by the enormous benefits already derived. Stocks have appreciated in value $200,000,000 since it became certain that the Dingley bill would pass both Houses. Among these favored ones, all of whom were large contributors to the Republican campaign fund, are the sugar, leather, lead and rubber trusts, besides the standard oil company, and gas and coal companies too numerous to name. It is whispered about the stock-exchange that the trusts are about to combine in one gigantic trust.

The strike has steadily spread. West Virginia is considered the most important point and here every effort is being made to make the strike general and peaceable. It is alleged that the mine-owners have, so far, made money by the strike, as they have been able to command highest prices for all coal on hand.

The American federation of labor, representing nearly every national labor organization in this country, has concluded to extend assistance, financial and moral, to the striking coal-miners in their struggle for living wages.

The Senate held up T. V. Powderley's appointment as commissioner general of immigration because of the great oppostion made by the labor unions, but President McKinley has defeated them by signing a recess appointment, thus making him commissioner general for the time being, at least.

The Populists are making arrangements for political encampments, of from two to five days' duration, throughout Texas.

Some Republican papers are again announcing the return of prosperity, but since they assert that "the farmers have had ten continuous years of prosperity," the truth of their statements can be guessed.

Realizing the vast importance of a true statement as to the value and character of the Klondyke gold fields being given to the American citicens national labor commissioner Carroll D. Wright has dispatched an expert to Alaska to report.

L. F. Laverty, of Oklahoma, has been elected chairman of the Territorial Central committee to succeed Leo Vincent, resigned. Mr. Laverty is a successful organizer and a good worker. Mr. Vincent has removed to Boulder, Colo., where he will edit the "Colorado Representative."

Speaker Reed has at last announced his committees and seven Populists are found to occupy places as follows: Appropriations, Jno. C. Bell; banking and currency, F. C. Newlands; coinage, weights and measures, E. R. Ridgely; agriculture, Jerry Simpson; public buildings, Harry Skinner; Pensions, Curtis Castle; immigration, W. L. Green.

The delay in not passing the Dingley bill has enabled all importers to stock up for a year's trade; hence no tariffs will accrue and a bond issue is suggested as the means of filling the the treasury.

The Democrats and Populists of Illinois have unofficially agreed to elect a legislature next year that will send Gov. Altgeldt to the Senate.

The resolution to investigate the sugar-scandal has been reported adversely by the Senate.

"The Foot of a Fly"

says an eminent English doctor, "will carry enough poison to infect a household." In summer-time, more especially, disease germs fill the air, multitudes are infected, fall ill, die; multitudes escape. These messengers of mischief do not exist for millions. Why not? Because they are healthy and strong—protected as a crocodile is against gunshot. It is the weak, the wasted, the thin-blooded who fall; those who have no resistive power so that a sudden cough or cold develops into graver disease. We hear of catching disease! Why not catch health? We can do it by always maintaining our healthy weight.

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CORRESPONDENCE.

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Jemison, Ala., Aug. 2, 1897

Editor BANNER: There are few things of more importance to the welfare of our country and government than that of every family owning a home. What a dear word home is. Home the dearest spot on earth. Around home entwines the most sacred memories of life. To have a place one may call his own, though ever so humble, helps in the making good citizens. He then haves something to interest him while he lives. He works to improve his home and takes a deep and lively interest in society. His wife, sons and daughters take a like interest in their home. This would create an improved condition for the community, the State, and the nation. To own a home, a farm or a place of business on which a man can stand and proclaim his independence from want, and to know that from that soil or business the comforts of life can be procured, and a life free from want enjoyed. We would say to all, get homes: A man with a home has something to be proud of. He wants a good government, a government that will protect his home interest. For this he would be willing to sacrafice his life if needs be. It would have a tendency to unite all the families of the country in the one idea of protecting their country and their rights in the government og the country. For every one to own a home would throw around our liberties a safe guard that no power could successfully thwart; give all our people homes and our liberties are safe, now, and for all time to come. No nation of wandering, scattering homeless people can ever long maintain a republican for government. But slavery, serfdom, and peonage will invariably be the condition of the masses. Haste everybody and get you homes. No time to lose. Every day places the opportunity further from you. A home will make you happy.

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South Chilton.

There has not been any rain in our community for some time; the farmers who have such good crops in our section are wearing long faces now. It we could get two good rains more I can't see we are hurt very bad.

Our neighboring saw mill men, Messrs. J. Y. Propst and brothers, E. Pletcher and W. W. Carter, are running with full time and are working full forces of men. The unemployed of this section have plenty of opening now for employment. The forces which have been laboring on the M. T. & M. R.R. have been reenforced by new contractors, and contractors for grading are still coming.

Your correspondent was in the farm of W. H. Mills some days ago, and saw some few open bolls of cotton, the first I have seen or heard of in the county.

W. B.

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It is always gratifying to receive testimonials for Chamberlain's Colic, Cholera and Diarrhœa Remedy, and when the endorsement is from a physician it is especially so. "There is no more satisfactory or effective remedy than Chamberlain's Colic, Cholera and Diarrhœa Remedy," writes Dr. R. E. Robey, physician and pharmacist, of Olney, Mo.; and as he has used the Remedy in his own family and sold it in his drug store for six years he should certainly know. For sale by J. S. Johnson, jr., Druggist.

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Editor BANNER: We had a nice rain here the other day, it made every thing look lively; it looks like even the forest is ready to smile at every thing that passes by. Our early planted corn cannot be as good as it would have been if rain had come soon. Health of the people is good.

Professor Veazey has just closed a singing school, every body well pleased with the results. Well, there was as fine a sermon preached yesterday at the Sane house by Rev. A. G Raney as I ever heard, his text will be found Titus 2:11,12 which was ably discussed, followed by Rev. R. M. Honeycutt, who the people love to hear talk.

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Program S. S. Association.

Second Annual Convention of the Chilton county Sunday-School Association at Clanton, Alabama, August 13-14, 1897.

FRIDAY—8:30 a.m. Prayer and praise service.

9:00 Address of welcome, E. Y. McMorries; response, Judson Strock

9:30 Enrollment of delegates and appointment of committees.

10:00 The power of example in and out of the school, Rev. W. B. Dennis.

10:30 Infant-class teaching. How should it be conducted? Miss Minnie Allen.

11:00 How may we increase the number and efficiency of the schools in the territory represented in the convention, W. E. Holloway.

11:30 The teachers meeting—how organized and how conducted, T. L. Jones.

3:00 p.m. Devotional exercises.

3:30 The importance of Sunday-school work to the church, Rev. C. Johnson.

4:00 How to lead the class to Christ, E. T. Willoughby.

4:20 Maps and charts in the Sunday-school illustrated, J. W. Mahan.

5:00 Reports of committees and from the field.

8:00 Praise and prayer service.

8:30 The true purpose and aim of the Sunday school, J. G. Harris.

SATURDAY—8:30 a.m. Devotional exercises.

9:00 How can we keep our young men and women in the Sunday school? J. P. Hamilton.

9:30 Should unconverted people teach in the Sunday-school? E. F. Baber.

10:00 The Sunday school for all ages, classes and condition, C. C. Slaton.

10:30 Duties of parents to Sunday schools, A. L. Haralson.

11:00 The duties of pastors to Sunday-schools, J. E. Long.

3:00 p.m. Devotional exercises.

3:30 The superintendent—his qualifications and duties, E. Y. McMorries.

4:00 Who is responsible for closing a Sunday-school in the winter season? W. J. Martin.

4:30 The teacher—his character, preparation and work, Judson Strock

Adjournment.

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The Southern Union Singing convention met with Chestnut Creek church July 24. Lack of space precludes us from giving full details. W. Robinson was elected president, T. M. Pyron vice president, and R. T. Grant secretary. Next meeting will be held at Pleasant Grove on Saturday before the fourth Sunday in August.

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A Remarkable Cure of Chronic Diarrhœa.

In 1862, when I served my country as a private in Company A, 167th Pennsylvania Volunteers, I contracted chronic diarrhœa. It has given me a great deal of trouble ever since. I have tried a dozen different medicines and several prominent doctors without any permanent relief. No long ago a friend sent me a sample bottle of Chamberlain's Colic, Cholera and Diarrhœa Remedy, and after that I bought and took a 50 cent bottle; and now I can say that I am entirely cured. I cannot be thankful enough to you for this great Remedy, and recommend it to all suffering veterans. If in doubt write me. Yours gratefully, HENRY STEINBERGER, Allentown, Pa. Sold by J. S. Johnson, jr., Druggist, Clanton.

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Mr. J. F. Limburner, widely known for many years as the special representative of the Populists and Free Silver Press of the United States, has kindly forwarded the following letter for publication:

Jan 25, 1897.

DEAR SIRS—I am anxious for the sake of the suffering and out of gratitude to you to give my personal endorsement of your wonderful remedy. On the 9th of January 1897, I was in Washington and was suddenly seized with an aggravated case of inflammatory rheumatism so severe and painful was the attack that within 24 hours my left arm was paralyzed and I was only able to dress with assistance. I secured a bottle of 5 DROPS and took a dose that night, rubbing some on externally as directed. The following morning I was surprised to find myself immensely relieved, and continuing treatment wore the second morning cured. My arm was entirely free from pain, and all swelling and stiffness had disappeared. The quickness and completeness of my cure was remarkable. I have known for over a year of the great curative properties of your medicine and have several friends who have been cured by it of Neuralgia, Catarrh and Asthma. Wishing you every success and trusting that those similarly afflicted will at least give this remedy a trial. Sincerely yours J. F. LIMBURNER.

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DEAR SIRS—I would like to thank you for your great remedy, "5 DROPS," and tell you what it has done for me. I had Rheumatism in every joint and in the heart, and had Catarrh of the head for 30 years. I was so poorly that I lost the use of my legs and arms and could not move without pain. I was so crippled that I had done but little work for seven years and our family physician, a good doctor, told me that my Rheumatism and Catarrh were incurable and I believed him. But now, after using "5 DROPS" only two months, I can truly say I have not felt so well for seven years. This medicine does more than is claimed for it. At this time my Catarrh is much better, and I have received no hearing in any Rheumatism left and the heart weakness and pain are gone. My hearing is now good and my eyesight is much better. I have gained more than 10 pounds of flesh and feel like a full day's work. It is the best medicine I ever saw to give a mother who has a young child for it has the same effect on the child as on the mother. It starts off Croup and cures the hives of the child and causes sweet and refreshing sleep to both young and old.

Yours respectfully, WM. M. KELLEMS, Liberia, Perry Co., Ind.

Jan. 29, 1896.

We received the following letter from Mr. J. J. Wilson of Omaha, Ill. Mr. Wilson has been for many years an invalid, and reading the above letter which was published where Mr. Kellems is doing of his endorsements genuine, and received this reply, which he for one does.

MR. J. J. WILSON.

DEAR SIR:—Your letter of recent date at hand, the testimonial you speak of is genuine. I gave it to them and every word of it is true, and I could swear to it and prove it by many witnesses. The company did not ask me for this letter. I sent it to them last January for publication in order that poor sufferers, incurable as I once was, and as you are, might be cured. Get "5 Drops" and use it and it will cure you as it has cured me. I have received many letters like yours, and it is a pleasure to me to answer all who write. Tell all your neighbors what I have written about "5 Drops." I know how to sympathize with those who are afflicted, for though I suffered so long it is now 8 months since I have felt any pain. Dr. W. W. Kellems, my brother, uses "5 Drops" in his practice, and joins me in endorsing this great remedy. He says for a case like yours it is a positive cure.

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Sept. 21, 1896

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TO THE PUBLIC. I am too busy this week getting in my new stock to write an ady. Look for it in next week's paper.

W. L. SAMPEY.

Mr. A. C. Smith made a trip to the county Friday.

Lee Paine returned home Saturday after a trip on his "bike" to the home of his parents.

Mr. Duke was in town the first of the week.

Miss Kate Freeman, after a delightful stay among friends here, returned to her home at Wetumpka this morning, regretted by all who know her.

Miss Bettie Young was on a visit to our town Saturday.

Monroe Burnett was in town Saturday.

Dr. A. J. Massey, the well known dentist, will be at Clanton on the 23rd of August and remain one week. If you wish new teeth this fall now is the time to have them taken out by his painless process. Come promptly.

We are sorry to state that Prof. McMorries and Bascom continue on the sick list.

The protracted meeting that was to have begun last Friday night at the Congregational church was postponed on account of Rev. I. L. Haynie's sickness.

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We are glad to learn that Miss Kate Stanfield is on a speedy road to recovery.

Miss Hattie Belle Aldridge, after a visit out on the river, is in town again.

Misses Mary Williamson, Bessie Mitchell and John Williamson, of Verbena, Mrs. Gallatas and Abbott Gallatas of Montgomery, all were in town yesterday.

Mrs. Green and niece, Miss Susan Stroud, are visiting Mrs. Hanton.

Miss Mary Duke, after attending the Nashville Exposition, gladdened the hearts of her many friends here with a visit Tuesday.

W. P. Culp come down on a visit from Birmingham Tuesday.

Eugene Sartor, after attending the business college in Birmingham, is at home again.

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Mrs. McNeal and charming niece, Miss Onee Belle Dejarneette of Montgomery, are spending the summer in our town.

John W. Stanfield has secured the position as book-keeper at Ehrman's mill, formerly occupied by W. H. Sartor.

Mrs. J. H. Hunt and family are visiting at Sistrunk, Ala.

Tom Gullahorn has been put here as night operator.

Miss Glennie McMorries has returned home after a lengthened visit in South Alabama.

Marriage licenses have been granted this week by the Probate Judge to the following persons.

Mr. J. T. Hewitt and Miss M. F. Bone, Mr. O. D. Bone to Miss L. C. Gray; Mr. S. E. Neeley and Miss Maggie Bone.

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Will Sartor removed his family back the old homestead Tuesday.

J. T. Morgan's family having had enough of Birmingham removed back to their old home in Clanton Wednesday.

J. H. Hunt will remove shortly to southwest Georgia.

Professor McMorries will move into the McNeal house as soon as Mr. Hunt vacates it.

Something to Depend On.

Mr. James Jones, of the drug firm of Jones & Son, Cowden, Ill., in speaking of Dr. King's New Discovery says, that last winter his wife was attacked with La Grippe and her case grew so serious that physicians at Cowden and Pana could do nothing for her. It seemed to develop into Hasty Consumption. Having Dr. King's New Discovery in store, and selling lots of it, he took a bottle home, and to the surprise of all she began to get better from first dose, and half dozen dollar bottles cured her sound and well. Dr. King's New Discovery for Consumption, Coughs and Colds is guaranteed to do this good work. Try it. Free trial bottle at Dr. J. S. Johnson's Drug Store.

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On the call of Mrs. E. A. Matthews, a number of persons assembled at the Methodist church on Sunday for the purpose of organizing a chapter of the Epworth League. No president was elected, for the reason that it was necessary that every one should give the matter thorough thought before taking action in this regard.

The following subordinate officers were elected: Vice-presidents C. H. Merritt, St. Clair Thornton and Miss Annie Dennis; Secretary, Osmond Middleton; Organist, Pattie Robinson; Treasurer, Leroy Watts. Total membership 37.

Tom Teel who has been very sick is improving.

Miss Beedie McKee is on a visit to friends in Jumbo.

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MONDAY, AUGUST 16, 1897,

the following lands for taxes due thereon for the year 1896, to wit:

BEAT No. 1.

R. Fox nw ¼ of sec 22 tp 24 r 14; tax and costs $7.18

Owner unknown ne ¼ of se ¼ sec 19 tp 24 r 14 tax and costs $5.22

BEAT No. 2.

G. W. Edwards s½ of se¼ and se¼ of sw¼ sec 18 tp 23 r 13 tax and costs $6.15.

Owner unknown nw 1-4 of ne 1-4 sec 2 tp 23 r 13 tax and costs $5.22

Owner unknown se 1-4 of sw 1-4 sec 6 tp 23 r 13 tax and costs $5.22

Owner unknown se 1-4 of ne 1-4 sec 7 tp 23 r 13 tax and costs $5.22

BEAT No. 4.

Owner unknown n ½ of se 1-4 sec 33 tp 22 r 14 tax and costs $6.04

Owner unknown w ½ of nw 1-4 sec 30 tp 23 r 15 tax and costs $5.16

Owner unknown se 1-4 of ne 1-4 less 10 acres sec 22 tp 22 r 14 tax and costs $5.18

Owner unknown w ½ of sw 1-4 and part of sw 1-4 of nw 1-4 fractional sec 8 tp 22 r 16 tax and costs $7.36.

BEAT No. 5.

Brittle & Harrell e ½ of sw ¼ and w ½ of se ¼ sec 9 tp 21 r 16 and se ¼ and n ½ of sw ¼, w ½ of nw ¼ sec 17 tp 21 r 16 tax and costs $12.08.

John L. Harrell ne ¼ of sw ¼ and nw ¼ of se ¼ sec 7 tp 21 r 16 tax and costs $5.76

Mrs. Sallie Hanlin 22 acres east side of se¼ of sw¼ and 16 acres on west side of sw¼ of se¼ sec 31 tp 21 r 16 tax and costs $10.11.

James M. Hanlin one 12 acre lot at Coopers tax and costs $5.86.

Moses Moore & Son part nw¼ of sw¼, part s½ of sw¼ of ne¼ and se¼ of nw1-4 sec 16 tp 21 r 15 tax and costs $16 63.

BEAT No. 6.

Robert Roebuck nw1-4 of sw1-4 sec 7 tp 20 r 13 tax and costs $3.24.

BEAT No. 7.

Mrs. Ella Shoults one store house and lot known as Chilton County Alliance store house and lot tax and costs $7.23.

Owner unknown n ½ of se 1-4 of nw ¼ sec 32 tp 21 r 12 tax and costs $4.95

Owner unknown nw 1-4 of se 1-4 sec 10 tp 21 r 11 tax and costs $5.22

BEAT No. 8.

Owner unknown nw 1-4 of ne 1-4 sec 4 tp 20 r 11 tax and costs $5.00

Owner unknown one lot in Stanton between D. C. Gandy and Pynor lots tax and costs $4.72.

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The State of Alabama } In the
Chilton County } Probate Court

To W. L. Wells and John T. Wells, residents of Vicksburg in the State of Mississippi, and Paralee Cook and her husband, John F. Cook, residents of Brooksville in the State of Mississippi

You will please take notice that on the 24th day of July, 1897, a certain paper in writing, purporting to be the last Will and Testament of Kincon Wells, deceased, was filed in my office for probate by William L. Wells, and that the 1st day of September, 1897, was appointed a day for hearing thereof, at which time you can appear and contest the same, if you see proper.

Given under my hand this, the 27th day of July 1897. R. M. HONEYCUTT, Judge of the Probate Court.

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Se1-4, e½ of sw1-4 & n½ of sec., sec 11 t 22 n r 15e
Ne1-4 nw1-4 of nw1-4, se1-4 of nw1-4, e½ of sw1-4, e½ of se1-4, nw1-4 of se1-4 & nw1-4 of sw1-4, sec 13 t 22 n r 15e.
Sw1-4 of sw1-4, sec 23 t 21 n r 16e.
Ne1-4, sec 24 t 22 n r 15e.
Se1-4 of ne1-4, sec 21 t 22 n r 15e
Nw1-4 of ne1-4, sec 13 t 21 n r 15e.
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In the Probate Court of Chilton county, Alabama.

Mobile & Ohio Railroad Company, a Body Corporate, Petitioner,

v.

J. F. Welch, J. F. Welch, executor of J. F. M. Welch, dec'd, Walter Welch, Oscar S. Welch, Mrs. Sallie L. Duncan, Horace Welch, Ernest Welch, Daisy F. Welch, Vestor Welch, Scott Welch, Respondents.

J. F. Welch and J. F. Welch, executor of J. F. M. Welch, dec'd, Lucretia A. Welch and Walter Welch, respondents in above cause, non-residents of the State of Alabama, and residents of the State of Mississippi, will take notice that the Mobile & Ohio Railroad Company has filed a petition in my office, seeking the condemnation of a Right of Way one hundred feet in width through certain property belonging to above named Respondents in Chilton county, Alabama; and the Tenth day of August, 1897, and my office in the court house of Chilton county, Ala., are the time and place set for the hearing of such Petition; when you may appear and contest the granting thereof, if you see fit so to do.

R. M. HONEYCUTT,
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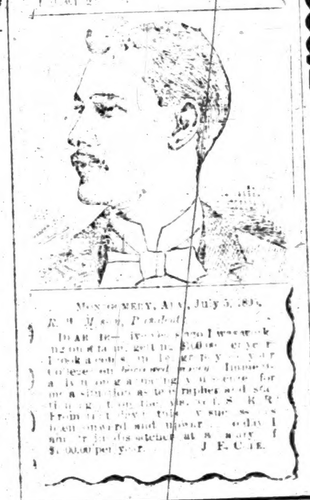

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Eastern Boy—"Did you ever play football?"

Western Boy (watching the game)—"No, but I once got caught in a drove of stampeded mules."

A HAPPY ESCAPE.

Mansard—Well, there's one trial Andree doesn't have to contend with at the Pole.

Mrs. Graball (suspiciously)—What is it?

Mansard—Soft, oozy butter.

HAND IN HAND.

Finnicus—The first thing civilization teaches the savage is outward cleanliness.

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TOO FUNNY TO BE HUMOROUS.

Editor—Mr. Cose, your jokes have lost all their humor of late. What's the trouble?

Joe Cose—I guess I'm not well. I've felt rather funny for a week past.

WOMAN'S WAY.

He—When women get to voting, if they ever should, they will be found wearing the party yokes as meekly as the men.

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A LEGAL DILEMMA.

Judge—Who owns the mule?

Casey—I own wan half ov him an' Fogarty owns the ithur, yer haner.

Judge—Then what's the trouble?

Casey—Fogarty won't let his half work.

Judge—Court's adjourned. I must look up the law.

AN EXCITING MOMENT.

"Here, come away from there," said Perry Patettic, as Wayworn Watson started to enter the barroom. "They're on to me there. Last time I started in the barkeeper throwed a half glass of dead beer right in me face as soon as I stuck me head in the door."

"Did did you have time to git your face open?" asked Wayworn, stammering in his excitement.

A BASE DECEIVER.

Nellie—Have you seen Clara lately, since she got married?

Jennie—Yes, I met her the other day.

"Is she happy?"

"No, she isn't."

"Didn't she love him when she married him?"

"No. She married him because he kept an ice-cream parlor, and he basely deceived her a few weeks later by selling out and starting a livery stable."

"The wretch!"

TIMELY WARNING.

Husband—What did you do with that comic paper that the newsman left here yesterday?

Wife—I left it up in the nursery.

Husband—For heaven's sake run and get it before the children get hold of it. It's a dangerous thing for them to handle.

Wife—You don't tell me! Why, what's the matter with it?

Husband—It's full of old saws.

Bicycle Prices Fall.

After several years of exorbitantly large profits the manufacturers of bicycles have been compelled to very largely reduce their prices. The public actually refused to longer pay $100 for a machine which can be built for one-quarter that amount.

A few makers saw this some time ago and put on the market cheaper machines at very greatly reduced prices which so cut into the business of the higher priced manufacturers that in pure self-defense they were compelled to bid good-bye to their old high prices.

Why should not the same thing occur with type-writing machines? They no doubt cost considerably less to produce than bicycles, and yet some of them are selling at the ridiculously high price of $100. It is fair to infer that a machine which sells at $50 costs close to $15 to manufacture.

If a few large department stores in New York, Boston, Philadelphia, Chicago, etc., would arrange for large quantities to be manufactured for them by some one outside of a Trust the prices would come down to reasonable figures as have those of bicycles.

INDIGNANT GOLD SEEKERS.

They Don't Like the Idea of Canucks Collecting Customs.

There is a crowd of indignant gold seekers in Victoria, B. C. Two hundred of them are from Seattle with their outfits to take the steamship Islander for Dyea. Arriving in Victoria they found that not a pound of goods would be allowed to enter the Klondike district without paying the regular Canadian duty. Some of them decided upon payment of the duty, but others are going with the expectation of evading the customs officers. This is hardly possible, as the customs officers are going upon the Islander, accompanied by a force of constables, who will assist the mounted police now there to enforce the law.

CAPITOL ITEMS.

Reported That Whitelaw Reid May Succeed Secretary Sherman.

GREAT BRITAIN ACCEPTS

The International Conference on the Question of Pelagic Sealing in Behring Sea, to be Held in Washington During the Coming Autumn.

Great Britain Accepts.

The British foreign office notified Ambassador Hay last Friday morning that Great Britain has accepted the proposition of the United States for an international conference on the question of Pelagic sealing in Behring sea, to be held in Washington during the coming autumn.

Their Offer Rejected.

Secretary Long has rejected the offer of the armor company to supply the diagonal armor for the three battleships, Alabama, Wisconsin and Illinois, now building, at a price to be fixed hereafter by the navy department itself. The secretary felt that there was a doubt as to his authority to commit the government in this way to an indefinite expenditure.

Nicaraguan Canal Commission.

Admiral Walker, Captain Carter and Professor Haup, the new Nicaraguan canal commission, held a preliminary meeting in the engineer's office at the war department a few days since. There is no present intention of visiting Nicaragua, but before a final report is made the commission will make a personal examination of the route and its surroundings. Admiral Walker, by virtue of his rank and being named first on the commission, will be president.

Amuses Washington Officials.

The dispatch from Washington to the effect that a convoy of revenue cutters would be detailed to accompany the steamer Portland out of the Behring sea when she leaves St. Michaels with $2,000,000 of Alaskan gold for this port in September next, because her owners feared that she might be attacked by pirates, created considerable amusement among San Francisco shipping men. No credence is given to the story of an alleged piratical project, nor is it believed to be possible that any such project could be carried out, even if conceived.

Reid May Succeed Sherman.

A report, the circulation of which is apparently inspired by the belief that prevails in diplomatic official circles that Secretary Sherman may not much longer remain at the head of the state department, is to the effect that Whitelaw Reid, editor of the New York Tribune and special ambassador to the queen's jubilee, will succeed to portfolio of that department. Mr. Reid, who is now on the ocean on his way to this country, is declared to have opened negotiations for the lease of the Washington residence of Ambassador John Hay for a number of years.

The Republic of Central America.

A report has been received from William Meyers Little, consul at Tegucigalpa, Honduras, enclosing a copy of the treaty that has been signed by the representatives of the five Central American states or republics of Guatemala, Costa Rica, Nicaragua, Honduras and Salvador. It goes into effect September 15.

The union is named the Republic of Central America, and the countries forming it will now take the names of states. Last year when the republics of Honduras, Nicaragua and Salvador formed themselves into the "Greater Republic" of Central America, provision was made for the admission of Guatemala and Costa Rica, which has now been accomplished.

The treaty is similar to that made last year, except that its provisions are extended and considerable legislation is enacted in it for the government of the new republic.

Shipbuilders Off for Alaska.

The navy department has felt the evil effects of the gold craze. The firm of Moran Bros., at Seattle, is building the torpedo boat Rowan and had made good progress until the Alaskan exodus began. Now they have informed the navy department that so many of their workmen have dropped their work to go to Alaska that they are obliged to appeal to the navy department for an extension of time in which to complete the boat. The land office is receiving many applications for copies of the public land laws by persons who intend going to Alaska.

Our Minister to Spain.

Gen. Stewart L. Woodford, United States minister to Spain, sailed from New York last week for the scene of his future duties. Gen. Woodford was accompanied by wife and daughter and by the members of the legation. The latter were John R. MacArthur, Capt. Lasker Bliss, U. S. A., military attache; Lieut. George S. Dyer, U. S. N., naval attache. There also sailed with Gen. Woodford his nephew, Stewart Woodford Capen, his niece, Miss Mary Claflin Eames, and Miss Isabella Hanson.

Monetary Conference.

Official information received in Washington indicates that Great Britain will consent to join an international monetary conference to be held in Washington next winter says the correspondent of a New York paper. This report comes through official channels.

Reports received from special envoys also state that France practically accepts the proposal to join in a conference and abide by its results, provided Great Britain could be induced to do likewise.

Not New or Uncommon.

Secretary Long has decided to send the big battleship Indiana to Halifax to be docked and cleaned.

While all of the naval officers deplore the necessity of thus sending our finest ship to a foreign dock, they say the practice is not new or uncommon. The department would have much preferred to send the Indiana to Port Royal, S. C., for this purpose, but the opinion of the best navigators in the navy department was that it would be decidedly risky in the present unsatisfactory condition of the approaches to the dock there.

The Portuguese Flag Incident.

The incident at Monterey, Cal., on the 4th of July, involving the destruction of a Portugese flag, is well on toward a settlement. A report has been received at the state department from the governor of California upon the results of the investigation made by the state authorities into the case at the request of the department. This shows that the affair was the work of some irresponsible person whom it has not been possible to identify and punish, and the people of Monterey are unanimous in condemnation of the insult. With a proper expression of regret on the part of our government and the enclosure of this report, it is believed the incident will be closed satisfactorily.

Internal Revenue Report.

The preliminary report of the commissioner of internal revenue for the year ending June 30, shows the total receipts during that period were $146,619,508, a decrease as compared with the previous year of $211,106. The receipts from the several sources of revenue with the increase or decrease as compared with the fiscal year 1896 are stated as follows: Spirits, $83,008,558, increase $1,338,487; tobacco, $80,710,297, decrease $1,341; fermented liquors, $32,472,162, decrease $1,312,073; oleomargarine, $1,034,129, decrease $185,302; filled cheese, $18,992 (law not in force in 1896). miscellaneous, $357,283, decrease $69,829; bankers and banks, $57, decrease $49. The amount of withdrawals for consumption during the last year is given as follows: Fruit brandy, 1,146,131 gallons, decrease 294,679; whisky, 68,833,445 gallons, increase 1,783,235; beer, porter and ale, 24,24,094 barrels, decrease 1,404,004. Number of cigars and cheroots weighing over three pounds per thousand, 3,063,169,097; number of cigarettes, 4,153,153,470, increase 109,543,733; snuff, pounds, 13,268,645, increase, 720,041; tobacco, chewing and smoking pounds, 260,784,812, increase 7,057,675; oleomargarine, pounds, 42,584,559, decrease 5,089,214. The states from which the larger collections were made during the period are given as follows: Illinois, $31,152,122; New York, $16,320,760; Kentucky, $15,657,957; Ohio, $12,748,987. Pennsylvania, $12,466,317; Indiana, $8,554,362; Missouri, $7,864,082, Maryland, $5,354,795.

Speaker Reed Criticised.

Many democratic members of the house are inclined to criticise Speaker Reed for his distribution of committee assignments. They say that the speaker should have recognized the authority of the leader of the minority in making the assignments of democrats. Mr. Reed was apparently anxious to aggravate the dissensions among the democratic members. This fact is shown by his selecting for promotion on many of the committees men who have heretofore been openly opposed to Mr. Bailey and his policy as leader of the minority.

The recognition of Mr. Bailey's enemies has been so general as to attract attention even among republicans. Representative Terry, who opposed Mr. Bailey's position on the question of free raw meterials from the beginning, was made the leading democrat on the judiciary committee. Representative DeArmond, of Missouri, who led the revolt against Mr. Bailey at the opening of the extra session, was made the second democrat on the same committee. Representative Catchings, of Mississippi, who is also classed as an opponent of Mr. Bailey, was given first place on the list of minority members of the rivers and harbors committee. In fact, an inspection of the whole list shows that Bailey's opponents in his own party fared better than his friends in the committee assignments.

A SMALL OIL COMPANY

Succumbs After Antagonizing the Standard for Twenty Years.

The Buffalo, N. Y., Refining company, of which C. B. Matthews is president, has made a general assignment for the benefit of its creditors.

While the company is a comparatively small corporation, being capitalized at only $15,000, still it has been one of the few independent refiners of the country and under various names, for more than twenty years maintaining existence in active antagonism to the Standard Oil company.

Serious Railway Wreck.

One of the worst wrecks in the history of the Central Pacific railway occurred last week. Twenty-five Mile Hill, just west of Reno, Nev. The engine was derailed and thrown to one side of the track. The track and roadbed were littered with debris of baggage, express and mail car, reduced to kindlingwood. Of fifteen Indians who were riding on the blind baggage six were killed and nearly all the remainder were more or less injured. Several others were hurt. The wreck was caused probably by rails spreading.

Polish Roman Catholic Union.

At Chicago the special convention of the Polish Roman Catholic Union of America adopted the new constitution. The amount payable to a woman on the death of her husband was fixed at from $250 to $1,000; that to a man on his wife's death $250.

Mrs. J. Z. George.

Mrs. J. Z. George, wife of United States Senator George, died at Carrollton, Miss., last Thursday morning. Mrs. George was in her 64th year.

STATE TOPICS.

Late News Items of General Interest to Alabamians.

Postponed.

The colored Chautauqua, to have opened August 5 at Talladega, Ala., has been postponed to December 20.

Illicit Distillery Destroyed.

Deputy Marshals Skelton and Arnold made a raid in Jones' Cove, near Bridgeport, and captured Sam Erwin and destroyed a twenty-gallon still and 200 gallons of beer.

Sunday School Association.

The eighth annual convention of the Madison County Sunday School Association met in Huntsville last Thursday night in the Presbyterian Church. D. A. Grayson delivered the welcome address. A beautiful response was made by Dr. T. W. Ayers, of Anniston. President Joseph Sloss resided. D. A. Grayson was made temporary secretary.

Brewton's Water Works.

Work will soon begin on the water works and electric light plant at Brewton. The Blachsher Miller Lumber Company donated a suitable lot near the mill and offered fuel free of charge. Plans and specifications are being made, and contracts will be let to the lowest bidder. The plant will be owned by the town, and will be first-class in every respect.

Coroner's Verdict.

After two days of investigation of the killing of Rev. P. P. Patterson, who was shot in front of the altar in a negro Baptist church in Montgomery on Wednesday of last week, the coroner's jury returned a verdict of death by the hand of George W. Pritchard, and that Rev. A. J. Stokes, Rev. P. T. Brown, William Gracey, Mace Coleman and Calvin Micou as accomplices. The grand jury returned indictments against the same parties on the same charges.

Locomotives Burn.

Fire broke out in the roundhouse of the Western railroad at Montgomery a few nights since, and in less than an hour it was a complete wreck. The roundhouse was full of engines. It is said eleven engines were destroyed, some of them the finest on the road. The machine shop attached to the roundhouse is a complete wreck. The building was principally of wood, and being very dry, burned like pine lightwood. The damage is heavy, but fully covered by insurance.

Back Tax Due.

The Back Tax Commissioner of Limestone county has been instructed to assess the Middle Tennessee & Alabama, formerly the Decatur, Chesapeake & New Orleans road, and to return the assessment to the Board of Appraisers of that county. The road in question is still incomplete in Limestone county, no work having been done there since 1891, owing to financial difficulties. This will entitle the commissioner to assess the property for five years and to enforce the collection of the amount due the State and county.—Huntsville Mercury.

Thompson's Accomplice.

At 7:35 o'clock Saturday night, in Decatur, after being out three hours, the jury in the case of Walter Neville, accomplice of Lewis Thompson in the assault on Nellie Lawton, brought in a verdict of guilty and fixed the penalty of death as in Thompson's case. This case lasted only one day and a half.

The sentiment was about evenly divided as to death and life imprisonment. There was some doubt as to whether Neville was really an accomplice in fact or merely in a circumstantial way, but this was set at rest when when the testimony of Nellie Lawton was heard. The feeling is strong against Rosa Buford, the negro woman who instigated the crime and decoyed the little girl. Her trial began Monday.

The Penalty is Death.

Louis Thompson, the negro rapist, who has been on trial before a special team of circuit court, at Decatur was on Friday night of last week found guilty of rape as charged in the indictment. The death penalty was recommended. The trial has had the interest of Alabama. Thompson, together with Walter Neville and Rosa Binford, committed a criminal assault upon Nellie Lawton, a 12-year-old white girl, and public sentiment was aroused to such a pitch by the brutality of the crime that a lynching was narrowly averted. Thompson's accomplices will be tried, and as the evidence in all the cases are nearly the same, the same result may be expected.

Birmingham Merchant Swindled.

One of the slickest forgeries ever worked in Birmingham came to light one day last week. Emil Loveman, of the big dry goods house of Loveman, Joseph & Loeb, noticed a man in his shirt sleeves and bare-headed walk out of A. C. Reckling's harness store across the street. The man came over to Mr. Loveman and ask him if he would cash a check for Mr. Reckling. Mr. Loveman replied affirmatively and the man went back to Reckling's and soon came out with a check in his hand with Reckling's name signed to it. It was for $45 and Mr. Loveman promptly cashed it. The fellow then went back towards Reckling's and down an alley.

It was found later that the check was a forgery and that Reckling not only did not have the man in his employ, as Mr. Loveman supposed, but did not know him. Reckling's clerk told the actions of the forger in coming in and asking twice to be allowed to look at the city directory. It seems that the forger got a copy of Reckling's rubber stamp used on his checks and made one like it. This made the forgery easy. The man's identity is unknown.

Weather Bureau Report.

The following data, covering a period of twenty-four years, has been compiled from the Weather Bureau records of Montgomery, Ala.:

TEMPERATURE.

Mean or normal temperature, 80 degrees.

The warmest month was that of 1878, with an average of 84 degrees.

The coldest month was that of 1889, with an average of 76 degrees.

The highest temperature was 103, on August 13, 1874.

The lowest temperature was 58, on August 25, 1889.

Average date on which first "killing" frost occurred in autumn, November 10.

Average date on which last "killing" frost occurred in spring, March 11.

PRECIPITATION.

(Rain and melted snow.)

Average for the month, 4.13 inches.

Average number of days with .01 of an inch or more, 11.

The greatest monthly precipitation was 7.82 inches, in 1892.

The least monthly precipitation was 1.07 inches, in 1877.

The greatest amount of precipitation recorded in any twenty-four consecutive hours was 2.72 inches, on the 14th and 15th, 1889.

The greatest amount of snowfall recorded in any twenty-four consecutive hours (record extending to winter of 1884-5 only) was none.

CLOUDS AND WEATHER.

Average number of clear days, 8; partly cloudy days, 16; cloudy days, 7.

WIND.

The prevailing winds have been from the east.

The highest velocity of the wind was 31 miles, from the southeast, on August 21, 1895.

EDWARD H. BOWIE,
Observer Weather Bureau.

Rosa Buford Must Hang.

Rosa Buford, the 18-year-old woman conspirator in the rape of Nellie Lawton, stands revealed, after the criminal court investigation Monday, the star among criminals in the history of crime in these cities. When court opened an immense crowd filled the room. The testimony of the victim of the crime, which had proven impregnable to the cross-examination of counsel in two previous cases of Thompson and Neville, was again rehearsed in detail by Nellie Lawton to the court in which Buford, as her protector in her father's absence, had prepared the way and assisted Thompson in its perpetration. Solicitor Sawtelle and W. W. Callahan, for the state, brought out the facts of the crime with which the child's testimony had connected the woman, Rosa, in the most revolting features. Mr. Matthews gave up his hopeless fight for the woman's life. The jury retired at the noon hour and at 2 p. m. returned a verdict of guilty, affixing the death penalty. Judge Banks then sentenced Thompson, Neville and Rosa Buford to be hanged on September 7, next.

The University of Alabama.

(A supplement to the catalogue.)

The President and faculty of the University have issued an academic supplement to the catalogue setting forth new and up-to-date courses of study. These allow many options to students, while maintaining a high standard by requiring certain essentials of an education of all applicants for a degree.

Students who have already entered upon one of the old courses may continue without prejudice. But they can choose as others as far as the schedule will allow. It is the purpose of the faculty to cause no man to lose his class by reason of the change, however desirable.

This evidence of life will be gratifying to all the friends of the University.

A RAGING TORRENT.

The Beautiful Blue Danube Sweeping Everything In Its Mad Career.

A telegram from Vienna says: Reports from the flooded district show that the situation is even worse than at first expected. The greatest damage has been done in Bohemia.

At Trautenia thirty houses have been destroyed and thirteen persons drowned. Corpses were to be seen floating down the streets with every kind of debris, even a cradle with a crying infant, which fortunately was rescued.

At the village of Freihet a house was swept away and its seven occupants were drowned.

Almost the whole town of Reichenberg was submerged, and there, too, many were drowned. The loss to mill owners in that district is estimated at millions of dollars.

At Vienna the damage already done to public sewers, gas mains and bridges is estimated at 2,000,000 florins. The Danube is now double its ordinary width and still rising. According to reports from higher up the river, the waters are not likely to reach their highest point until tomorrow.

At Gmunden, Ishal, Isshaeo and other health resorts, enormous damage was done. The people were compelled to flee for their lives.

The emperor is personally inspecting the efforts of the troops to palliate the disasters, and the government is preparing estimates as to the amount of state aid required. In many places the troops have been entirely cut off, and in many places provisions have become scarce.

Short of Cotton.

A telegram from Fall River, Mass., says: At a recent meeting of the directors of the Wanpamoag Cotton mills it was voted to close the mills for two weeks during August. The Stevens mill shut down for a month and the Richard Borden mills will begin a curtailment this week. These factories employ about 1,800 hands and it is understood that they are short of supply cotton.

Yellow Fever on Board.

The surgeon general of the marine hospital service has been advised of the arrival of the Norwegian bark Nore at Cape Charles with a suspicious case of yellow fever on board. He has also been informed that two cases of fever developed on the vessel at Kingston, Jamaica. The bark was sent to the quarantine station on Fisherman's island.

No man sinks so without conduct while the gates of prayer are open to him.

There Was One More.

The delivery clerk with the pink cheeks was fondling his blonde young moustache when a young woman stepped in front of him.

"Plaze," she said with a soft smile, "is there anny letthers here for pap' by the name of Murphy?"

The young man with the pink cheeks stopped playing with his moustache and looked through a pile of papers.

"No," he said, brusquely, as he shoved them back into their pigeon holes again. "There's nothing here for the Murphys."

"Is there anything here for James Murphy?" persisted the maiden.

"No."

"Is there anything for William Murphy?" she pleaded.

"Nothing."

"Is there anything for Michael Murphy?" almost tearfully.

"Nix."

"Is there any——"

The young man with the pink cheeks deemed it high time to exhibit his powers of persiflage. And he did so.

"Madam," he said, raising his voice, "there is nothing here for Peter Murphy, or Paul Murphy, or Larry Murphy; Oscar Murphy's correspondents have forgotten him; Lewis, Samuel, Terence, Patrick, Thomas, Clarence Robert and Joseph Murphy are neglected by their distant relatives. Sadder still, there is not a single letter for Mary Murphy, nor so much as a postal card for Agnes, Bridget, Clarinda, Augusta, Ida, Ellen, Susan, Mamie or Gladys Murphy."

The young man with the pink cheeks paused and looked behind him for the applause of his fellows. But the maiden stood her ground, and softly said:

"Plaze, sor, I didn't hear ye mintion the name of Mortimer Murphy. Might there be anything for him, sor?"

Fireproof Paper.

Fireproof paper for writing and printing purposes is now manufactured in Berlin by a new patented process. Ninety-five parts of asbestos fiber of the best quality are washed in a solution of permanganate of calcium, then treated with sulphuric acid as a bleaching agent. Five parts of wood pulp, as used in paper factories, are added, and the whole is placed in the agitating box with an addition of lime water and borate of soda. After being thoroughly mixed, the material is pumped into the regulating box and allowed to flow out of the gate on an endless wire cloth, where it enters the usual papermaking machinery. It is easy to apply water marks to this paper, which ordinarily has a smooth surface, which can be satin finished for writing purposes. Paper thus produced is said to resist even the direct influence of flame and remains uninjured, though subjected to a white heat.

Food and Odor.

Food that has little odor and food that readily absorbs odors should be placed at the bottom of the refrigerator. All foods with a strong odor should be kept on the top shelves.

Her Great Regret.

"Why are you sad, Mabel, darling?"

"I was thinking, dearest, that this was the last evening that we could be together until to-morrow."—Trifles.

Soap Producing Trees.

In the West India islands and in South America grows a tree whose fruit makes an excellent lather and is used to wash clothes. The bark of a tree which grows in Peru and of another which grows in the Malay islands yields a fine soap.

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RUSKIN'S BELIEFS.

RELATIONS OF GOVERNMENT AND PEOPLE.

The First Duty of Government Is to See that the People Have Food, Fuel and Clothes—Sixteen Principles of Civilization.

The following sixteen principles of [illegible] were founded by John [illegible] philosopher and thinker:

[illegible] form of government will [illegible] the governors are real, [illegible] people obey them; and none [illegible] that the governors are unreal, [illegible] people disobedient. If you mean [illegible] for kings, no quantity in [illegible] choice of wood will be of any [illegible] to you, nor will the wisest or [illegible] governor be able to serve you, if you [illegible] to discuss his orders instead [illegible] them.

[illegible] first duty of government is to see that the people have food, fuel, and clothes. The second, that they have means of moral and intellectual education.

Food, fuel, and clothes can only be got out of the ground, or sea, by [illegible] labor; and no man has any business to have any, unless he has [illegible] if able, the muscular work necessary to produce his portion, or to render (as the labor of a surgeon or physician renders), equivalent benefit to life. It indeed saves both toil and time that one man should dig, another bake, and another tan; but the digger, baker and tanner are alike bound to do their equal day's duty; and the business of the government is to see that they have [illegible] before it gives any one of them their dinner.

4. While the daily teaching of God's truth, doing of His justice, and heroic bearing of His sword, are to be required of every human soul according to its ability, the mercenary profession of preaching, law-giving and fighting must be entirely abolished.

5. Seniors, painters, and musicians, may be advisedly kept, on due pittance, to instruct or amuse the laborer after, or at, his work; provided the duty be severely restricted to those who have high special gifts of voice, touch and imagination; and that the possessors of these melodious lips, light-fingered hands, and lively brains, do resolutely undergo the normal discipline necessary to insure their skill; the people when they are to please, understanding always, that they cannot employ these tricksy artists without working double tides themselves, to provide them with beef and ale.

6. The duty of the government, as regards the distribution of its work, is to attend first to the wants of the most [illegible], therefore, to take particular charge of the back streets of every town, leaving the fine ones more or less according to their finery, to take care of themselves. And it is the duty of magistrates and other persons in authority, but especially of all bishops, to know thoroughly the numbers, modes of subsistence, and modes of life of the poorest persons in the community, and to be sure that they at least are virtuous and comfortable; for if poor persons be not virtuous, after all the wholesome discipline of poverty, which may be the state of the rich under their perilous trials and temptations. But, on the other hand, if the poor are made comfortable and good, they each have a fair chance of entering the kingdom of heaven also if they choose to live honorably and decently.

7. Since all are to be made to labor for their living, and it is not possible [illegible] without materials and tools, these must be provided by the government for all persons in the necessary conditions. If bricks are to be made, only good straw must be provided; if sheep are to be kept, grass; if [illegible] are to be made, cloth; if [illegible] to be picked, oakum. All these materials, with the tools for working in them, must be provided by the government, at first free of cost to the [illegible], the value of them being [illegible] to them as the first fruits of the land, and no pawnbrokers or [illegible] may be allowed to live by [illegible] to fishermen, air to fowlers, [illegible] to farmers, crooks to shepherds, [illegible] to smiths.

8. When the lands and seas belonging to any nation are all properly divided, cultivated, and fished, its population cannot be increased, except by [illegible] food in exchange for useless [illegible] that is to say, by living [illegible] manufacturers of some indescribable nation, which can both feed [illegible] and afford to buy toys besides. This nation can long exist in this [illegible]—it must either emigrate, and [illegible] colonies to assist in cultivating the land which feeds it, or become [illegible] slavish and debased. For [illegible] any nation begins to improve [illegible] its political power and moral [illegible].

9. All the food, clothing, and fuel required by men can be produced by the [illegible] of their own arms on the earth and sea; all food is appointed to be [illegible] produced, and must be so [illegible] at their peril. If instead of taking the quantity of exercise made necessary to their bodies by God, in the work appointed by God, they take it in hunting or shooting, they become ignorant, irreligious, and finally insane, and seek to live by fighting as well as by hunting.

10. The use of machinery in agriculture throws a certain number of persons out of wholesome employment, who must thenceforward either do nothing or mischief. The use of machinery in art destroys the national intellect; and, finally, renders all luxury impossible. All machinery needful in ordinary life to supplement human or animal labor may be moved by wind or water; while steam or any mode of heat power, may only be employed justifiably under extreme or special conditions of need; as for speed on main lines of communication, and for raising water from great depths, or other such work beyond human strength.

11. No true luxury, wealth or religion is possible to dirty persons, nor is it decent or human to attempt to compass any temporal prosperity whatever by the sacrifice of cleanliness. The speedy abolition of all abolishable filth is the first process of education.

12. All education must be moral first; intellectual secondarily. Intellectual, before—(much more without)—more education, is, in completeness, impossible; and in incompleteness a calamity.

13. Moral education begins in making the creature to be educated, clean, and obedient. This must be done thoroughly, and at any cost, and with any kind of compulsion rendered necessary by the nature of the animal, be it dog, child or man.

14. Moral education consists next in making the creature practically serviceable to other creatures, according to the nature and extent of its own capacities; taking care that these be healthily developed in such service. It may be a question how long, and to what extent, boys and girls of fine race may be allowed to run in the paddock before they are broken; but assuredly the sooner they are put to such work as they are able for, the better. Moral education is summed when the creature has been made to do its work with delight, and thoroughly; but this cannot be until some degree of intellectual education has been given also.

15. Intellectual education consists in giving the creature the faculties of admiration, hope, and love.

These are, to be taught by the study of beautiful nature; the sight and history of noble persons; and the setting forth of noble objects of action.

16. Since all noble persons hitherto existent in the world have trusted in the government of it by a supreme Spirit, and in that trust, or faith, have performed all their great actions, the history of these persons will finally mean the history of their faith; and the sum of intellectual education will be the separation of what is inhuman in such faiths, and therefore perishing from what is human, and for human creatures, externally true.

These sixteen aphorisms contain, as plainly as I can speak it, the substance of what I have hitherto taught, and am now purposed to enforce practice of, as far as I am able.

In the Land of Hard Times.

From the palace of Ease my lady set out,
Her carriage wheels shone in the light;
Her fields lay fertile and green about
And she wondered how any blind soul could doubt
That God rules ever in might,
And she marveled greatly how sin and shame
To this fair world came.

There gazed from a window across the way
A creature pallid and gaunt;
Her cheeks were hollow, her face was gray;
And hard, deep lines by the hard mouth lay,
For she dwelt in the House of Want.
And a look like a curse came into her eye
As my lady rode by.

She hated the world that had used her ill,
She was bitter with discontent;
She was weary of toil in the dull treadmill
Where she wasted her life in the effort to fill
The mouth of that monster Rent.
She hated the owners of acres abroad.
And she doubted God.

Oh, woman, weary of toil and pain,
No wonder your heart is gall.
God gave His people a wide domain.
He gave us the seasons, the sun and the rain,
And room and food for us all.
It is man, the author of selfish crimes,
Who brings hard times.

Oh, Lady Fair, in your Castle of Ease,
You are happy and well content;
But what would you do were you one of these
Who toil and suffer and starve and freeze
To fatten the monster, Rent?
Yet God rules ever, and right some day
Must have its own way.

—Ella Wheeler Wilcox.

Hard Trial for Reform.

My God! when I read o'er the bitter lives of men whose eager hearts were quite too great to beat beneath the cramped mode of the day, and see them mocked at by the world they loved, haggling with prejudice for pennyworth of reform which their hard toil will make the common birthright of the age to come—when I see this, spite of my faith in God, I marvel how their hearts bear up so long; nor could they but for this same prophecy, this inward feeling of the glorious end.—James Russell Lowell.

Debt Is Danger.

I am not amongst those who fear the people; they, and not the rich, are our dependence for continued freedom. And to preserve their independence we must not let our rulers load us with perpetual debts.—Thomas Jefferson.

POINTS FROM THE PRESS.

The man who votes blindly for party has his eyes in the back of his head.—Healdsburg Enterprise.

"The greatest possible happiness of society is attained by insuring to every man the greatest possible quantity of the produce of his labor." And that government comes the nearest being ideal that most nearly secures to every citizen that assurance.—Farm, Stock and Home.

The public ownership of railroads and coal mines would destroy our nation of happy, well-fed, well-clothed, well-housed, independent working people and reduce them to abject slavery!!!—Appeal to Reason.

As soon as it becomes right and just to take property from one man who earned it and give it to one who did not earn it, then will the principle of a protective tariff be right; but not till then.—Utah Living Issues.

There is no longer any doubt that prosperity has hit the country and hit it hard. The 200,000 coal miners did not strike, they simply quit work to enjoy the luxuries of life, theirs by virtue of beneficent republican legislation.—Burlington Courier.

By all means let us have a "monetary commission." Let it be formed from Wall street brokers and the speculators in corporation stocks and trust securities. But by all means allow no representative of the productive industries of the country to be appointed.—Columbus Post.

President Andrews, who recently returned from Europe, says there is no need of a monetary conference to restore silver. "If the United States were to insert in the Bland act the omitted clause providing for the free coinage of silver," says he, "international bimetallism would be accomplished for the other nations would follow the lead of this country." There is no doubt whatever of this being true, and every one who knows the prevailing sentiment in Europe is aware of the fact.—Chicago Express.

The way the prosperity wave works in Columbus, Ohio, the capital of McKinley's own state, is shown by the following item of news sent from Columbus to a Cincinnati paper the other day, which relates that: "Warden Coffin, of the Ohio penitentiary, has ordered that all fragments from the prison tables shall be collected and given to the poor. Each morning there are from fifty to a hundred people on hand with baskets to get crumbs from the prisoners' tables.—K. of L. Journal.

Our government is republican only in theory. It is a constitutional monarchy in fact. The monarch's throne is vacant. His functions are performed by the heads of our civil administration. The provisions of our federal constitution are no longer sacred to protect our individual rights, nor to fix the boundaries of legislation. Our judiciary rides rough-shod over its provisions with impunity.—Winters Independent.

Virtue is its own reward. So, at least the workers in the Crescent Tin Plate mill have discovered. They have voted to protect the mill, but the mill votes against protecting them. It imports workers to take their places. If virtue is not its own reward, these Cleveland tin workers have no reward at all for their votes.—Cleveland Recorder.

Four thousand buildings are said to be vacant in Milwaukee. Concentration of wealth and business isn't making life a perpetual picnic to the landlords there. In order that we may have more big capitalists, many small capitalists must be squeezed out.—Star and Kansan.

The idea of municipal ownership is becoming more and more popular in American cities. The main question is whether municipal factories can be honestly and economically operated. The theory is exceedingly attractive, but with parties and spoilsmen continually changing the personnel of such works there would be small hope for their honest administration. When genuine civil service reform is applied to all public works then we may talk to some purpose about municipal ownership.—Baltimore Sun.

Shearman estimates that the wealth created by ground values reaches the enormous sum of $32,000,000,000. How is that for a trust—the great Landlord Trust! That beats the water and the gas trust and all the other trusts. Every dollar of that sum was earned by the people and should belong to the people.—Fresno Expositor.

The coal mine owners have a few senators and any number of congressmen and legislators always on the floors of congress and in the state legislators to look out for their interest. The mine workers have nobody to represent them in congress because they voted for the bosses' candidates.—Journal of the Knights of Labor.

Vice-President Hobart was one of three railroad presidents who prepared, promulgated and enforced a pooling agreement between the roads running east from Chicago, only a few days ago, and in direct violation of the interstate commerce law and decision of the United States supreme court. Of course, he is too big a man for the law to fool with.—Mound City (Kan.) Standard.

UPON A FALSE BASIS.

THE HORRIBLE KLONDYKE CRAZE A LOGICAL RESULT.

Of the Financial Policy Which Makes All Human Energies and Industries Subservient to Gold—Clinton Furbith Writes His Views.

Gradually the whole picture of the new El Dorado is being revealed. At first we read of returning heroes who had "struck it rich" up in Klondyke. They came back to civilization with such treasure as would enable them to let others toil while they enjoyed all the delights and distinction that come to men of wealth and intelligence. There were hints of hardships endured. But these were only such embellishments as are given by heroes modestly and with reluctance. One of the fortunates told of the fate of his partner. He had been for three years enduring the extremes of Arctic winters when the Klondyke craze was new. He was, therefore, of "little more use for active work." He had been left to care for the camp while the stronger came down with the dust to secure supplies for the coming winter. In view of later details it is easy to see why the worked out partner was left to "care for the camp." Noting the contents of rough bags, cans, and other convenient receptacles borne by the adventurous ones, thousands are rushing to Klondyke. Steamboats are crowded to overflowing, and still the multitude presses, mad with the one desire to reach the frozen gulches. Nor has this wild contest been diminished by later details. In some degree it seems that the more horrible the picture the more intense the craze becomes. There are others who would "care for the dying" and then "divide the dust."

And what are these later lights thrown on the picture? We knew in a vague way of the dangerous water voyages in such craft as might be found in that section. We had been told of the hundreds of miles of mountain passes over which the pilgrims must climb. It was no new thing that bitter cold prevailed through the long winter season. But gentle woman had endured these hardships. Young brides had followed their husbands, and lived in such habitations as might be expected where palaces boasted of two rooms. One such had returned satisfied to leave her husband in the ditch while she would spend at home what he could make. But now come stragglers with no thought of retracing their steps over those horrible mountain passes, and in giving advice and warning to intending explorers make clear what should have been known before. In preparing for Klondyke one must provide himself with "one suit of the very heaviest underwear." No need of two suits. Winter comes suddenly up there, and when once you have put on winter clothes they can not be taken off till the summer sun shall have removed the danger of such imprudence. If cleanliness be next to godliness, then there must be little of the latter on the Klondyke, where a bath during the nine months of winter means death. But it is also hot up there among the glaciers. No night blesses the toiler under the summer sun. And the thermometer takes rest from the winter cold by climbing a hundred degrees above zero. And these are the months when man must work washing out what he has dug during the winter.

From such variations of heat and cold there must be logical results. Nature's laws are the same in Alaska as in South Africa. Looking up at each end of the Brooklyn bridge we see two of those long arms that reach down from above differing from the others in that they are wider apart at the base during midsummer than in the colder months. The explanation is found in the necessity for an expansion joint to allow for the effects of varying temperature, and we are told that the structure would not last long without such appliances. The range of heat and cold is far greater in Klondyke than in Brooklyn. Up in those frozen regions the same causes produce the same effects. And so we learn that the gulches are becoming one great graveyard of exhausted humanity. In their wild eagerness men have neglected to consider their strength and have yielded to the inevitable, while their treasure "has been divided among those who cared for them." In better phrase it would be said to have been divided among those who watched for them to die. But what chance would there have been for a return in their weakened condition? Hundreds of miles of mountain passes where the guides force the impatient traveler to camp for a month at a time in snow and sleet, because of the danger in those indescribable storms. The paths are icy and, save in good weather, walking is impossible, while vast abysses yawn for those who can not stand in slippery places. No matter how impatient the prospector, the guides are inexorable. They know the dangers and will not risk their lives, even at the high wages they command. Surrounded by the luxuries of civilized life, we stand appalled at dangers that have been surmounted by thousands, and are now contemplated by other hosts. But we have not the fever, or we, too, would be preparing a "grub stake" for Klondyke.

There must be some all-powerful motive to account for this wild craze. There can be no result without an adequate cause. Men will lay down their lives for various reasons. But for this rest from the winter cold by climing widespread frenzy many causes and those the most powerful must have combined. And there is reasonable explanation. The people have been reading the literature of the Reform club and Sound Money league. They have learned that civilization depends on the maintenance of a solid basis of gold. They have heard Bynum say that the national honor depends upon a "gold basis." They read appeals from the sage of Princeton that all followers of Jefferson should stand together for the protection of the national honor against the assaults of those blind fanatics and theorists who would destroy the "gold basis." And there are many patriots. They love their country and account him a coward who reckons the cost of its defense. And these patriots know there is gold up in the Klondyke regions. They have seen wan faced pilgrims returning, hugging their thousands and boasting of the millions "left in sight." The increasing multitudes of the earth must have a "sound basis" for their money, lest Bynum and statesmen of his ilk be torn in spirit because of impending national dishonor. Here lies one important factor in this Klondyke craze. And there are others.

Under a civilization "based on gold" honors must necessarily be heaped upon those controlling a generous share of the "basis." Desire for ease and comfort is natural to man. Love of admiration is its fellow. All laws are irksome to some people. The power of defying all law is, therefore, a potent factor in influencing the action of mankind. It has happened that under the civilization of the nineteenth century the very rich find no limit to their powers. They command the nomenclature of the hour. Soft phrases are made to dignify their doings. If they would rob their fellows under cover of law, they secure the passage of a new tariff, and call their plundering "protection." Or if they would prosper under a more dainty industry than vulgar manufacturing, they bribe legislators to give them exclusive monopoly of public rights and flourish as bankers, or owners of trunk lines of railroads, and call it "financiering." And with the wealth thus gained they guide the consciences of judges and priests, breaking ties that bind the pauper class. They trade wives and part with a portion of their gold in the purchase for their daughters of a foreign dude with a title, and the world calls both transactions "marriage." They build charnel houses of civilization and install therein learned men whose reason must not operate, and whose convictions must be stifled, and call these institutions "universities." Heat and cold are as nothing to those favored of Providence who have contributed to the support of the nation's "gold basis." In the winter they may seek the everglades of Florida and give many of their less intelligent fellow beings a chance to work by cutting up into small holdings the monopolized natural opportunities of that region. Or when summer heat spoils the zest of the opera or of bestial dinners, they can cross the ocean and dazzle foreigners with the magnificence of the defenders of the honor and prosperity of this republic.

The whole system is a miserable fraud. Unless we may gather grapes from thorns, and figs from thistles, unless wrong is right and right is wrong, then a system that unsexes woman and unmans man is established in iniquity. Unless there be fault in every natural law, it is the grossest absurdity to suppose that the more scarce the commodity the more necessary it is for the welfare of mankind and the honor of nations, or that civilization may not be, save as it rests upon an exploded theory and a barbaric fetish. It is doubtless true that invention of money has been of great benefit to the world in extending productive possibilities. But the maintenance of the gold basis by civilized nations has been productive of more misery and injustice than any other single cause. It is a system defended only by false statement and absurd sophistry. But its most ardent advocates admit that the world will outgrow it only when peopled by citizens who equal these wiseacres in economic lore. This is an assumption not sustained by facts. The great plain people of the land have already learned the absurdity of seeking to erect a sound structure upon a constantly shifting and decreasing basis. It is for their benefit to overthrow it. But it is for the benefit of greed and corporate wealth that the producing class should be held in slavery, and no more potent weapon for this purpose can be found than the coin basis.

CLINTON FURBISH.

Christ and Christianity.

Would Jesus Christ fence in broad acres of land and demand rental from God's miserable poor for the simple privilege of living? Would he loan money and demand usury? Sell household goods to pay his demands for rent? Beat down the laborer in his wages, and force him and his family into rags? All these things which Christ would not do are the crimes I lay at the door of our pretended Christians. How dare they do them day after day—the very things Pharisees did—when they know that Christ abhorred and condemned them?—Ink-Face.

History's Warning.

This is the sequel to all human tales,
'Tis but the same rehearsal of the past:
First Freedom, and then glory; when this fails
Wealth, vice, corruption, barbarism at last,
And history with all her volumes vast
Hath but one page. —Byron.

FINANCE.

The county commissioners, we think, made a great big mistake in issuing bonds to fund the county's indebtedness. While it is true that the bonds will draw less interest than do the outstanding warrants still, in the long run, there will be more interest paid on the bonds than there would have been on the warrants. The issuing of bonds invariably entails profligacy and carelessness. The bonds can be paid in ten years; if not, they are to run twenty, and we warrant that every dollar of them will. There is another principle involved that we consider very wrong, and that is making obligations for the unborn to pay. True, the obligations were already made, but instead of putting off paying the whole thing for ten or twenty years, every effort ought to have been made in the direction of paying it off at once and as fast as possible. We are opposed to the issuing of bonds.—Salt Lake Living Issues.

The kind of "currency commission" to be operated by Lyman Gage is shown by the letters he has sent out for suggestions." They have gone, for instance, to J. Edward Simmons, Frederick D. Tappan, George G. Williams, George F. Baker, Henry W. Cannon, and J. T. Woodward. Now a perfectly responsible public man, in a pamphlet entitled "The New York National Bank Presidents' Conspiracy against Industry and Property,' has definitely and specifically charged these six men, in conjunction with Grover Cleveland and some others, organized and precipitated "the panic of 1893," which broke ten billions of values and made two million tramps. If Captain Kidd were alive, Gage would doubtless write him, too, for "suggestions."—Silver Knight.

"You folks show no sense," exclaimed a goldbug to a Cincinnati Bryan man the other day. "You want prosperity in a week. Now, if your boy had typhoid fever, you wouldn't expect the doctor to cure him in an hour, would you?"

"No," said the Bryanite, "I shouldn't expect the doctor to cure him at all, if he swore that the boy would be well the minute he wrote him a confidence prescription."—Cincinnati Common Cause.

Which has got the best title, Russia to China, or Great Britain to Japan? Great Britain's title to Japan is the best title, because it is a perfect one. She has extended her gold and banking policy over Japan, and if Japan has any rights left, there will be something new under the sun.—Silver Knight.

The intrinsic value money idea, if carried out—would mean that the material—wood and iron—in a wagon ought to be worth just the same before it is made into a wagon as it is afterward. The spokes of the wheels ought to be worth as much for stovewood as they are as wagon spokes.—Salt Lake Living Issues.

If only things were called by their right names, nearly all wrong would fail. If every time the word "sound money" were used, "scarce money" were substituted, the gold standard would be overthrown. Nearly all bad pills are sugar coated.—Cleveland Press.

Prosperity at Canton, Ohio.

The following is from the mayor of Canton, Ohio, McKinley's home:

"There never has been anything like this in Ohio before. There are hundreds of families in Canton today who are suffering for want of food and clothing. Things are getting worse. In three months this year I have spent out of my private purse for food and coal and clothing to give away more than my year's salary as mayor. The factories are cutting down wages and reducing their forces. Many of them are not operating more than three days in a week. Most of them are running without profit. Farm land that has been worth $100 an acre cannot be sold for $30 an acre. It is almost impossible to borrow money on real estate because prices sink, sink, and sink. I know of scores of men who are insolvent and who continue to do business simply because their creditors do not dare to act."

The Railroad Trust.

The New York Journal has unearthed the astounding fact that J. Pierpont Morgan has now in his grasp and absolute control (until socialists carry the country) 89 lines of railroad, comprising over 20,000 miles and capitalized at 1016 millions of dollars, and is reaching out for more. That is good. There ought to be but one system of railroads—for there is no competition anyhow and the sooner they are all in one system, the sooner the people will realize that they are more powerful than a king or emperor, and do with them as they did with King George's political power—take it and give it to all people and thus prevent its concentration in the hands of a few. It will be easy to convince the people that it is best that the people take the roads when only one syndicate stands in the way. Hurrah for Morgan!—Appeal to Reason.

That school teacher down in Virginia, who was mobbed and held by twenty-five of his girl pupils while each and every one deliberately kissed him, probably felt as much surprised as a workingman who has not had his wages cut since McKinley's election. Wonder if there are any more vacancies in Virginia for one or more teachers.—Oakland Industry.

STATE TOPICS.

Late News Items of General Interest to Alabamians.

Commissioner Appointed.

The governor has appointed C. T. Culberson, of Valley Head, as county commissioner of DeKalb county to succeed William Lea, recently deceased.

Alabama Bananas.

There is in the front yard of Mrs. J. R. Johnson, on Holmes street, Huntsville, a magnificent banana tree, on which is now growing a splendid bunch of this wholesome fruit.

Made an Assignment.

Shields & Shields, general merchandise, Huntsville, made a general assignment last Wednesday, naming Samuel Adler assignee. The assets are $5,000 to $6,000; liabilities, $5,000.

Given a Diamond Stud.

The deputy collectors, storekeeper and gaugers in the internal revenue collector's office in Birmingham last week presented Major R. O. Randall, the collector who retired recently with a diamond stud, weighing one and three-quarters karat.

Auditor's Clerk Resigns.

H. B. Henry who, since the commencement of Auditor White's term, has been the chief bookkeeper in the auditor's office at Montgomery, has tendered his resignation. He returns to his old home at Guntersville to accept a much more desirable position than he had.

Transferred to Washington.

J. B. Goadlet, special pension examiner for the northern district of Alabama, has been transferred by the department to Washington. He will be succeeded by Charles S. Sloan, of the latter city, who has arrived at Huntsville and taken charge of the duties of his new office.

Fourteen Furnaces in Blast.

Fourteen iron furnaces are in blast in the Birmingham district, and they are making on an average of over 2,200 tons of iron a day. The Tennessee Coal, Iron & Railroad Company, started up their Oxmoor furnace Monday. This furnace has been "banked," since the suspension of work with the coal miners began.

Railway Extension.

The Seaboard Railway Company, of South Alabama, is building an extension of its line for five miles in the direction of Healing Springs, Ala. An effort is being made to get the company to continue the extension for eighteen miles further so as to reach these springs, and it is believed that the company will acquiesce.

Compulsory Vaccination.

A spacial meeting of the mayor and board of aldermen of Birmingham decided to strictly enforce the ordinance requiring removal from the city of all smallpox patients, whether white or black. The physicians are working hard, and Dr. Sanders, the state health officer, is assisting in the work. Compulsory vaccination has been ordered.

Governor's Proclamation.

The Governor has issued a proclamation renewing the reward of $300 for the arrest and delivery of Eldridge Williams, colored, who is wanted in Elmore county for a murder committed in 1891. A reward of $100 is offered for the arrest and conviction of Nick Judkins, charged with the murder of Lazarus Thomas, which occurred in Montgomery county recently.

The University of Alabama.

The advantages of being educated in ones own State University cannot be over estimated. Equal strength acquired abroad or in an Institution of less prestige, would be far less valuable in a practical sense. University Alumni are and are to be leading men in all walks of life.

Parents with sons to educate should make a note of this.

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Selected for the Chair of Mathematics in the State Normal College.

Out of more than forty applicants for the Chair of Mathematics in the State Normal College, Mr. N. A. Patillo has been selected.

Mr. Patillo is a native of Lee county, Ala. He graduated first at the Southern University, Greensboro, and taught mathematics in that institution. He afterwards taught for several years in the Millsaps College, Jackson, Miss. He gave up this work to pursue his studies at Johns Hopkins University, where he obtained the degree of Ph D., with mathematics for his principal subject. He is a most accomplished Christian gentleman, and has indorsements of the very highest character from many of the best known university professors and presidents of this country.

In selecting Mr. Patillo, the Normal is only carrying out its well-known policy of getting the very best teachers for its faculty. Such a policy merits patronage and gets it.—Florence Standard-Journal.

Down in Florida the veracious chroniclers report a mare that has developed an appetite for genuine spring chickens.

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Clanton Primary Alliance, No. 1.

All members of Clanton Primary Alliance are earnestly requested to meet at THE BANNER office on Saturday, Aug. 21, 1897, at 2 p.m. Business of great interest and importance to be attended to.

FRANK CRICHTON, Sec.

TOM WATSON and Congressman Howard are expected to address the State Alliance at Jemison on September 22 and 23. We confidently predict a big meeting and a glorious time.

BUSINESS with Montgomery is greatly retarded by the inefficiency of the mail service. It now takes at least 48 hours to send a letter to the capitol city and get a reply. A letter written and mailed one morning is delivered in Montgomery the next morning. If a reply is written and mailed immediately it has to remain until the following morning before it leaves town, and gets delivered here at 10 o'clock We believe if the towns between Calera and Montgomery would petition the post office authorities a mail car would be put on the accommodation, then Montgomery and Birmingham would be on the same footing. A reply to a letter to either city could be received here the same day—a consummation devoutly to be wished.

THE report of the special state examiner of accounts, to which we briefly referred last week, will be found in the next column. We hope every man in the county will carefully read and study it. It is unfortunate these reports should be published on Thursday, because no matter their import, and who has to suffer from whatever charges are made, the report gets a full week's circulation before any criticisms can be made upon them. We do not pose as the defender of Mr. Gentry—we think he is capable of attending to his own business, and will do so at the proper time, entirely disproving the charges made against him. A week's reflection and a more diligent study of the report causes us again to say we do not believe it. By this statement we have no desire to reflect in any way upon the Examiner—our theory is he has himself got in a "mass of tangled confusion;" or in other words "don't know where he is at," and has piled up charges which can very easily be explained, having really no basis in fact. The report is, to say the least, ambiguous, with the exception that $827.37 is definitely stated to be the amount of the shortage. The report insinuates the commissioners either through "ignorance of law or wilful disregard of same" have been negligent in their duties, but does not attempt to show they could have done otherwise than they did. We know for a fact the commissioners have often hurried through with their work in order to save another day's expense. If this is willful disregard of the law, the taxpayers are not apt to complain, although we are of the opinion it is mistaken economy. We really would be glad of more information in regard to the "complaint of MANY of the taxpayers in the county." The registration list last year contained the names of about 2400 voters. How many of that number made any complaint to the Examiner? Was it 1200, or 12, or was it 2? Surely among the "many" some one will come forward and state publicly what they have to complain of, and not hide themselves behind the Examiner.

Report of the Special State Examiner of Accounts.

From the Age-Herald, Thursday, Aug. 5, 1897.

Montgomery, Aug. 4.—(Special)—Assistant Examiner of Public Accounts, Mr. J. G. Cowan, has filed his report on the office accounts and books of B. M. Gentry, ex-tax-collector of Chilton county.

The report says a thorough examination was made of the books for the years 1893, 1894 and 1895, so far as the examiner was able to get possession of them. The examiner says: "I called upon the probate judge for the abstract and stub books of the ex collector for the years mentioned. He replied he was unable to supply all, as the collector had only left a few of them with him; he had demanded them of him a number of times. I took possession of those found in the probate office and made a demand upon Mr. Gentry for the balance and had a great deal of trouble getting him to comply with my demand. I learned that some of the books were with his deputies throughout the county and I began to write to them. After much delay I succeeded in getting the abstract books and all of the stub books with the exception of two for the year 1893 and two for the year 1894.

"I found the books in a 'mass of tangled confusion' and I have had the greatest trouble to adjust this confusion. I found many stubs with receipts detached, many receipts loose and some for the year 1895 in the books of 1894. Many of these stubs were not dated and some of the loose receipts bore different dates from the stubs. I found many of the stubs bore dates of taxes having been paid, yet on their faces were marked the words 'Insolvent' or 'Error.' In every instance of this character I have charged it to the collector and from the evidence derived from a thorough inspection of the stub books, I have thought it right to charge the collector in every instance where the receipts have been mutilated or destroyed, unless I had a doubt as to an error or insolvency, and then I gave the collector the benefit of the doubt. The chief shortage lies in the poll tax and interest accounts. In the matter of allowances for errors and insolvencies he has been ably assisted by a commissioners' court, whose ignorance of law or willful disregard of same must stand without a parallel. Upon an examination of the lists of errors and insolvencies allowed by said court, some of the poll tax-payers appear both as errors and insolvents, and in some instances the same parties appear twice on the insolvent lists. Some who have paid their polls, as the stub books show, yet the collector has been allowed credit for the same in his settlement with the auditor. In some instances the collector is allowed a greater credit than the stub books calls for.

"I summoned before me the commissioners and put the question to them, if they had made a careful and rigid examination of these lists as the law requires. They replied that they had. I asked them if they had before them the collector's stub books. They answered no, but they had tried very hard to get these books, but that the collector had failed to produce them. One of the commissioners swore that he knew of poll taxes having been collected in his beat and wanted to compare the lists; but after making repeated demands upon the collector, he had never been able to get the books. I asked them how they could make a careful and rigid examination of these lists without the stub books, and they replied that they had looked over the list and did the best they could. It is proper to state in this connection that only two of the present commissioners, Messrs. Moses Robinson and Alex Glasscock, were commissioners during the time of Mr. Gentry's holding the office of collector. The other two were elected in 1896.

I summoned before me a number of taxpayers, who had been reported as errors or insolvents and allowed as a credit to the collector. In most cases the parties who answered to the summons held receipts, some of them signed by Mr. Gentry and some of them by his deputies. In the matter of interest I find that for the year of 1895, he collected interest from some parties, making no report of same, as the law regarding interest was not passed until February, 1895. I have charged him with all the amounts appearing upon the stub books for the year of 1896 and credited him with the amounts reported. My suspicion was aroused upon noticing that some of the stubs upon which were the names of some of the largest taxpayers in the county bore no dates. There being so many irregularities and suspicious circumstances of seeming crookedness, coupled with the complaint of many of the taxpayers in the county, of bad management of the taxes, especially the polls, and so many of them being allowed as a credit to the collector, either as errors or insolvents. I am forced to the conclusion to adopt the plan of charging with all those polls, where the receipts have been detached from the stubs and throwing the responsibility upon the collector of showing what has become of the receipts. On footing up the abstract books for each year I find them correct and corresponding with the abstracts on file in the auditor's office.

Total amount due from Gentry for the years 1893, 1894 and 1895, $827.37."

Political Pointers.

People's Press Bureau, St. Louis, Mo., Aug. 11, 1897.

The German Consul, at Washington, D.C., has caused to be given out a pamphlet filled with data as to the culture and marketing of the sugar-beet. This information, in view of the interest in this subject caused by the sugar bounties, is most timely. Throughout the west, extensive preparations are being made for the culture of the sugar-beet.

Walter Clark, Associate Justice of the supreme court of North Carolina, in a recent address to the State Bar Association of Tennessee, made a formal arraignment of the constitution of the United States, pointing out its tendency to bring about centralization. He urged that the U. S. Senators be elected by the people. The appointive power of the President and the evils to which it so plainly leads were clearly brought out.

Col. Fred Grant has shown himself a worthy son of his illustrious father, in a small way, by resigning from his position as Police commissioner of the city of New York, refusing to be identified with the innumerable steals that he boldly asserts are being carried on by the police board and its hirelings.

John Brisbane Walker, editor and owner of the Cosmopolitan Magazine and a man of broad philanthropy—is the chief backer of a plan now perfected to establish a popular university of which Dr. Andrews, the late deposed president of Brown's University, is to be the head. A modification of the Chautauqua plan is to be used and many of the most able men of this country are interested not only in the establishment of such a university but in giving Dr. Andrews that recognition that he deserves for his manly stand against the blandishments of Rockfeller and the entreaties of the board of curators that he should make principles subservient to policy. The faculty of Brown's University have sent a formal protest to each member of the board of directors who accepted Dr. Brown's resignation.

The strike of the coal miners has slowly gained strength. No violence has yet occurred. The miners are gathering in huge camps and are the recipients of many kind donations from merchants and the farmers of the surrounding country. Eugene V. Debs, who with James Sovereign has been among the miners advising a sober and quiet, but firm demeanor, believes that the strike will be carried to a successful end by the miners.

It is generally believed that White law Reid will soon succeed John Sherman as Secretary of State. Mr. Reid, who is a lily-handed eastern aristocrat (?), has just returned from his errand as Special Envoy to represent this country at the Queen's Jubilee, where he is supposed to have done this country tremendous credit to tune of a fifty thousand dollar appropriation. It is believed that his appointment will not only be highly satisfactory to all Anglomanicas, but will secure to the tail of the British lion immunity from twistings, however slightly. The dinner given by this Mr. Reid while in London, to Albert Edward, Prince of rous, was acknowledged to be the most elegant affair of all the many jubilee fetes..

The anti fusion element of the People's party in Iowa has called a state convention to meet in Des Moines August 19. One vote for each one hundred votes cast for governor in '95 is allowed.

One of the brightest spots attendant on the passage of the Dingley bill was the five minutes applause that greeted the mention of Bryan's name.

Mrs. Mary Ellen Lease has been lecturing in Iowa and her agent is billing her for a number of towns in Missouri.

Milwaukee is to decide by the referendum whether the German language is to be taught in her public schools.

A large number of New England factories begans the month of August by closing up. At Fall River alone, eight thousand mill hands were thrown out of employment.

A. R.

Weak Lungs

Hot weather won't cure weak lungs. You may feel better because out of doors more, but the trouble is still there. Don't stop taking your

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because the weather happens to be warm. If you have a weak throat, a slight hacking cough, or some trouble with the bronchial tubes, summer is the best time to get rid of it. If you are losing flesh there is all the more need of attention. Weakness about the chest and thinness should never go together. One greatly increases the danger of the other. Heal the throat, cure the cough, and strengthen the whole system now. Keep taking Scott's Emulsion all summer.

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Jemison, Ala., Aug. 10 1897.

Editor BANNER: Crops are fine, plenty of rain and farmers feel good, and by the way, every one of them seem to be glad of the reorganization of the Alliance, and surely there is no one but what feels the necessity of the organization, but if there are any that think we don't need it, let them go to the probate judge's office and look over the record, see where the debts are climbing up too. See again at what a low ebb the social feeling has fallen to. Yes, farmer, the organization is worth every dollar it costs—by way of training your boys to be social, and it will not be out of the way for some old men it this line. Just reflect for one moment and see the difference in the social feeling of the country now, than when the Alliance was in full force. Take the experience of the past, profit by all the mistakes of the past, reorganize every community, and I assure you there will be nothing lost. I have just received a letter from Brother Pinckard and he informs me that the State Alliance is called to meet at Jemison, September 22nd. Organize your primaries and send a good delegation to Cedar Grove, August 25th, and let us organize a strong county Alliance. Yes, if we are going to do anything let us do it in good order. I hope the people of the county will give us a good turn out; it is a leisure time and we will try and take care of all. Respectfully,

L. H. REYNOLDS.

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A Valuable Prescription.

Editor Morrison of Worthington, Ind., "Sun," writes: "You have a valuable prescription in Electric Bitters, and I can cheerfully recommend it for Constipation and Sick Headache, and as a general system tonic it has no equal." Mrs. Annie Stehle, 2025 Cottage Grove Ave., Chicago, was all run down, could not eat nor digest food, had a backache which never left her and felt tired and weary, but six bottles of Electric Bitters restored her health and renewed her strength. Prices 50 cents and $1.00.

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Coopers.

A good rain was highly appreciated by all at this place last Sunday.

There will be preaching at Chestnut Creek next Sunday.

Miss Chrys Johnson, of Piedmont, has been visiting here.

Miss Etta Moore has returned home after a pleasant visit to relatives at Welche's mill.

Miss Hattie Pate, of Pratt City, is visiting her sister, Mrs. E. H. Downs, at this place.

Jim Smitherman is with us again

ROSE BUD.

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It is always gratifying to receive testimonials for Chamberlain's Colic, Cholera and Diarrhœa Remedy, and when the endorsement is from a physician it is especially so. "There is no more satisfactory or effective remedy than Chamberlain's Colic, Cholera and Diarrhœa Remedy," writes Dr. R. E. Robey, physician and pharmacist, of Olney, Mo.; and as he has used the Remedy in his own family and sold it in his drug store for six years he should certainly know. For sale by J. S. Johnson, jr., Druggist.

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Rockymount.

The Chilton musical convention which is to be at Oak Grove, has been postponed and will not be held until October or November. Our people here are expecting a grand time Saturday before the 5th Sunday, three Sabbath-schools will meet and spend the day together. Rev. S. M. Adams, G. W. Hullet and Hon. L. H. Reynolds are expected to lecture. Other prominent speakers will also be present. The writer will have charge of the musicical department of the program, and we hope to make it a success.

Don't forget to bring your dinner and plenty of it, as that is one of the leading features in the program.

ONE OF THE BOYS.

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Dr. King's New Discovery for Consumption.

This is the best medicine in the world for all forms of Coughs and Colds and for consumption. Every bottle is guaranteed. It will cure and not disappoint. It has no equal for Whooping Cough, Asthma, Hay Fever, Pneumonia, Bronchitis, La Grippe, Cold in the head and for Consumption. It is safe for all ages, pleasant to take, and, above all, a sure cure. It is always well to take Dr. King's New Life Pills in connection with Dr. King's New Discovery, as they regulate and tone the stomach and bowels. We guarantee perfect satisfaction or return money. Free trial bottle at Dr. J. S. Johnson's Drug Store. Regular size 50 cents and $1.00.

HOW TO FIND OUT.

Fill a bottle or common glass with urine and let it stand twenty-four hours; a sediment or settling indicates an unhealthy condition of the kidneys. When urine stains linen it is positive evidence of kidney trouble Too frequent desire to urinate or pain in the back, is also convincing proof that the kidneys and bladder are out of order.

WHAT TO DO.

There is comfort in the knowledge so often expressed, that Dr. Kilmer's Swamp-Root, the great kidney remedy fulfills every wish in relieving pain in the back, kidneys, liver, bladder and every part of the urinary passages. It corrects inability to hold urine and scalding pain in passing it, or bad effects following use of liquor, wine or beer, and overcomes that unpleasant necessity of being compelled to get up many times during the night to urinate. The mild and the extraordinary effect of Swamp-Root is soon realized. It stands the highest for its wonderful cures of the most distressing cases. If you need a medicine you should have the best. Sold by druggists, price fifty cents and one dollar. You may have a sample bottle and pamphlet both sent free by mail Mention THE BANNER and send your address to Dr. Kilmer & Co., Binghamton, N.Y. The proprietor of this paper guarantees the genuineness of this offer.

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Maplesville Music

Small-pox scare all over is our situation now. Every precaution here and Stanton is taken to prevent contagion all suspicious train arrivals are promptly returned. A case of varioloid from Birmingham was treated by Dr. Parnell of Stanton, was how the rumor came.

We are pleased to State that the ice-cream supper given in the grove near the Methodist church was a perfect success through the management of our ladies to whom we return many thanks.

Our urbane friend C. H. Dansby, of Verbena, has treated friends to a visit here.

Our R. R. is moving right on, grading is being rapidly done.

SUBSCRIBERS.

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A Remarkable Cure of Chronic Diarrhœa.

In 1862, when I served my country as a private in Company A, 167th Pennsylvania Volunteers, I contracted chronic diarrhœa. It has given me a great deal of trouble ever since. I have tried a dozen different medicines and several prominent doctors without any permanent relief. Not long ago a friend sent me a sample bottle of Chamberlain's Colic, Cholera and Diarrhœa Remedy, and after that I bought and took a 50 cent bottle; and now I can say that I am entirely cured. I cannot be thankful enough to you for this great Remedy, and recommend it to all suffering veterans. If in doubt write me. Yours gratefully, HENRY STEINBERGER, Allentown, Pa. Sold by J. S. Johnson, jr., Druggist, Clanton.

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THE BANNER office is the only Job Printing establishment in Chilton and Coosa counties. We give you best work at lower prices than you can get elsewhere. Give us a trial

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Dr. A. J. Massey, the well known dentist, will be at Clanton on the 23rd of August and remain one week. If you wish new teeth this fall now is the time to have them taken out by his painless process. Come promptly.

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Stewart's new gin is nearly ready and McKee's is being overhauled.

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Don't Tobacco Spit and Smoke Your Life Away.

If you want to quit tobacco using easily and forever, be made well, strong, magnetic, full of new life and vigor, take No-To-Bac, the wonder-worker, that makes weak men strong. Many gain ten pounds in ten days. Over 400,000 cured. Buy No-To-Bac of your druggist, under guarantee to cure, 50c or $1.00. Booklet and sample mailed free. Ad. Sterling Remedy Co., Chicago or New York.

Notice of day for Hearing Application to Sell Land for Division.

THE STATE OF ALABAMA, } In the Pro-
Chilton County. } bate Court.

Whereas John V. Coe and Richard K. Coe, Executors of the Estate of Richard Coe deceased, have filed their application in said Court, for a sale of the lands described therein, belonging to said decedent, for the purpose of division on the ground that same cannot be equitably divided.

It is therefore ordered by the Court that Tuesday the 7th day of September, 1897, be appointed as the day for hearing said application at which time any person interested therein may appear and contest the same if they see proper so to do.

Witness my hand this August 10, 1897

R. M. HONEYCUTT,
Judge Probate Court.

Notice of day for Hearing Application to sell Personal Property.

THE STATE OF ALABAMA, } In the Pro-
Chilton County. } bate Court.

Whereas John V. Coe and Richard K. Coe, Executors of the Estate of Richard Coe, deceased, have filed their application in said Court, for the sale of personal property described therein, belonging to said decedent, for the purpose of a division.

It is therefore ordered that Tuesday, the 7th day of September, 1897, be appointed as the day for hearing said application at which time any person interested therein can appear and contest the same if they see proper so to do.

Witness my hand this August 10, 1897

R. M. HONEYCUTT,
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Alabama Monitor (Frank Baltzell)	$1.50
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49 YEARS OF SUFFERING FROM RHEUMATISM.

Read carefully this testimonial found below, also letters from those who have been cured of other diseases, and remember that "5 Drops" has and can never fail to quickly relieve and permanently cure. Sept. 9, 1896

DEAR SIR:—Your bottle of "5 Drops" received. It was for an old friend, Mr. Wm. Edwards, of Marlinstown, Wis. He has had Neuralgia in his chest, suffering a great deal of pain, so much so that it affected his heart and he could not sleep on account of a smothered feeling. He has been under the care of the most eminent physicians, but found no relief until I gave him a dose of "5 Drops." The very first night he rested well, and has ever since, and is gaining daily. I myself am 67 years old and began taking your medicine last April for Rheumatism, which I have had for 49 years, also for a weak heart. Since taking "5 Drops" the Rheumatism has all disappeared, the stiffness is gone from my joints, and my heart never misses a beat. I am to-day a well, strong woman, and I owe it to "5 Drops." I only wish I could sound my bugle of praise loud enough to be heard all over the world, and could convince every one that "5 Drops" is all you claim it to be and more.

Mrs. D. T. Carver, Winslow, Stevenson Co., Ill.

34 YEARS OF SUFFERING.

DEAR SIR:— JANUARY 2, 1897.

Over 34 years ago, I had Typhoid Fever, and barely escaped with my life. It left my system so shattered that I have had ever since, Rheumatism and Throat Trouble, which gave me a terrible Cough. I had been unable to find any relief for these diseases, until I learned of your "5 DROPS", which I commenced taking only two months ago, and my cure has been indeed WONDERFUL. Already my cough has entirely disappeared, and the Rheumatism which for a few years past has threatened to make a cripple of me, is cured, and I am free from pain. This is the most wonderful and the cheapest remedy ever discovered. I am more thankful to you than words can tell and I want everybody to know what "5 DROPS" has done for me. Although I am over 70 YEARS old, I am feeling better than I have in years.

I shall be glad to answer any questions regarding my case from anyone enclosing a two cent stamp. Gratefully yours,

MRS. SAMUEL RIBLET, Litchfield, Mich.

CATARRH AND HAY FEVER.

I find the bottle of "5 DROPS" to be very good and just what you claim. My wife has been suffering with Catarrh and Hay Fever over 15 years. She has tried everything and doctored much, but no cure until she tried "5 DROPS" which completely cured her.

Yours truly REV. L. VON WALD,
March 31, 1896. Milbank, S. D.

NEURALGIA AND SCIATICA.

For twenty long years my wife suffered untold tortures from Sciatica and Neuralgia, and I thank God for the day that your benevolent remedy fell into my hands, for it completely cured her. I am a minister of the Gospel, and when I find any who suffer, cannot help but recommend "5 DROPS", for I know it will do more than you claim for it.

REV. P. M. COOPER, Washington Center, Mo.

PARALYSIS AND RHEUMATISM

DEAR SIRS: NOVEMBER 9, 1896.

It is with pleasure I speak of your priceless remedy and of the good it has done me. For the last eight years I have been an incurable cripple from paralysis and rheumatism. Just think for eight years a total cripple not able to earn a penny honorable to walk or step on the ground without the aid of something to lean on. Heaven bless the man who discovered this remedy, for, thanks to him and to God, I am able to walk and able to work. I have only taken two thirds of a bottle, but have not had any pain in my back since I took the first one, and after the second I walked across the floor, which I have not done in years. I have thrown away my cane and shall never need it again. To any one sending me a two-cent stamp I will send my affidavit. I have another bottle of "5 DROPS" and value it at $1.00 per drop.

Thankfully yours, EDWARD CASTLE,
1005 Wall Street. Sioux City, Iowa.

INFLAMMATORY RHEUMATISM

DEAR SIRS: SEPTEMBER 24, 1896.

I wish to tell you and suffering humanity how much good "5 DROPS" has done me. On the beginning of this year I took down in bed with inflammatory Rheumatism, and I was doctored by as good physicians as this country has, but they could not cure me. On August 4, I began to take "5 DROPS." At that time every joint in my body and my limbs were stiff, so that I could not be moved. Even my tongue was getting so that I could hardly speak so any one could understand me, but to-day, only seven weeks from that time, I am absolutely cured, and thank you and God for my recovery.

Gratefully yours,
HORACE F. ANDERSON, McCracken, Kans.

If you have not sufficient confidence after reading these letters to send for a large bottle, send for a sample bottle, which contains sufficient medicine to convince you of its merit. This wonderful curative gives almost instant relief, and is a permanent cure for Rheumatism Neuralgia, Sciatica, Catarrh, Asthma, Dyspepsia, Backache, Hay Fever, Sleeplessness, Nervousness, Nervous and Neuralgic Headaches, Heart Weakness, Toothache, Earache, Croup, "La Grippe," Malaria, Creeping Numbness, Bronchitis and kindred diseases.

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TOWN ITEMS

Commissioners' Court meets second Monday in February, first Monday in April, second Monday in May, second Monday in July, second Monday in August and first Monday in November.

FOR SALE 440 acres of good farming and timber land, 3 miles west of Lomax. 50 acres under cultivation. Good dwelling and outhouses.

A. H. FLAND, Lomax, Ala.

STRAYED OR STOLEN from the undersigned, at the head of the Marbury Lumber Co.'s R.R., Autauga county, two mares, one a gray horse about eight years old, branded on left hip and jaw; the other a large chestnut sorrel, thin in order, about twelve years old. Any information in regard to the animals will be received and a liberal reward will be paid for their delivery or place where I can get them.

MRS. S. A. MORGAN,
Kingston, Ala.

Aug 4 1897.

Rev. R. B. Tichnor who has been spending his vacation at home here, returned this morning to his work in South Carolina.

Dr. W. E. Stewart went to Birmingham this morning.

Paul Dejarnette and wife, of Montgomery, after staying awhile in Clanton returned to their home this morning.

Mrs. McNeal is having the Hunt residence repainted.

Planters CUBAN OIL cures Cuts, Burns, Bruises, Rheumatism and Sores. Price, 25 cents.

Peter Quigley, of Jemison, gave us a call Monday.

Tom Gullahorn visited Longview Sunday—special business.

W. F. Culp was in town last week.

Dr. B. McNeil, of Jemison, was in town Tuesday.

Mrs. Hester has just returned from a visit to Nashville.

Miss Ola McRee returned last week from a visit to relatives in South Alabama.

Mrs. Sampey went to Montgomery Tuesday.

E. H. Adams was among friends here Tuesday.

The masonic lodge has made preparations to have their hall repainted.

Chamberlain's Colic, Cholera and Diarrhœa Remedy always affords prompt relief. For sale by J. S. Johnson, jr., Druggist.

Frank Erland, of Blocton, was amongst our visitors Saturday.

Col. Collier, of Birmingham, was in town Saturday.

Pete Parker still continues very sick.

Tom and Mrs. Teel are both down with a severe attack of sickness.

The old court house building has been completely transformed and is now occupied by Abe Kanter with a well selected stock of general merchandise, etc. Read his adv. in another part of this paper, then give him a call and make some purchases. You will save money.

W. B. Strock, of Verbena, was a visitor here Monday.

Commissioners' Court was in session Monday and Tuesday for the transaction of regular business.

Everybody Says So.

Cascarets Candy Cathartic, the most wonderful medical discovery of the age, pleasant and refreshing to the taste, act gently and positively on kidneys, liver and bowels, cleansing the entire system, dispel colds, cure headache, fever, habitual constipation and biliousness. Please buy and try a box of C. C. C. to-day; 10, 25, 50 cents. Sold and guaranteed to cure by all druggists.

The steps from the side walk at the foot of Main street to the depot are in bad repair, and need attention. It is impossible for ladies to use them.

The new store of W. L. Sampey is quite metropolitan in style. He has laid in an extensive and varied stock and his premises are well worth a visit. Amongst other things he is keeping a better grade of dry goods, etc., and there is no necessity for our people going to Montgomery and elsewhere, when they can get all they require at home. Walk in and look around.

W. L. Mullins is having a new six roomed one story residence built on the lot in front of his present. T. B. Teel has the contract.

Dr. Matthews will build a new dwelling house opposite the Methodist church for the occupancy of Prof. McMorries. Work will be commenced at once.

Marriage licenses have been granted this week by the Probate Judge to the following persons.

Mr. L. P. Best and Miss Angeline Chastine.

Colored. Henry Davis and Rosa Dejarnette.

Bucklen's Arnica Salve.

The best salve in the world for Cuts, Bruises, Sores, Ulcers, Salt-Rheum, Fever Sores, Tetter, Chapped Hands, Chilblains, Corns, and all Skin Eruptions, and positively cures Piles, or no pay required. It is guaranteed to give perfect satisfaction or money refunded. Price 25 cents per box. For sale by J. S. Johnson Jr.

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of the citizens of Chilton county can be most readily accomplished by a visit to my new store where you will find the largest stock of General Merchandise, Dry Goods, Clothing, Hats, Shoes, Furniture, Harness, Wagons—in fact all the necessaries and many of the luxuries of life.

When your Cotton is ready bring it to me and get the highest market price.

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DR. MILES' RESTORATIVE NERVINE cures nervous prostration. Not miraculously, but scientifically, by first removing the germs of disease, and then supplying healthy nerve food, increasing the appetite, helping digestion and strengthening the entire system. Desperate cases require prolonged treatment as shown by that of Mrs. M. B. Reed, of Delta, Iowa, who writes: "As the result of a lightning stroke, the physicians said I had a light stroke of paralysis, my limbs would all draw up. I would have throbbings in my chest that seemed unendurable. For three months I could not sleep and for three weeks did not close my eyes. I prayed for sleep, and felt that if relief did not come I would be dead or insane. I took Dr. Miles' Restorative Nervine and the second night slept two hours and from that time on my health improved; slowly at first, but steadily and surely. I took in all 40 bottles, and I cannot express how grateful I am, for I am now perfectly well, and have taken no medicine for over four months." Dr. Miles' Nervine is sold by druggists on guarantee that first bottle benefits or money refunded.

Dr. Miles' Nervine Restores Health.....

Book on heart and nerves free. Dr. Miles Medical Co., Elkhart, Ind.

Non-Resident Notice.

In the Probate Court of Chilton county, Alabama.

Mobile & Ohio Railroad Company, a Body Corporate, Petitioner,

vs.

J. F. Welch, J. E. Welch, executor of J. F. M. Welch, dec'd, Lucretia A. Welch Oscar S. Welch Sallie L. Duncan, Horace Welch, Earnest Welch, Daisy F. Welch, a minor, Vestor Welch, a minor, Scott Welch, a minor. Respondents.

Respondents: Lucretia A. Welch, Walter Welch, Oscar S. Welch, Daisy F. Welch, Vestor Welch, Scott Welch, and Earnest Welch, residing at the town of McHenry in the State of Mississippi, will please take notice that the Mobile & Ohio Railroad Company, a railroad corporation, has filed in my office a Petition to condemn a right of way for its line of Railroad over certain land in Chilton county, fully described in said Petition, which is alleged to be the property of the above named Respondents, and the 6th day of Sept., 1897, and my office in the Court-house at Clanton, are the time and place set for the hearing thereof, when you may appear and contest the same if you see fit so to do.

R. M. HONEYCUTT,
Judge of Probate.

The smallpox question is much discussed on our streets, mainly by those having nothing else to do. All the medical men in the State are of the opinion that at the worst it is only a very mild form of the disease, while many contend it is not smallpox at all. If everyone will keep their premises thoroughly cleaned up, there seems to be not the slightest cause for alarm.

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TAX SALE.

THE STATE OF ALABAMA }
CHILTON COUNTY }

By virtue of a decree of sale granted by the Probate Court of Chilton county, Alabama, I will, as Tax Collector of said county, sell to the highest bidder, for cash, before the Court House door of said county, at Clanton, on

MONDAY, AUGUST 16, 1897,

the following lands for taxes due thereon for the year 1896, to wit:

BEAT No. 1.

R. Fox nw ¼ of sec 22 tp 24 r 14; tax and costs $7.18

Owner unknown ne ¼ of se ¼ sec 19 tp 24 r 14 tax and costs $5.22

BEAT No. 2.

G. W. Edwards s½ of se¼ and se¼ of sw¼ sec 18 tp 23 r 13 tax and costs $6.15.

Owner unknown nw 1-4 of ne 1-4 sec 2 tp 23 r 13 tax and costs $5.22

Owner unknown se 1-4 of sw 1-4 sec 6 tp 23 r 13 tax and costs $5.22.

Owner unknown se 1-4 of ne 1-4 sec 7 tp 23 r 13 tax and costs $5.22

BEAT No. 4.

Owner unknown n ½ of se 1-4 sec 33 tp 22 r 14 tax and costs $6.04

Owner unknown w ½ of nw 1-4 sec 30 tp 23 r 13 tax and costs $5.16

Owner unknown se 1-4 of ne 1-4 less 10 acres sec 22 tp 22 r14 tax and costs $5.18

Owner unknown w ½ of sw 1-4 and part of sw 1-4 of nw 1-4 fractional sec 8 tp 22 r 16 tax and costs $7.36.

BEAT No. 5.

Brittle & Harrell e ½ of sw ¼ and w ½ of se ¼ sec 9 tp 21 r 16 and se ¼ and n ½ of sw ¼, w ½ of nw ¼ sec 17 tp 21 r 16 tax and costs $12.08

John L. Harrell ne ¼ of sw ¼ and nw ¼ of se ¼ sec 7 tp 21 r 16 tax and costs $5.76

Mrs. Sallie Hanlin 22 acres east side of se¼ of sw¼ and 16 acres on west side of sw¼ of se¼ sec 31 tp 21 r 16 tax and costs $10.41.

James M. Hanlin one 12 acre lot at Coopers tax and costs $5.86.

Moses Moore & Son part nw¼ of sw¼, part s½ of sw¼ of ne¼ and se¼ of nw1-4 sec 16 tp 21 r 15 tax and costs $16.63.

BEAT No. 6.

Robert Roebuck nw1-4 of sw1-4 sec 7 tp 20 r 13 tax and costs $3.24.

BEAT No. 7.

Mrs. Ella Shoults one store house and lot known as Chilton County Alliance store house and lot tax and costs $7.23.

Owner unknown n ½ of se 1-4 of nw ¼ sec 32 tp 21 r 12 tax and costs $4.96

Owner unknown nw 1-4 of se 1-4 sec 10 tp 21 r 11 tax and costs $5.22

BEAT No. 8.

Owner unknown nw 1-4 of ne 1-4 sec 4 tp 20 r 11 tax and costs $5.00

Owner unknown one lot in Stanton between D. C. Gandy and Pynor lots tax and costs $4.72.

BEAT No. 9.

Owner unknown ne 1-4 of sw 1-4 sec 10 tp 22 r 14 tax and costs $5.00

T. J. HUBBARD, Tax Collector.

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Our illustrated book of 36 pages has some interesting chapters on rheumatism. It's free for the asking.

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Notice of Day Set for Hearing Probate of Will.

The State of Alabama } In the
Chilton County } Probate Court

To W. L. Wells and John T. Wells, residents of Vicksburg in the State of Mississippi, and Paralee Cook and her husband, John T. Cook, residents of Brooksville in the State of Mississippi

You will please take notice that on the 24th day of July, 1897, a certain paper in writing, purporting to be the last Will and Testament of Kincon Wells, deceased, was filed in my office for probate by William L. Wells, and that the 1st day of September, 1897, was appointed a day for hearing thereof, at which time you can appear and contest the same, if you see proper.

Given under my hand this, the 27th day of July 1897. R. M. HONEYCUTT, Judge of the Probate Court.

MONTHLY SUFFERING.

Thousands of women are troubled at monthly intervals with pains in the head, back, breasts, shoulders, sides hips and limbs. But they need not suffer.

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FRIDAY—8:30 a.m. Prayer and praise service.

9:00 Address of welcome, E. Y. McMorries; response, Judson Strock

9:30 Enrollment of delegates and appointment of committees.

10:00 The power of example in and out of the school, Rev. W. B. Dennis.

10:30 Infant-class teaching. How should it be conducted? Miss Minnie Allen.

11:00 How may we increase the number and efficiency of the schools in the territory represented in the convention, W. E. Holloway.

11:30 The teachers meeting—how organized and how conducted, T. L. Jones.

3:00 p.m. Devotional exercises.

3:30 The importance of Sunday-school work to the church, Rev. C. Johnson.

4:00 How to lead the class to Christ, E. T. Willoughby.

4:20 Maps and charts in the Sunday-school illustrated, J. W. Mahan.

5:00 Reports of committees and from the field.

8:00 Praise and prayer service.

8:30 The true purpose and aim of the Sunday-school, J. G. Harris.

SATURDAY—8:30 a.m. Devotional exercises.

9:00 How can we keep our young men and women in the Sunday-school? J. P. Hamilton.

9:30 Should unconverted people teach in the Sunday-school? E. F. Baber.

10:00 The Sunday-school for all ages, classes and condition, C. C. Slaton.

10:30 Duties of parents to Sunday-schools, A. L. Haralson.

11:00 The duties of pastors to Sunday-schools, J. E. Long.

3:00 p.m. Devotional exercises.

3:30 The superintendent—his qualifications and duties, E. Y. McMorries.

4:00 Who is responsible for closing a Sunday-school in the winter season? W. J. Martin.

4:30 The teacher—his character, preparation and work, Judson Strock

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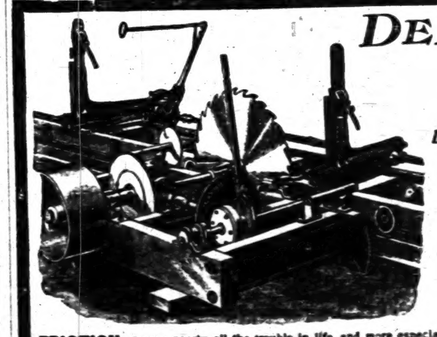

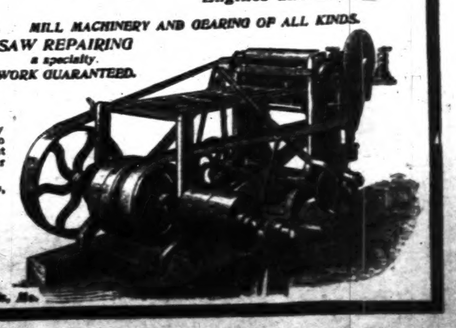

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"Yes."

"Waiting to see a message go by, eh?"

"Yes, sir," the man replied, smiling.

Then Tompkins spoke kindly to him and explained the mystery of the electric current, and that the messages were invisible, and finished up with:

"Now you know something about it." Then, as he was going away, he said, by the way, "What do you work at?"

"Me and my mate over yonder are telegraph workers, and we've just finished putting up a new wire."

He Made a Bale.

He was a very small boy and very ragged, but there was a look in his eyes of shrewd intelligence beyond his years. His left hand he held behind his back, but his right was extended, and between two grimy fingers he held a half-smoked stump of a cigarette. He had his eye on a well-dressed man who was walking jauntily along the street swinging his cane.

"Say, mister," said the boy, "gimme a match, will yer, please."

The man stopped good-naturedly and smiled when he saw the dirty cigarette stump. He made a pretence of searching his pockets for a match, and finally said:

"I haven't one, bub."

The boy hastily slipped the stump into his pocket, and withdrawing his left hand from behind his back displayed a large box containing an assortment of small boxes.

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"Doctor," the caller asked of the distinguished surgeon, "when ordinary methods fail to bring a man from under the influence of chloroform how do you proceed?"

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Thus They Escape.

The reason why ships are not struck by lightning is attributable to the general employment of wire rope for rigging purposes, as well as to the fact that the hulls of ships are usually constructed of iron or steel. Thus the ship forms an excellent and continuous conductor, by means of which the electricity is led away into the ocean before it has time to do any serious damage.

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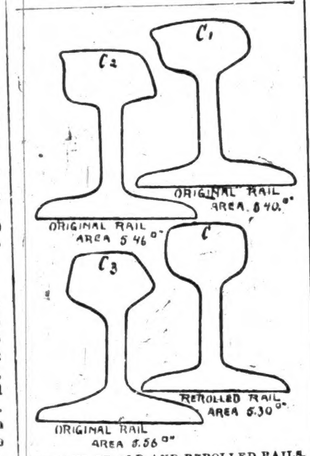
Cheap Method of Renewing Worn Out Railroad Tracks.

A new method of treating worn out steel rails, and one that has received the indorsement of a practical steel rail maker, Capt. R. W. Hunt, is described by him in Cassier's Magazine. This is the invention of Mr. E. W. McKenna, for years identified with large railway systems. His idea was to heat the worn rail in its entirety and cause as little reduction of weight of section as possible, and restore it to perfect section and make it suitable for its original main track use. Experiments with the renewed rails in actual service proved eminently satisfactory.

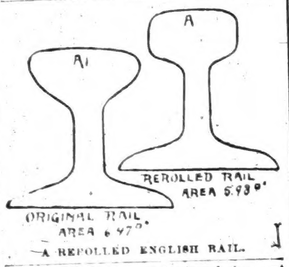


SECTIONS OF OLD AND REROLLED RAILS.

In the accompanying illustration are shown three sections of worn rails. The sections given show the different ways in which steel rails wear, together with flowage of metal—i. e., excessive curve wear, ordinary curve wear, and tread wear. The fact that these different forms of worn rails, varying in weight from 54.6 pounds to 55.6 pounds per yard, were all renewed to the standard C, weighing 53 pounds per yard, demonstrates that the maximum reduction due to the process need not exceed 2.5 pounds per yard and the resultant product of any lot of worn rails will be within five pounds of the original weight.

In section 2 of rails shown in the second illustration the original rail was of English make, and was in the track twenty-nine years. In the rerolling process the rails were altered to admit the use of modern joint material.

In operating the process the rails were charged into a furnace that was sufficiently long to accommodate the whole rail. After being brought up to a bright red heat the rails were drawn from the end of the furnace opposite to that used for charging, and carried by a steam-driven carriage to the back side of a three-high set of rolls, and entered between the top and middle rolls. After passing through they fell upon driven rollers, and by them entered into the final or finishing pass between the middle and bottom rolls. They were then carried to the hot saws in the usual way, and after being cut to the desired lengths, were put on the hot bed to cool, subsequently being cold-straightened and drilled for splice bolts. The loss in heating and rolling ran from .05 per cent. to .08 per cent. With one heating furnace the product was over 100 tons per turn. A plant is being built at Joliet, Ill., to renew rails by this process.



A REFOLLED ENGLISH RAIL.

"I lost my wife and two children from the effects of **hereditary scrofula.** My third child was dangerously affected with scrofula. He was unable to walk, his left foot being covered with running sores. Physicians having failed to relieve the others of my family, I decided to try Ayer's Sarsaparilla. I am pleased to say the trial was successful, and my boy was restored to health. I am confident that my child would have died had he not used Ayer's Sarsaparilla."—JAS. M. DYE, Mintonville, Ky., Aug. 5, 1895.

WEIGHTY WORDS FOR Ayer's Sarsaparilla.

EXAGGERATED

Are The Reports That Fabulous Sums Are Paid for Claims.

LATEST KLONDIKE NEWS.

Provisions are a Scarce Commodity.—It is Said Stores are Already Short.—Suffering and Death Will no Doubt Occur During the Winter.

The latest news received from Dawson City, center of the Klondike diggings, comes in a private letter, and it is not cheering to those who are making to the frozen north.

It states that the reports of fabulous sums paid or to be paid for claims are greatly exaggerated. The writer says one claim was sold for $100,000. However, this was an exception, for the prices generally range from $2,000 to $10,000. Any figure above the latter is very rare.

The news has the opposite effect to that expected. It has encouraged many, and there are not a few who are going to the diggings with considerable money and with the object of getting good property cheap

The other side of the picture—that if the claims are not bringing more, it is probably because they are not worth more—does not seem to be given full consideration.

The letter also confirms previous reports that provisions are a scarce commodity. It is said stores are already short, and that most of the newcomers flocking in are all provided with food and clothing for the winter.

This, in view of the fact that the real rush has not reached the place yet, means that the Klondike will be a synonym for suffering and death before the next ten months have passed.

However, it is pointed out that when this letter was written the companies on the Klondike had not yet gotten in their winter stores.

Of course these are much larger than anyone up in that region knows yet, and it is hoped they will be sufficient to ward off actual suffering, though it is entirely probable short rations will be the rule for a time.

TOOK THE GROOM'S PLACE.

Kansas Man Determined That the Bride Should Not Be Disappointed.

A telegram from Topeka, Kans., says: Hutchinson society has just had the greatest surprise that has ever visited the town. Thursday night was to have been the occasion of a wedding in which a large circle was interested. A. D. Yoder, a clerk in a dry goods store, had a house furnished and all preparations made for his marriage with Miss Hattie Hutchinson. Because his intended has persisted in taking a buggy ride with Jesse Cook, a handsome young grocer, on the evening before Mr. Yoder decided Thursday morning that the marriage should not take place.

Mr. Cook was one of the first to hear the report and he immediately called upon Miss Hutchinson and asked her for her hand in marriage. He was accepted and the two were married at the same hour that the Yoder-Hutchinson marriage was to have taken place.

SPRECKLES SUGAR COMPANY.

Capital of the Big Concern Five Million Dollars.

Articles of incorporation of the Spreckles Sugar company have been filed at San Francisco. The capital is $5,000,000. Of this amount the organizers of the company, J. D. Spreckles, A. B. Spreckles, A. E. Morrison, M. H. Weed, A. O. K. K. Gibson, have each subscribed $1,000. Producing beets and manufacturing sugar therefrom is to be the primary object of the company, and incidentally they will engage in agriculture, will build, equip and manage factories and refineries, deal in real estate, construct railways, build ships and do all other things necessary to the development of the sugar-making business.

Sherman Denies the Story.

Secretary Sherman arrived in New York city the other day from a short outing on the Long Island coast. He appeared greatly improved. Mr. Sherman denied the statement that Minister Sewall had been instructed to proclaim a protectorate over the Hawaiian Islands in the event the senate failed to approve the annexation treaty. Secretary Sherman said the United States would not guarantee the carrying out of the agreement between Japan and Hawaii if the decision of the arbitrators was against the latter. That was a matter between the countries concerned.

FOREST FIRES IN ARKANSAS.

Started to Run the Hunters Out of the Mountains.

Forest fires are raging in the Maumelee mountains in Perry county, Ark., and much damage has been done in destroying the range, grapes and timber. A large number of non-residents went into the mountains a few days ago on a hunting and fishing trip and it is alleged the fires were started by some miscreant for the purpose of running the strangers out.

Tobacco Moving in Carolina.

A telegram from Columbia, S. C., says: The first tobacco "brake" of the season has been held at Timmonsville, Darlington county, and proved very successful. There was not sufficient room in the two big warehouses to store all the yellow leaf that was wagoned to town. In the first day's sale 73,000 pounds of tobacco was disposed of, averaging 8½ cents.

WOULD MAKE ARMOR PLATE.

Birmingham Working to Secure a Government Plant.

Birmingham will make a big fight for the location of an armor plate factory to be erected by the government.

Congressman Oscar W. Underwood, of the ninth district, is working the movement with much vigor, and has hopes of having a committee make investigations of the section, and the opportunity the government has in placing a plant for the manufacture of the plate.

A few days ago Congressman Underwood, in order that Birmingham might put in a bid for the proposed plant, wrote the secretary of war to know what steps would be necessary for this city to present and urge its claims in the premises.

Last Friday morning he received the following reply from Theodore Roosevelt, acting secretary of the navy:

"Navy Department, Washington, D. C., August 3, 1897.—Sir: Referring to your communication of the 31st ultimo, addressed to the secretary of war, but forwarded to this department, stating that you desired to lay before the board on government armor factory certain facts showing the advantages of your section of the country for the establishment of an armor plant, I have the honor to inform you that said letter has been referred to the bureau of ordnance to be layed before the board when convened, and that said board has been instructed to communicate with you in the matter. Very respectfully, T. ROOSEVELT, "Acting Secretary."

"Hon. O. W. Underwood, House of Representatives."

The plate manufacturers have refused to bid at the prices fixed for the armor plate. The maximum price fixed by congress was $300 per ton for the plate, and congress decided that in case this price was refused a special board is to investigate the cost and feasibility of establishing a government armor plate factory and report to congress in December.

WOULD-BE KLONDIKERS.

The Decision of the Insurance Companies Will Save Many Lives.

The determination of the leading life insurance companies to carry no risks on Klondike explorers has fallen with dampening effect on the co-operative companies which were forming in Indianapolis, Ind., and upon a number of men who are preparing to start for Alaska during the coming winter.

One of the companies intended sending ten representatives, each insured for $10,000, giving each man $1,000, besides money for contingent expenses, all of the men to co-operate in the search for gold, dividing equally with the company, and in case of death the insurance money to be paid to the company. On each death the company stood to win $8,500, on the basis that not more than $1,500 would be spent on each representative.

Another company simply designed carrying sufficient insurance to reimburse for actual outlay. It is not thought that any of these comanies will proceed further with the organization.

COTTON MIGHTY SCARCE.

St. Louis Cotton Firm Said to Have a Corner on the Fleecy Staple.

Cotton is said to be cornered in St. Louis, and is likely to remain so until September 1, when the official cotton year opens and the new crop begins to move. Statements of local warehouses show that the total number of bales in storage aggregates 9,682 bales. Last year at this time there were 25,235 bales.

Of the 9,682 bales now on hand 9,000 are held by one firm, the Allen West Commission Company. James F. Allen, of the latter company, when asked if there was a corner, replied:

"This is the end of the cotton season of 1896-97," said he, "and cotton is mighty scarce at all the leading points between New Orleans and St. Louis. We have over 9,000 bales in the warehouse and we are holding on to it, as nearly half of that cotton is two years old. It is well seasoned, and then the crop of two years ago was finer than last years growth."

He would not admit the existence of a corner.

DECLINE IN SILVER.

Will Have No Serious Effect on the Mines.

The effect of the decline in silver and the probable further fall to as low as 50 cents, which seems to be conceded by those in the best position to judge, is current topic of conversation among mining men at Denver, Col., and while some are greatly discouraged at the outlook for mining in Colorado, the general opinion seems to be that the decline of silver will have no very serious effect upon the mines, because there is comparatively little silver mined in the state except in connection with copper, gold and lead.

COTTON RATES.

The Georgia State Railway Commission Declines to Order a Reduction.

The Georgia State Railroad Commission has rendered its decision on the petition of W. H. Brewer, of Griffin, D. G. Purse, of Savannah, and others for a reduction of 25 per cent in all cotton rates. The commission refuses to petition and declines to reduce rates. Commissioner Allen Fort filed a dissenting opinion.

Attacked by Mad Son.

At English, Ind., George, the 15-year-old son of Jesse Morgan, was adjudged insane last week, but his mother refused to permit the boy to be taken from home. This morning, while she was trying to soothe the boy, he attacked her and chewed nearly all the flesh off one of her arms. The doctors fear blood poison and death.

TRADE REVIEW.

More Encouraging Features Than For Previous Five Years.

TRADE MOVEMENT GOOD.

Farm Products Are Realizing Good Prices And the Possible Decrease in Yield of Corn May Help to Market the Enormous Surplus Brought Over From Last Year.

R. G. Dun & Co.'s weekly review of trade says: Four years ago, Aug. 5, 1893, the first edition of Dun's review was issued with failures in that month amounting to over $60,000,000, while in the month just closed failures have been only $7,177,172, the smallest of any month since 1892. The statement of failures by classes for July and for forty-six months shows that those in manufacturing failures have been smaller than in any other month of the entire period; in trading smaller than in any other month except one, and in many branches of each department smaller than most months of which record exists. The pessimists who pronounced reports of gain fictitious and misrepresenting have grown weary of their dismals, and begin to see the dawn of better days. Last month was the first for four years in which the volume of business reported by clearing houses was larger than in the same month of 1892 and the telegraphic dispatches from all parts of the country given this week show a gratifying improvement. This is partly due to a large yield of wheat and good prices, though the crop is probably not as large, nor are prices thus far as high as in 1892, but of cotton the price is higher and the yield probably larger than in that year. Other farm products are realizing good prices and the possible decrease in yield of corn may help to market the enormous surplus brought over from last year.

Liquidation of a powerful combination in wheat brought a reaction of 3 cents on Thursday, but a gain of 1½ cents occurred the day following. It is the wrong year to expect much from industries and yet there has been material increase in the number of hands employed in the manufacture of iron because of the satisfactory adjustment of wage disputes with the Amalgamated association and the opening of numerous establishments which have been waiting, while the coal miners' strikes seem more likely to end in a permanent settlement beneficial to both parties. Meanwhile the demand for most of the finished products is steadily increasing, the feature being large contracts for the Russian oil field, Sumatra and Germany.

While consumption does not yet equal the capacity of the works in operation, and prices of iron and steel products average slightly lower, the situation is altogether more hopeful.

In the minor metals, the consumption of this equals the outcome and the visible is practically the same as a month ago, while the exports of copper have been heavy and prevent a decline of lake below 11c., and realizing in lead has caused only a slight decline to 3.80c.

The sales of wool, as comparative returns by months show, bear little relation to the actual consumption in manufacture, but heavy liquidation since the new tariff was enacted gives the impression that some dealers are no longer confident of a speedy advance. Nevertheless prices have risen during the past few weeks nearly 1 cent per pound. Manufacturers are buying but little, though they are rapidly increasing the output, and are able to obtain an advance of about 10 yer cent in prices of the goods, with rapidly increasing orders. The temporary curtailment of the output of cotton mills continues, but does not yet bring improved prices for products, although the demand is generally gaining.

Stenographers Will Organize.

At a meeting of the stenographers from various states held at the Nashville exposition last week, it was decided to form a national organization at an early day. A committee will be appointed to make the necessary arrangements.

Death Rate at Bombay.

At Bombay considerable alarm has been caused by the official statistics of the public health published. They show that there were 1,071 deaths during the past week, of which number 220 were deaths from cholera and 18 from the plague. This total death rate is equal to 65.61 per thousand, or double the normal rate.

Georgia Fruit Growers.

At Savannah, Ga., the State Horticultural Society re-elected its old officers, and will meet at Americus next year. The appointment of the State Entemologist to protect the peach and other fruits was recommended by the convention.

Turkish Women.

Turkish women, fourteen in number, at Constantinople, all of the Imperial harem, have been arrested on charges of complication with the young Turkish party.

Major Scott Dead.

Major R. Taylor Scott, Attorney-General of Virginia, died at Warrenton, Va., on the 6th instant. He had been ill with typhoid fever some weeks.

Rucker's First Appointments.

Georgia's colored collector of internal revenue, H. A. Rucker, made his first appointments last Friday, naming five deputy collectors, one of whom is a negro, W. H. Matthews, of Glenn county, and a colored messenger. The other deputies named are white.

Report Denied.

The Florida State Health Officer denies that any cases of yellow fever have existed at Punta Gorda.

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A VIEW OF THE FIELD.

THE PEOPLE ARE GETTING TOGETHER IN EVERY STATE.

Activity and Room for More Activity Within Party Lines and Without—McKinley's Prosperity of the Invisible Sort—Democrats and Populists.

In a recent issue of the Omaha World-Herald a correspondent remarks upon the Populist revival in central Nebraska, and especially in Buffalo county, where the agitation, he says, is similar to the conditions that prevailed in the summer of 1890.

Previously Buffalo county was as solidly Republican as one can imagine. During that memorable campaign the Republicans of the county adopted the idea that the alliance had no any figure in the campaign. In Kearney the Republican leaders laughed cheerfully at their bright prospects. It is asserted that the alliance movement consisted of one part voters and ninety-nine parts wind. One day it was announced that in the latter part of August the alliance forces would hold a grand rally on the banks of the lake in the northwest part of the city and that the rally would be preceded by a parade. The Republican leaders smiled and said that the parade would consist of a few battered wagons and a dozen or two calamity shrieks and disgruntled office seekers. The day before the rally reports came to the city that there were a number of people camping out in the country north. Wild guesses were made as to the cause of this, but none of them were right. The next day showed that these camps had been pitched by farmers, who had come 30, 50 and even 100 miles to participate in that alliance parade. The streets of Kearney were filled with Republicans on the day of the rally. About 10 o'clock in the morning the head of the parade came down Central avenue. The parade went south to the court house, doubled back, and wound its way to the lake. But over the hill to the north still came wagons and carts and carriages and buggies. Reapers and mowers and cultivators were in that parade. The farmers kept coming until it seemed as if every farm in Northwestern Nebraska was represented. As it kept winding its way length through the city the faces of the Republican leaders grew longer and longer.

The New York World forgets itself long enough to print the following editorial paragraph:

"Nearly all of the gold discoveries in the Klondyke region have been made on Canadian territory, but there is every reason to believe that discoveries equally rich will be made on the American side of the line. In either case the land is public land and the gold found on it belongs naturally to the state—which is the owner of the land. But both in Canada and in the United States this valuable asset of the treasury, this common property of the whole people, is allowed to be appropriated by the first adventurer who happens to be able to stake a claim. We do not even get a decent royalty out of it. As a result of our old mining laws Klondyke will produce a few hundred millionaires enriched at the public expense, while the representatives of the remaining forty odd millions of people in this country are struggling and scheming to devise new methods of taxation to meet the necessary expenses of the government."

As an evidence that the cause of free silver is not dying out by the passage of the Dingley bill tas was hoped and expected by the monopolistic (blog press) attention is called to the Grand Rapids Workman to the bi-metallic picnics being held all through Michigan, to be attended by the brainiest and best silver men of the country. A series of these picnics has already been arranged for in Ingham, Eaton, Jackson, Calhoun, Kalamazoo, Van Buren and other counties are coming off. Our own county of Kent will give at least six so distributed as to give an opportunity to every citizen within its borders to hear the doctrine of bimetallism expounded by apostles of silver having a national reputation as leaders and great orators as well. One of these picnics at Sparta last week was addressed by ex-Gov. St. John of Kansas, and one on the South End fair grounds the week was addressed by the Hon. Chas. A. Towne. An interview with T. F. Kinney and L. K. Salisbury, president and secretary of the Kent county Bimetallic Picnic association, shows that these men come at the request of and at the expense of the directors of local organizations. The method of advertising in this county is by small hand bills to be placed in every house. Each contains a paragraph explaining that this course is made necessary from the fact that the bulletin boards, posts and fences are all occupied with posters, advertising mortgage, assignee and closing out sales.

As usual, the bright newspaper writers who have been trying to provoke a laugh at Jerry Simpson because he got a tooth filled with gold instead of white metal, find that the laugh is on themselves. Mr. Simpson's colleague, Mr. Lewis of Washington, has taken the wind of these funmakers' sails. "It is true," he says, "that Mr. Simpson has had but one of his incisors tipped with gold, but far from being inconsistent, he has been a very model of consistency. I am reliably informed that this is the only gold filled tooth he has, while he has sixteen other teeth each one of which has been filled with silver."

One paper away down east, the Johnston, Rhode Island, Beacon, refuses to join the trained chorus set up by the plutocratic press, that prosperity has already arrived, and says:

"The wave of McKinley prosperity arrived with such force that it caused a reaction. The business world was not prepared for it, the shock was too great, and therefore factories and mills are shutting down just to make sure we are not dreaming."

The beneficence of the absolute reign of gold is illustrated by the latest report of the Pennsylvania bureau of labor statistics, which shows that not only average wages of laborers actually employed have fallen 13 per cent since 1892, but the average number of men who are getting any wages at all has fallen 24 per cent.

McKinley's Prosperity.

The babies cry in the darkness
And the wantons ride in the light,
And the workless workman walks all day,
And goes to his home at night,
To find the landlord at the door
With the rent bill in his hand;
And to hear the wife and children pray,
"God, give us where to stand."

Oh, the spindles rust in the factory
And the foodstuffs rot on the farm,
And the hungry laborer cannot lift
His starveling babe on his arm.
His wife goes out to the washtub
And his daughter goes to the bad,
And he goes down to the cheap saloon—
There's drink, at least, to be had.

The merchant goes to the assignee
And the banker goes to the Lake;
And all of the gold and the land it buys
Goes under the croupier's rake.
For the gold-bugs go to the Temple,
And the workman goes to the Cross,
And the profit goes to the financiers,
And the game—to the People's loss.

Oh, the cottage goes at the "sheriff's sale,"
And the farm to the money king,
And the virgin prairie the good God gave,
It goes to the land-grab ring.
And the boy goes out to Cuba,
That once would have gone "out West,"
For a few of us own the whole wide world,
And there's no room left for the rest.
—Virginia M. Butterfield, in San Francisco Star.

"Unconstitutional."

When the law exempting from taxation $500 of improvements and $500 of personal property was pending in legislature of the state of Washington last winter, all the leading lawyers said it was certainly constitutional. About two-thirds of the land values of Washington are owned by speculators, mostly non-residents, whose taxes would be increased by such exemption—the pressure of great wealth—was brought to bear on the supreme court of the state, and it decided the exemption unconstitutional. It also decided the old law, in force for years, by which $300 to each head of a family was exempt, to be unconstitutional. The court held that even the clothing on the back was not exempt, and that assessors had the right to examine and see if the undershirts, drawers, etc., worn by men and women were of cotton, wool or silk, and assess them accordingly—at least this is the interpretation made by the attorney-general to the assessors.

This decision has at least the merit of consistency, though there's nothing in the text in the constitution of Washington to justify it. The people of the state were practically unanimous for the new law and are very hot in the collar over the decision. Fortunately the same legislature submitted a constitutional amendment to be voted on in 1898 for local option in taxation, and it is sure to carry.—Mound City (Kan.) Standard.

Then and Now.

When commissioners were sent from England to enforce the stamp act in the colonies, those commissioners were glad to escape being ridden on rails in a coat of tar and feathers. When a cargo of tea was taken into Boston harbor in pursuance of the navigation act our fathers made a tea-pot of the harbor. When a squad of British soldiers fired on the citizens of Boston, these same patroits armed themselves, and soon showed those soldiers how much virtue there was in American lead. But now we can be impoverished and enslaved by bonds; our transportation and commerce can be taken away from us, and our citizens shot down in the streets by order of the government soldiers, and these things are endured by a majority of the citizens. The answer to this statement of alarming and disgraceful facts is: "What can we do? We've got to submit." Glorious citizens we!—E. J. Shellhous, in Tulare Citizen.

The Patriotism of To-day.

President McKinley has sent a message to congress urging an appropriation of $50,000 for the starving Americans in Cuba. That is patriotism. A proposition to appropriate money for the starving Americanns in America would be called demagogy. "Patriotism" has evidently come to mean "love of some other country."—Coast Seaman's Journal.

Preventable misfortunes consist, chiefly, of manifold things, little to do, but immense things to have done.

A SIMPLE QUESTION.

A CHILD COULD UNDERSTAND FINANCE.

When the Money Standard Appreciates While the Value of Products Depreciates the Masses Suffer for the Benefit of the Few.

The relation of the volume of money to the welfare of the people is so plainly shown in history that "he who runs may read," says Thomas C. Hodgson, in Farm, Stock and Home. Our greatest money volume, in proportion to business done, was at the close of the war. At that time prices ran up, values of real estate—especially farms—increased phenomenally. The 7-30's were retired; between one and two hundred million of greenbacks were destroyed. Then followed the panic of 1873 and a depression of several years, during which the greenback party arose and stayed the hand of slaughter—even forcing the government to issue greenbacks in place of a part of those destroyed. Then followed the Bland bill and resumption of specie payment, which threw a large majority of gold and silver into circulation, followed by an era of prosperity. The business of the country expanded so rapidly as to create a scarcity of money, which resulted in another depression and the expansion of the currency through the Sherman law. Then followed a brief revival of prices which caused business to vastly out-run the trifling increase of currency, and the result was the panic of 1893. There was another cause for this panic, and perhaps a greater one. During the decade of the '80s the great shortage of money was supplemented by a resort to credit. The real estate debts of our state increased 300 per cent in those ten years. By the early '90s our credit was exhausted, "confidence" was crippled. The great producing classes found themselves with a big business on their hands with small capital and no credit, hence the panic. Congress assembled in extra session, and after a gigantic battle nullified the Sherman act. These "statesmen" believed, like some physicians, that "like cures like." We were suffering from want of blood. The cure proposed was more bleeding. Stagnation does not describe the result; stagnation (if I may coin the word) expresses it better. It would be a boon if the experience of these four years could be blotted from our history.

Congress called an extra session to deal with the tottering patient. What is the proposed cure? Tariff! More taxes. More staggernation blood! Phlebotomy is their only science. Fleams and the leech their only instruments What else could be expected? They are the children of their alma mater, business!

I do not agree with some. The farmer is not the greatest sufferer now. He was eaten up years ago; they are not making fortunes out of him now. They are devouring one another. Your city papers are full of advertisements in display type—Half Price. The stronger eating up the weaker. Oh, the cannibalism of business! And the biggest cannibal is actually believed by the American people to be the right man to manage the public business, to preside over the destinies of the people to be eaten! Does it take a spoonful of brains to see where all this must end? It is not lack of intelligence that permits this sort of thing to prevail. It is lack of moral sense—spirit. What we need is more manhood. More of that spirit which insists on human rights regardless of consequences. When one reflects how simple the essential principles of all the sciences are especially the science of government it is impossible to excuse the people on the ground of ignorance. Take the tariff. Shrewd minds can spin out theories so fine, so involved, so intricate as to baffle the intellect of an angel. But the whole system is swept away like a cobweb by the simple statement of Henry Watterson: "If taxing the whole people for the benefit of a part of the people be not wrong nothing is wrong." Take the money question and just paraphrase Mr. Watterson and you have it all before you: "If a constantly appreciating money standard be not wrong, nothing is wrong."

The principles of the gospel were announced by its founder to be so simple that even "babes and sucklings" apprehended it readily. Blinded by arrogance and selfishness the "wise and prudent" entirely overshot the mark. The longer such men study a question the further they go astray. "If the blind lead the blind both shall fall into the ditch." Stay by the first principles. Use your own intelligence and your own conscience. If you are short of money, and everybody around you is short of money, and everything is cheap except money, you can reach the conclusion that money is scarce, without any great mental effort, and then use your influence and vote to make it more plentiful, just as you would if any other necessary article was scarce. You certainly would encourage the production of it. Uncle Sam produces all the money. Why don't you encourage him to produce more of it? Is it because you lack intelligence, or because you lack manhood? Decide for yourself.

Cold Facts.

Do we not owe it as a duty to our children to leave to them as good a government as our fathers left us? If, as we are about to pass off life's stage, we find conditions much worse than when we came upon it, who can our children blame but us? We may be able to hog it through some way, but how about those who follow us—our children, for instance?

In every race the loser finds but a few friends.

PEFFER ON TAXATION.

A Town Lot Should Pay as Much as a Farm.

Two men, Messrs. Herman and Mobius, are canvassing Kansas in the cause of the "single tax." The Advocate welcomes an invasion of this kind under direction of persons authorized and delegated to represent the views and present the arguments of those that have given time and study enough to the subject in hand to systematize its details and make of them a symmetrical whole.

Taxation, both local and national, is increasing steadily from decade to decade. This fact will, sooner or later, force itself on the attention of the people. It is well known also that our present system, if anything so incongruous may be called a system, is not only unjust in its best operation, but that this injustice is growing fast and to the disadvantage of farmers and of men generally who toil with their hands. The personal property tax lists in the several states show remarkable shrinkage in late years. Bonds, stocks and other evidences of debts escape taxation in large degree; and so it is with all kinds of movable property that is easy to conceal. Paintings, statuary, curtains, ornaments and other articles used only for the purpose of display and ornamentation—these rarely get into the tax rolls at all.

But as to land, that is always in sight. It cannot be moved or hidden from view. Nor is it combustible, and it is the source of all sustenance. Besides, it was here when we came, it is ours of right. It belongs to the people. Not only does everybody use land, but nobody can get on without using some. And it is the only thing of which all these things can be said, for the earth includes water and air.

Then why not adopt a system of taxation based on land alone—a single tax? That would simplify things greatly. And in adjusting details, we should soon find that justice would require that we levy our tax not on the land itself nor on its estimated value, but on the value of the land's rental—that is to say, on what a renter would pay for the use of the land. That would be fair to all users of land. If the rental value of a town lot is equal to that of a farm, it ought to pay as much tax. This, as the Advocate understands it, is the idea of the single taxer, and we think that as the people study the question it will grow on them.—Ex-Senator Peffer in Topeka Advocate.

SPECIAL PRIVILEGE.

It Perpetually Rivets New Chains Upon Society.

The bane of the country is special privilege. Every one denounces, yet it clings to us, and perpetually rivets new chains upon society. Bring the subject home a moment, says the San Francisco Social Economist. John Smith gets from the city a franchise giving him sole right to furnish the citizens of San Francisco with groceries. No other person shall have the right to furnish or deliver groceries to your family. Of course, there would be immediate outcry against such a measure if it were to be newly inaugurated. But why? Would not such a privilege for John Smith be exactly the same in principle as that given to the Spring Valley Water Company? Suppose John Jones were to get a franchise allowing him the sole right to transport coal on our streets, and the sole right to sell coal in the city, and that at such a price as he may deem best. There would be rebellion against such special privilege. But why? The monopoly of coal gives just such a privilege. Our astute business men argue for the principle of competition in business. But while they argue for others, for themselves they gain, if possible, a franchise, or special privilege, or monopoly that destroys competition. Special privilege is legalized aristocracy in business.

An Incumbrance.

WDth the combined votes of the Reed Republicans and the Bailey Democrats, legislation in that branch of congress has been effectually throttled, and the country at the expense of something near $1,000,000 a week enjoys the luxury of a house of representatives that does not represent. * * * At one time it was supposed that the house of representatives was nearer to the people than any other branch of the government, but that myth has been thoroughly exploded, for a more tyrannical, overbearing, and thoroughly worthless incumbrance never was fastened upon any government, than is the present house of representatives governed by Reed and Bailey.—Pittsburg Kansan.

Patience and Courage Needed.

My friends, unless our children have more patience and courage than saved this country from slavery, republican institutions will go down before moneyed corporations. Rich men die, but banks and corporations are immortal. They are never afflicted with disease. In the long run they are bound to win with legislation.—Wendell Phillips.

Ancient Wisdom.

One thing ought to be aimed at by all men—that the interest of each, individually and collectively, should be the same; for, if each should grasp at his individual interest, all human society would be dissolved.—Cicero.

A Tangled Web.

The law is a web where the weak are caught and the strong break through.—Bacon.

CAPITOL ITEMS.

Ethan Allen Hitchcock Appointed Minister to Russia.

LAND GRANTS FORFEITED.

The United States Consul to Columbia Reports to the State Department That the Case of Charles Radford, Accused of Murder, Ended in a Verdict of Guilty.

Restored to the Public Domain.

Acting Secretary Ryan, of the interior department, has re-affirmed a former action of the department in the matter of forfeited lands of the Mobile and Girard land grants in Alabama, involving about 200,000 acres. The lands of the incompleted road were forfeited under the general forfeiture railroad lands, but the law contained a provision protecting bona fide purchasers of lands which had been patented to the company. Through several alleged sales and purchases the Perdido Land company claimed to have purchased the right in the forfeited lands. The decision denies that right and holds the forfeited lands as restored to the public domain.

Radford's Death Sentence.

The United States consul at Medillin, Colombia, reports to the state department that the long pending trial of Charles Radford, a native of Alabama, accused of murder, terminated on July 30 last, in a verdict of murder. The judge pronounced the sentence of death on the 6th instant, and an appeal was at once taken to the highest local tribunal, which was granted. The sentence is regarded as iniquitous and hopes are entertained that it will be reversed. If not, further appeal can be made to the supreme court at Bogota. After the sentence Radford was placed in heavy irons and otherwise treated in a most cruel manner. The United States consul protested to the governor against such needless cruelty, but he said he was powerless to interfere with the alcade's order. The consul then telegraphed to the American minister in Bogota, hoping to obtain better treatment for the condemned man through the Colombian government. The judge who tried the case said that he did not expect the verdict, which was received with surprise and indignation by the people present at the trial. The jury was composed of three very young men, all deficient in intelligence. Jurors cannot be challenged in Colombia. Five names are drawn by lot. One is struck out by the prosecuting attorney and one by the counsel for the defense, and the three remaining constitute the jury.

Minister to Russia.

J. A. Porter, secretary to President McKinley, has sent the following dispatch from Hotel Champlain to the Associated Press:

Ethan Allen Hitchcock, of St. Louis, has been offered and accepted the ministry to Russia and will be appointed immediately.

Ethan Allen Hitchcock is a great grandson of Col. Ethan Allen, who captured Fort Ticonderagua "in the name of the Great Jehovah and the Continental congress." Mr. Hitchcock's father, Henry Hitchcock, was born in Burlington, Vt., from which place he went to Alabama to practice law, in which he was eminently successful, being at the time of his death in 1839 the chief justice of the supreme court of that state. Mr. Ethan Allen Hitchcock was born in Mobile in 1835, where he remained until 1840, when he removed to Tennessee. After taking an academic course in New Haven, Conn., he came to St. Louis in 1851, and engaged in business up to 1860, when, at the urgent request of relatives in China, he left for that country to accept employment in the old established firm of Oliphant & Co. Mr. Hitchcock remained in China for twelve years. Returning to St. Louis in 1874, Mr. Hitchcock has since been actively engaged in business as president of several large manufacturing and railway corporations, which position he has resigned in order to accept the appointment abroad.

Third Assistant-Postmaster-General Merritt has called attention to a growing practice of certain business concerns which in extending their trade send registered parcels containing their goods to the smaller postoffices addressed to fictitious or otherwise unknown persons. The concern then makes some plausible excuse to the postmaster and asks him to examine and dispose of at a reduced price rather than return the parcels. The opening of a package other than by an addressee or on his written order is forbidden by the postal regulations, as has been frequently pointed out by the department, and postmasters are again warned to return them to the sending postoffice.

American Tobacco.

The state department is informed that the sections of finance, war and navy, representing the council of state of the French West Indies, have passed a law, which went into effect May 11 last, admitting manufactured tobacco from Algiers free of duty into Martinique, Guadaloupe, Cayenne and Reunion. This has had and will continue to have a tendency to curtail to a considerable extent the importation of tobacco manufactured in the United States.

British Carry Our Merchandise.

According to the records of the treasury department British vessels are carrying over 55 per cent. of the merchandise of the United States, both of imports and of exports. Examinations of figures for the first six months this year show the total imports in vessels has been of the value of $432,680,987, and of domestic exports in vessels $452,800,405. The percentage of imports carried in American vessels was 15.3, and in foreign vessels 84 65 of imports in vessels. The British have carried 55.9 per cent., the Germans 11.40, French 5.46; Dutch 3.3 and all other foreign 8.51. Of domestic exports only 8.19 are carried in American bottoms, 91.91 per cent. being carried in vessels of other nations. British vessels carry 68.23 per cent. of the value of exports by vessels; German, 8 92; French, 2.19; Norwegian, 2.03, and all other foreign, 9.54. The value of imports carried in American vessels for the six months ending June 30, was $66,428,149, and of carried in foreign vessels, $366,261,832, the value of exports for the same period carried in American vessels was $37,113,168, and of that carried in foreign vessels $415,687,327. The value of sugar, which has been largely brought from the West Indies in American vessels, carried the percentage of imports in American vessels higher than that of value over domestic exports. During the first half of the present year, the value of imports carried in cars and other land vehicles was $20,068,149 and of exports $27,297,619.

Anarchists Are Not Wanted.

Commissioner Powderly, of the immigration bureau, has sent the following letter of instructions to immigration officers at New York, Boston, Philadelphia, Baltimore and Quebec, Canada, relating to the anticipated arrival in this country of Spanish anarchists: "Information has reached this bureau to the effect that one Planas, a leader of the Spanish anarchists, hat been expelled from France, being conducted to Havre, from which port it is expected he will sail for the United States. I am also advised that Marmal, another Spanish anarchist, is believed to have gone to England en route for this country. A careful inspection should be made of arriving passengers and should any of that class be detected a careful examination can be had as to their right of admission into the United States under the existing laws." It is stated at the bureau of immigration that there is no law under which persons can be excluded on the ground that they are anarchists, nor is anarchy anywhere declared to be a crime, so that if Planas and Marmal are refused admittance to this country the refusal must be based upon the fact that they can come within the general immigration law as to paupers, criminals, etc., provided, however, that nothing in this act shall be construed to apply to persons convicted of or charged with political offenses, notwithstanding that such offense may be adjudged a felony, or anything else, involving moral turpitude under the laws of the country from which he came or the court convicting

Imports and Exports.

The monthly comparative statement of the imports and exports of the United States for July, issued by the bureau of statistics, shows that the exports of domestic merchandise during the month amounted to $70,203,075, a gain as compared with July, 1896, of nearly $5,000,000. For the seven months the increase as compared with the same period last year was over $49,700,000. The imports of merchandise during July aggregated $53,688,439, a gain of about $1,500,000. Over 50 per cent was free of duty. During the seven months the increase on dutiable merchandise was $19,100,375 and $65,629,918 was duty free. The gold exports for July amounted to $5,460,119 and the imports $592,147. For the seven months there was a decrease in gold exportations of $24,831,869 and a decrease of $22,263,536 in the gold importations. The silver exports for July amounted to $4,704,974 and the imports to $1,012,391. For the seven months there was a decrease of $3,706,015 in the exports and a decrease of $1,350,636 in the imports.

Santiago Barrota has asked the State Department to look into the arrest of Ramon Hidalgo, an American citizen, in Cuba.

FELON WANTS A DIVORCE.

Wife Charged With Snoring and Excessive Use of Buttermilk.

A novel application for divorce was filed at Denison, Tex., last week. E. E. Baker states that his wife is addicted to inordinate drinking of buttermilk; that it makes him sick, and has preyed upon his mind to such an extent that he is on the verge of insanity, and it is further alleged that she snores so loud that it is impossible to live in the same house with her. It is alleged that Mrs Baker consumes a gallon of buttermilk at the three meals and on retiring at night.

Large Wheat Crop.

The wheat crop of Bradley county, Tenn., is estimated to be from 200,000 to 300,000 bushels. It is not being sold rapidly, the farmers being slow to accept the prevailing prices.

Torpedo Boat Porter Accepted.

The navy department has formally accepted the torpedo boat Porter, which is now at Newport, and directed the payment of the reserve in the sum of $8,000 out of the total cost of $144,000.

ENCOURAGING.

Heavy Demand for Merchandise and Other Products.

INTERIOR MERCHANTS BUY.

They Have Thronged the Big Cities the Past Week, the Like of Which Has Not Been Seen for Several Years—Crop Conditions Improved.

Bradstreet's weekly report of trade for the past week says:

Evidences of widespread revival in demand for merchandise and other products have become so numerous as to compel general recognition. The press has therefore ceased discussing whether trade has really improved or not and has begun measuring the volume of business as compared with previous seasons. A buoyancy of feeling has appeared among buyers and sellers at New York, Baltimore, Chicago, St. Louis and Kansas City, where interior merchants have thronged this week, the like of which has not been seen for several years. Interior merchants are buying dry goods, clothing, shoes and fancy articles more freely than at any time since 1892. Crop conditions have improved at the south and southwest, and merchants there are encouraged. Southern lumber mills are not able to keep up with orders, and innumerable small consumers of iron and steel throughout the central western States are buying raw material as they have not for years. A nominal advance of 75 cents a ton for steel billets is more than a feature, as it means the confidence of makers in an early revival of the demand for iron and steel, which has long been delayed. Wheat scored an advance of 7 cents on continued heavy exports, and the tendency is to decrease estimates of the size of the domestic crop.

Wood is heavy, with a speculative demand, and cotton and yarns have advanced again.

Prices for southern lumber are up, as are wheat, wheat flour, Indian corn, and last, but not least, print cloths, the market for which has been so long depressed, prices for sugar, coffee, lard and petroleum remain unchanged, while pork is almost the only important product quoted lower than last week.

Exports of the wheat (flour included as wheat) from both coasts of the United States and from Montreal this week aggregate 4,462,519 bushels, an increase over last week of more than 1,100,000 bushels, and compared with shipments in the week a year ago of 2,635,000 bushels 1,824,000 bushels in 1895; of 2,979,000 bushels in 1894 and of 6,129,000 bushels in 1893.

The world wide character of the demand for our wheat and flour is illustrated by the export from both coasts of this country to such far-off and infrequent customers as Rio de Janeiro in Brazil and Surabay in the Island of Java not to mention heavily increased shipments to Europe, China and the east.

Total exports of Indian corn this week aggregate 3,275,652 bushels against 3,223,000 bushels last week, 2,367,000 bushels in the week a year ago, 944,000 bushels in 1895, 166,000 bushels in 1894 and 1,734,000 bushels in 1894 and 1,734,000 bushels in 1893.

There are 214 business failures reported throughout the United States this week compared with 214 last week, 258 in the second week of August, 1896, 195 in the like period in 1895,, 234 in 1894, and 209 in the like week of 1893.

There are 231 failures reported from the Dominion of Canada this week against 51 last week, 35 in the week a year ago, and 59 two years ago.

LACK THE FUNDS.

Nashville Gold Seekers Will Wait at Least Until Spring.

Nashville Klondyke Gold Mining & Transportation company has about concluded to give up the ghost. It was the intention to send twenty men at once to Alaska, but later stories from there and lack of funds caused the company to wait at least until next spring.

WOMEN DRAWN AS JURORS.

Three Prominent Fort Scott, Kan., Women Must Serve.

Mrs. E. Ross, Mrs. A. M. Douglass, and Mrs. A. Kaufmans, wives of prominent men of Fort Scott, Kan., were drawn on the list of jurors of the September term of the district court.

It happened that their names were on the tax rolls, and Mayor Hessor included them in the list of eligible jurors filed with the county clerk. The law requires that a juror must be a qualified elector, and as they are electors in municipal government it is said they can be required to serve.

Tobacco Can be Removed.

La Lucha the government organ published in Cuba, is authority for the statement that the Spanish government at Madrid has issued an order that all claims for tobacco by American manufacturers have been allowed and the tobacco can be removed.

Special Commissioner Sails.

Maj. Moses P. Hardy, special commissioner from the United States to the Paris exposition, will sail for Paris on the 26th.

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Papers friendly to the Alliance please copy.

Clanton Primary Alliance, No. 1.

All members of Clanton Primary Alliance are earnestly requested to meet at THE BANNER office on Saturday, Aug. 21, 1897, at 2 p.m. Business of great interest and importance to be attended to.

FRANK CRICHTON, Sec.

DON'T forget the Chilton Alliance meets at Cedar Grove next Wednesday, 25th inst. Major Harris and other good speakers will be on hand.

THE proposition to change the name of the People's Party does not meet with any encouragement in this section. The People's Party is good enough in name and principle; under that name it has already accomplished much good and under that name it will proceed on its mission. No change of any sort is needed.

THE amount of enthusiasm displayed by our farmers throughout the State at the revival of the Alliance is extremely gratifying and augurs well for its again becoming a power for good. Chilton county is being commended for the gallant step she has taken, and the meeting of the State Alliance at Jemison on September 22 and 23 will undoubtedly be the best attended and most interesting of recent years.

TAX COLLECTOR T. J. Hubbard has made a final settlement with the State Treasurer. As most of the citizens of Chilton county know Mr. Hubbard and his family were sick with measles at the time he should have applied to the Probate Judge for a decree of sale against delinquent taxpayers, and this necessitated keeping his account with the State open until after the tax sale. Although practically a settlement was made in June with the exception of the delinquents.

THE Selma Times announces that Rev. A. J. Dickerson, of Selma, an intense free silver man, will be a candidate for the Democratic nomination for governor in opposition to Governor Johnston. It would appear from this that the silver Democrats are anything but satisfied with Mr. Johnston, and he will have a hard road to travel to secure a second term. Other indications are Mr. Johnston is already at work paving the way in various devious routes, but "the best laid plans of mice and men gang oft aglev" and it is quite possible they may do so in this case.

SOME of our good friends do not appear to know the meaning of "Expert Accountant." An expert accountant is a person specially trained and thoroughly conversant with the various systems of bookkeeping. A good bookkeeper in any business is not necessarily an expert accountant. A man may be an excellent bookkeeper in any business to which he is accustomed and a poor one in another business where the books are kept on a different system. A man may be a first-class salesman or drummer, and anything but an expert accountant. Few things are easier than for a man to muddle himself with accounts kept by another person—unless he is REALLY an "expert" accountant.

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A One-Sided Arrangement.

Governor Johnston and the silver plated Democrats are very fond of the Populist voters when it comes to election times, but at other times they have no rights which the silver veneered Democrats will respect. It may be that the Populists and the Johnston Democrats in Alabama will fuse in the next State election, but not unless, the Populist after being smitten on one cheek are so delighted that they will turn the other for like treatment. There is not much human nature in this. Hence we do not think that the Populists and the Democrats will act together in the next election. They have seen that the policy of "letting down the bars" in the primaries is only a one sided arrangement working all for the Democrats and none for the Populists. There ought to be something like mutuality in benefits as well as in votes. Democracy wants to receive all and give none in return. The next State campaign will be a hot one; Democracy will be forced to the defensive all along the line as it has never been before in this State. It will have to do some tall explaining.—Birmingham Times.

The Harvest and Its Reward.

There are some welcome signs that business conditions throughout the country are on the mend. It cannot be said that there is any prospect of a great return tide of prosperity, but the coming year promises to be better than its immediate predecessors. The American farmer is getting higher prices, and existing crop conditions are especially favorable to our own producers. This year's wheat crop will have been larger than the average in the United States, while much smaller than the average of several preceeding years in the countries that compete with us in supplying the European market. Thus it is certain that our good crop will bring relatively good prices; and this means better days for the Western farmers, whose reasonable prosperity is fundamental to the business welfare of the country at large. India, with her great famine still raging, will have no wheat to send to Europe this year. It is said that the Australian crop will barely suffice for home consumption. The Argentine exports have almost reached the vanishing point, while that of Southern Russia and the Danubian States is also, this year, a small factor. The prospect, therefore, is for a very large European demand upon the crop of the United States, which is expected to be at least 30,000,000 bushels larger than that of last year, and the average price is likely to continue at least twenty cents a bushel higher than a year or more ago. From "The Progress of the World" in American Monthly Review of Reviews for August.

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Political Pointers.

People's Press Bureau, St. Louis, Mo., Aug. 18, 1897.

Appropos of the Brown University fiasco, it may be mentioned that twenty-four out of the thirty-seven teachers have signed a protest against Dr. Andrews' resignation, which will be presented to the board of curators at their meeting in September. So much censure of the Board is embodied in the document that to sign it is regarded as a guarantee for dismissal, and superstitious people note that such wholesale changes wolud leave but thirteen in the Faculty. In the meantime Kansas newspapers are urging that President Andrews be offered a chair in the University of that State.

The Pacific railroad swindle, not having been carried out during the session of congress, is now being pushed through the various departments at Washington. Thurston, of Nebraska, and Ex-Governor Flower, of New York, are the leaders in this stupendous scheme of robbery.

The states on which public attention is most centered at present, on account of elections to be held this year, are Ohio, Iowa, Virginia and Maryland. New Yory City will elect a Mayor, and a Clerk of the Court of Appeals is to be elected in Kentucky. In every instance, the Republicans and gold Democrats have endeavored to make the issue purely local, but have failed utterly. "Bryanism," they lament is everywhere, and a man's atitude far or against silver, decides his standing.

Editor Stead, of London, ventures the prediction that Governor Pingree, of Michigan, will be the next president of the United States.

Gen. Paul VanDervoort, leader of the "middle of the road" Populists, urges that the name of the party be changed to "American," and that it be merged into the A. P. A., and "other patriotic organizations." The article setting forth this surprising plan, is published in Tom Watson's paper with favorable comment.

It is given out that President McKinley will make "a few modest speeches, from the rear platform of a private car, during the Ohio campaign." Reed and Foraker and all the big guns are to be called out to help Hanna.

Cuban liberty has been rendered more probable by the assasination of Canovas del Castillo, who, as Prime Minister and the most powerful man in Spain, has held that country to the task of conquering Cuba at any cost. The most feasible solution of the Cuban difficulty that has been proposed is its annexation to Mexico. The people, language and religion, all render such a union much better than the introduction of such elements of discord into the United States. The war has cost Spa in $200,000,000 and many men. The socialists of that country oppose the war tax, the raising of troops, and are trying to bring about a collapse of the Monarchy and the establishment of a Republic.

T. V. Powderly having received from President McKinley a "recess" nomination, has been commissioned and entered upon his duties, as Emigration Agent. Time alone can tell whether organized Labor will resent their insult.

All over the west and south, political picnics and barbacues are the order of the day. The silver orators offer their service free and the enthusiastic crowds appear more like those of a presidential, rather than an "off" year. The Dingley Bill has offered inexhaustable material for derision and invective.

Judge Jackson's recent injunction forbidding Debs and others to speak in West Virginia and gagging all mine agitators, is disproved almost universally by the press and denounced bitterly by all the friends of labor.

Those who wish it was so, are whispering it around that Jerry Simpson will not be returned to congress next year, but those who have watched his career in Washington and want a brave and brainy man where he is needed, believe that he will be easily re-elected.

Large numbers of silver mines are being closed in the west. At Park City Utah, 680 men have been thrown out of imployment for an indefinite period.

A. R.

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Jemison.

Jemison and the surrounding country are again refreshed by timely and abundant rains. Everything is promsing beautiful and lovely.

A large and attentive audience listened to a most impressive sermon last Sabbath by Rev. F. M. Woods. In the afternoon the ordinance of baptism was administered to four recent converts.

Some sicknes in and around Jemison which, however, we are glad to say, is being held in check by the genial young doctors McNeal and Adams, who are already indexing a successful future by their energy and promptness.

We are more than pleased to welcome back to his old home and friends, Mr. W. F. Smith who has recently returned from Georgia.

Mr. A. J. Atkinson and charming daughter, Miss Leila, have returned home after a most pleasant and profitable trip to the Nashville Exposition. They report a pleasant enjoyable time.

Mrs. L. J. Hand and daughter are visiting relatives at Bay Minette.

Mrs. J. M. Langston and charming sister, Miss Laura, have returned after a pleasant visit to friends at Parkwood.

Mr. J. H. Marlar was a pleasant visitor to our town Sunday.

The many friends of Mr. H. A. Bandy were glad to welcome him in their midst a few days ago.

The city fathers are beginning to make themselves known now.

The streets are being put in order under the directions of the genial Dick Gains, who is now the Knight of the Club and Star.

X. Y. Z.

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GET READY FOR SCHOOL.

Wednesday, September 8, is the day. You are not ready. Your children haven't got their books and stationery. School day will roll around and you will still be without them, and then your children must lose two or three weeks. This is inexcusable on your part. Send your children to me; get a list of your books and have the order filled at once. It is only one trouble and one expense—what is the use of putting it off?

I will meet your children at the School building, 8 a.m., Monday, Aug. 23, and give them a list of books. Again, if you intend sending to school next session, have your children there the first day. The loss of a week or two at the beginning is against your child the whole session.

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The Montgomery Weekly Crop Bulletin says: Cotton is generally very promising and while rust and shedding are reported in central and southern counties it is not of serious importance as yet, while over the northern half of the State the crop promises a very good yield; cotton is fruiting heavily, but is opening slowly and picking is only being done in spots and is not well started as yet. Fodder saving is progressing and a large crop of this forage will be saved; early corn proves about half an average crop though late corn is filling out rapidly and promises to mature a good yield. Sorghum and cane will be a fairly good yield and millet is still being saved in good condition, while a good hay crop will be made. Irish potatoes are poor in some northern counties, 2d crop irish potatoes about planted in Gulf counties and sweet potatoes will be a fairly good crop as will peanuts; a large crop of turnips sown and making good stands; fall fruit better than was anticipated and pastures are very good.

HOW TO FIND OUT.

Fill a bottle or common glass with urine and let it stand twenty-four hours; a sediment or settling indicates an unhealthy condition of the kidneys. When urine stains linen it is positive evidence of kidney trouble. Too frequent desire to urinate or pain in the back, is also convincing proof that the kidneys and bladder are out of order.

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Masonic Resolutions of Respect.

WHEREAS, The Divine Master of the universe called our brother, H. J. Callen, on the 13th day of June, 1897, from labor in the earthly lodge to refreshment in the perfect and beautiful lodge, not made with hands, in the heavens above, and recognizing the many worthy traits of his character and usefulness in his life we desire to pay an humble tribute to his memory. Be it

RESOLVED by Clanton Lodge No. 423, That our brother having acted well his part in life, and thus measured his conduct by the square and bounded it by the compass. This Lodge mourns his death and deplores the overruling necessity which called him from our midst.

Resolved 2. That we tender to the bereaved family our sincere sympathy in the loss of our brother, and that the secretary of this Lodge furnish a copy of these resolutions to them.

W. A. MIDDLETON,
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W. H. FOSHEE,

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Mr. J. P. Limburner, widely known for many years as the special representative of the Populists and Free Silver Press of the United States, has kindly forwarded the following letter for publication:

Jan 25, 1897.

DEAR SIRS—I am anxious for the sake of the suffering and out of gratitude to you to give my personal endorsement of your wonderful remedy. On the 8th of January last, I was in Washington and was suddenly seized with an aggravated case of inflammatory rheumatism; so severe and painful was the attack that within 24 hours my left arm was paralyzed and I was only able to dress with assistance. I secured a bottle of 5 DROPS and took a dose that night, rubbing some on externally as directed. The following morning I was surprised to find myself immensely relieved, and continuing treatment woke the second morning cured. My arm was absolutely free from pain, and all swelling and stiffness had disappeared. The quickness and completeness of my cure was remarkable. I have known for over a year of the great curative properties of your medicine and have several friends who have been cured by it of **Neuralgia, Catarrh** and **Asthma**, and have several friends who have been cured by it of **Neuralgia, Catarrh, Sleeplessness, Sciatica, Neuralgia, Dyspepsia, Backache, Asthma, Hay Fever, Catarrh, Sleeplessness, Nervousness, Nervous and Neuralgic Headaches, Heart Weakness, Toothache, Earache, Croup, "La Grippe," Malaria, Creeping Numbness, Bronchitis and Kindred Diseases.** Wishing you every success and trusting that those similarly afflicted will at least give this remedy a trial. Sincerely yours J. P. LIMBURNER

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DEAR SIRS:—I would like to thank you for your great remedy, "5 DROPS," and tell you what it has done for me. I had Rheumatism in every joint and in the heart, and had Catarrh of the head for 30 years. I was so poorly that I lost the use of my legs and arms and could not move without pain. I was so crippled that I had done but little work for seven years, and our family physician, a good doctor, told me that my Rheumatism and Catarrh were incurable and I believed him. But now, after using "5 DROPS" only two months, I can truly say I have not felt so well for seven years. This medicine does **more than is claimed** for it. All this time my Catarrh is much better, and I have scarcely any Rheumatism at all and the heart weakness and pain are gone. My hearing is now good and my eyesight is much better. I have gained more than 10 pounds of flesh and can do a full day's work. It is the best medicine I ever saw to give to a mother who has a young child, for it has the same effect on the child as on the mother. It wards off Croup and cures the hives of the child and causes sweet and refreshing sleep to both young and old.

WM. M. KELLEMS
Siberia, Perry Co., Ind.

Yours respectfully,

Jan. 29, 1896.

We received the following letter from Mr. J. J. Wilson of Omaha, Ill. Mr. Wilson has been for many years an invalid, and reading the above letter which was published in this paper, Kellems, asking if his endorsement was genuine, and received this reply, which he forwards us.

MR. J. J. WILSON.

DEAR SIR:—Your letter of recent date at hand, the testimonial you speak of is genuine. The company who manufactures and sells "5 Drops" published my testimonial in its many witnesses. The company did not ask me for this letter. I gave it to them and every word of it is true, and I could swear to it and prove it by January for publication in order that poor sufferers, incurable as I once was, and as you are, might be cured. Get "5 Drops" and use it and it will cure you as it has cured me. I have received many letters like yours, and it is a pleasure to me to answer all who write. To all your neighbors what I have written about "5 Drops." I know how to sympathize with those who are afflicted, for though I suffered so long, it is now 8 months since I have felt any pain. Dr. S. W. Kellems, my brother, uses "5 Drops" in his practice, and joins me in endorsing this great remedy. He says for a case like yours it is a positive cure.

MR. W. M. AND DR. S. W. KELLEMS

Sept. 21, 1896

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STRAYED OR STOLEN from the undersigned, at the head of the Marbury Lumber Co.'s R.R., Autauga county, two mares, one a gray mare about eight years old, branded on left hip and jaw; the other a large chestnut sorrel, thin in flesh, about twelve years old. Any information in regard to the animals will be received and a liberal reward will be paid for their delivery to me or placed where I can get them.

Mrs. S. A. MORGAN,
Kingston, Ala.

Aug. 6, 1887.

Misses Ethel McMath and Lennie Curry, two charming young ladies of Montevallo, are visiting relatives in our town.

Mr. Lon Taylor, of Montgomery, was visiting friends and relatives in our town Sunday.

B. H. Crenshaw was on a visit to his home Sunday.

Prosperity which we have all been looking so long for must surely be on the way. At least our merchants seem to be preparing for a busy season and T. J. Arnold means to be in the swim. He is clearing out his old stock at prices away down to make room for new goods. A call at his store means saving money.

Misses Strock and Prescott, of Verbena, have enlivened our social circle by their presence this week.

J. W. Gullahorn accepted the position formerly occupied by J. T. Morgan in Birmingham at the Clanton Lumber yard.

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County Surveyor G. L. Speer was in town Saturday locating the boundaries of several city lots.

Dr. A. J. Massey, Dentist, will be at the Davis' House, Clanton, on 23d, inst and remain until Wednesday 25th. Come promptly if you wish his services.

Matt Gore is having his home painted. W. H. Taylor is the artist.

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Monday night a large number of our young people gathered at the hospitable home of Mr. and Mrs. J. P. VanDerveer, and enjoyed a pleasant entertainment given in honor of Misses Ethel McMath and Lennie Curry, who added much to the enjoyment of the evening. All went their way believing they were a part of the old four hundred and hoping for another social feast soon.

Mr. Thorsen, of Thorsby, gave us a call yesterday.

H. I. Honeycutt, we are sorry to say, is on the sick list this week.

The Sunday-school convention held here Friday and Saturday, was well attended, and was an instructive meeting.

Miss Hattie Belle Aldridge, after a delightful visit to friends here returned to her home in Birmingham Sunday.

Misses Venecia, Mollie and Mr. Rush Vines went to Strasburg Tuesday.

Chamberlain's Colic, Cholera and Diarrhœa Remedy always affords prompt relief. For sale by J. S. Johnson, jr., Druggist.

The Clanton Epworth League now has 35 members, and will have their first literary meeting at the Parsonage on Friday evening, Aug 20.

Mr. Webb, of the Pratt Munger Gin Co. has been here several days erecting the new gin at C. J. Stewart's ginnery. Everything is now in readiness for the first bale.

J. T. McKee's saw mill is now ready for business, also the gin.

J. W. Edward's new storehouse is rapidly approaching completion.

The marriage market is dull this week, no licenses have been issued.

Stands at the Head.

Aug. F. Bogel, the leading druggist of Shreveport, La., says: "Dr. King's New Discovery is the only thing that cured my cough, and it is the best seller I have." J. F. Campbell, merchant of Safford, Ariz., writes "Dr. King's New Discovery is all that is claimed for it; it never fails, and is a sure cure for Consumption, Coughs and Colds. I can not say enough for its merits." Dr. King's New Discovery for Consumption, Coughs and Colds is not an experiment. It has been tried for a quarter of a century, and to-day stands at the head. It never disappoints. Free trial bottle at Dr. J. S. Johnson's Drug Store.

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Non-Resident Notice.

In the Probate Court of Chilton county, Alabama.

Mobile & Ohio Railroad Company, a Body Corporate, Petitioner,

vs.

J. F. Welch, J. F. Welch, executor of J. F. M. Welch, dec'd, Lucretia A. Welch, Oscar S. Welch, Sallie L. Duncan, Horace Welch, Earnest Welch, Daisy F. Welch, a minor, Vestor Welch, a minor, Scott Welch, a minor, Respondents.

Respondents: Lucretia A. Welch, Walter Welch, Oscar S. Welch, Daisy F. Welch, Vestor Welch, Scott Welch, and Earnest Welch, residing at the town of Mellenry in the State of Mississippi, will please take notice that the Mobile & Ohio Railroad Company, a railroad corporation, has filed in my office a Petition to condemn a right of way for its line of Railroad over certain land in Chilton county, fully described in said Petition, which is alleged to be the property of the above named Respondents, and the 6th day of Sept., 1897, and my office in the Court-house at Clanton, are the time and place set for the hearing thereof, when you may appear and contest the same if you see fit so to do.

R. M. HONEYCUTT,
Judge of Probate.

The many friends of Mr. Ben. H. Wells will be sorry to learn both he and his family are all on the sick list.

Dr. Matthews has let the contract for building the new house for Prof. McMorries to J. B. Farley & T. J. Marcus and the work will be pushed as rapidly as possible.

Work on W. I. Mullins' new residence is going ahead.

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Turn-Round Topics.

M. C. Williams and family have returned from a pleasant visit to relatives in Coosa county.

George Glenn and wife have returned to their home at Salter, after a pleasant visit to the latters parents, Mr. and Mrs. Pinkney Jones of this place.

W. J. Jones, of Lomax, was a visitor to relatives here recently.

Messrs Cato and John Pattillo and Walter Kendrick attended the series of meetings at Providence church last week.

Miss Ellen Manning is visiting friends at Travlers Rest this week.

T. D. Whitworth, of Prattville, was a visitor here recently.

Rev. Mr. Olive and A. P. Powell, of Buyck Aal, visited friends here last week.

Mrs. Susan Roy, of Prattville and Mrs. Julia Williams, of Montgomery were pleasant visitors here last week.

Owing to the continued dry spell cotton has begun to open and fodder pulling is progressing very rapidly.

The sickness reported in our community at last writing, we are glad to say is on the decrease.

Messrs. Jim Knight and Barnes, of Sylacauga, were with friends here Sunday.

Mrs. Dawson has returned after a visit to her father Rev. E. L. Manning of this place.

OLD STONEWALL.

Notice of day for Hearing Application to Sell Land for Division.

THE STATE OF ALABAMA, } In the Pro-
Chilton County. } bate Court.

Whereas John V. Coe and Richard K. Coe, Executors of the Estate of Richard Coe deceased, have filed their application in said Court, for a sale of the lands described therein, belonging to said decedent, for the purpose of division on the ground that same cannot be equitably divided.

It is therefore ordered by the Court that Tuesday the 7th day of September, 1897, be appointed as the day for hearing said application at which time any person interested therein may appear and contest the same if they see proper so to do.

Witness my hand this August 10, 1897
R. M. HONEYCUTT,
Judge Probate Court.

Notice of day for Hearing Application to sell Personal Property.

THE STATE OF ALABAMA, } In the Pro-
Chilton County. } bate Court.

Whereas John V. Coe and Richard K. Coe, Executors of the Estate of Richard Coe, deceased, have filed their application in said Court, for the sale of personal property described therein, belonging to said decedent, for the purpose of a division.

It is therefore ordered that Tuesday, the 7th day of September, 1897, be appointed as the day for hearing said application at which time any person interested therein can appear and contest the same if they see proper so to do.

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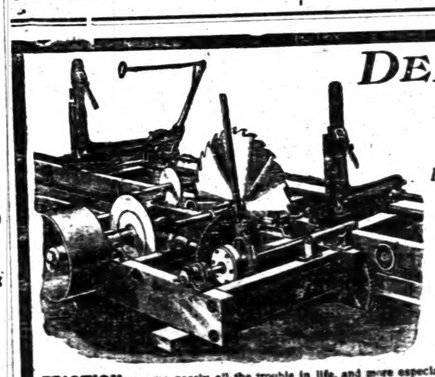

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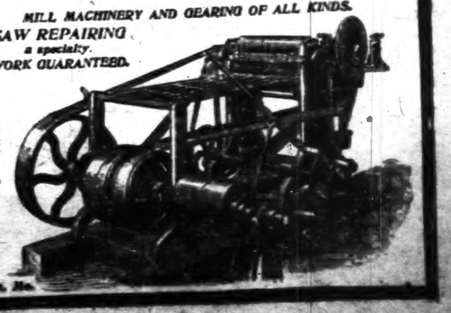

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SHATTERED.

The Rocky Fortress of Desperado Hatfield Blown Up.

HE ESCAPES UNHARMED.

The Rocky Crest Where the Hatfields Have for Years Defied the Law and From Which They Have Carried Out Their Plans, is No Longer a Tenable Fortress.

A telegram from Huntington, W. Va., says: One half the Devil's Backbone, the rocky fortress of the Hatfields in the mountains on Tug river, was shattered by dynamite last Saturday, and Hatfield and his followers were driven from their stronghold by Sheriff Keadle and his posse after a desperate battle. Several of the sheriff's men are badly wounded. Only this has been accomplished: The rocky crest where the Hatfields have for years defied the law and from which they have carried out their bloody plans, is no longer a tenable fortress.

It was decided by the besieging force to dynamite the desperado and his gang. All day Friday and Friday night the closest watch was kept. At 9 o'clock Saturday morning the dynamite arrived and by 11 o'clock the explosive was placed. The fuse was laid, the match applied, and the attacking force began to fall back.

Until now the besieged seemed not to suspect what was being done, but with the flashing of the train which led to the dynamite a realization of their peril came. Men jumped from cover and rushed hither and thither in full view. Hatfield was seen to start for the path. A rush was made down the side of the mountain. Three men dropped wounded. It was useless to try to escape by the well-known path, and the desperadoes returned to the top of their rocky fort, Hatfield directing them. Great bowlders were hurled over the rocks in hopes of breaking the fuse. Then came the explosion. Rocks and trees flew in every direction. When the smoke cleared away Hatfield and his men seemed unharmed. Dan Lewis, Steve Stanley and Jake Monroe, of the attacking force, in the excitement left their shelter and were shot and wounded so severely that little hope is entertained for their recovery.

Another charge of dynamite was placed, but under cover of the explosion Hatfield and his men escaped. The chase was renewed and it is expected that Hatfield will be captured within the next twenty-four hours.

BRYAN WELCOMED.

He is Met by a Vast Throng at Butte, Mont., and Makes a Speech.

Amid the screeching of steam whistles and shouts of welcome from 30,000 throats, W. J. Bryan was received in Butte, Mont., last Thursday. The house tops sagged under the weight of the thousands and every window where a view could be obtained was crowded with faces.

The crowd at the depot was so dense that the police were unable to cope with it. On reaching the hotel Mr. Bryan responded to calls and made a brief address. He referred to the fact that this day was the anniversary of his notification speech of acceptance at Madison Square Garden, New York.

"I had not thought," he said, "of celebrating the occasion in this place, but I am forcibly reminded of the material difference between the two cities. I said on going to New York that I was going into the enemy's country. It would take a liar of big dimensions to declare that I was in the enemy's country on this occasion. I am pleased to see my friends and especially the people who were so universally on our side during the campaign."

Later in the day Mr. Bryan went to Walkersville, a suburb of Butte, where a monster demonstration took place.

CARLISTS ACTIVE.

Military Precautions Have Been Taken Against a Probable Uprising.

A telegram from Madrid says: Military precautions have been taken for some time past against the possibility of a Carlists or republican rising, and the steps that were taken have been increased lately, chiefly here, at Barcelona, Bilbao and Seville.

ACTIVE IN LONDON.

The London Pall Mall Gazette, in the course of a long article upon the increasing activity of the carlists, says it is not generally known that London is one of the strongholds of the Carlists, thousands of active followers of the claimant to the Spanish throne being located in this city. Their leaders seem to think the fall of Canovas brings their opportunity nearer. During the past week they have held many meetings to discuss the best means of assisting their colleagues in Spain in the event of an uprising.

Tobacco Can be Removed.

La Lucha the government organ published in Cuba, is authority for the statement that the Spanish government at Madrid has issued an order that all claims for tobacco by American manufacturers have been allowed and the tobacco can be removed.

Special Commissioner Sails.

Maj. Moses P. Hardy, special commissioner from the United States to the Paris exposition, will sail for Paris on the 28th.

Georgia Agricultural Society.

At Savannah, Ga., Hon. Pope Brown was re-elected president of the State Agricultural society. An address was made by Professor Welborn, of the Mississippi Agricultural college.

Peter Monahan, 74 years old, was hanged at Baltimore last week for the murder of his wife. The crime was committed May 23, 1897, and Monahan was convicted and sentenced June 7th.

SENATOR JAMES Z. GEORGE.

Was Born in Monroe County, Georgia Sketch of His Life.

Hon. James Z. George, the senior senator from Mississippi, died at his residence near Carrollton, Miss., Saturday. Senator George has been in feeble health for some months, not being able to occupy his seat in the senate during the extra session. He was suffering from a general debility and his death was not unexpected.

Senator George was not a native of Mississippi, but had resided in that state since his eighth year. He was born in Monroe county, Georgia, October 26, 1826. After the death of his father, which occurred early in his life, he moved with his mother in 1834, to Noxubee county, Mississippi, remaining there for only two years and then going to Carroll county, which he made his legal residence until his death. Senator George obtained his education in the common schools and did not begin his professional career until after the close of the Mexican war, in which he served in a regiment commanded by Jefferson Davis.

He afterward took an active part in the civil war, casting his lot with the South. He left the convention hall to become a captain in the Twentieth regiment of Mississippi Volunteers. He rose to the rank of brigadier-general of state troops before the close of the war.

When the civil war closed, Mr. George returned to Carroll county, resuming the practice of his profession, and later entering into politics. In 1879 he was appointed to the supreme bench and soon afterwards elected chief justice, in which capacity he was serving his state when first elected to the United States senate in 1881. Had he been permitted to serve his entire term he would, on the 4th of March, 1899, have completed his eighteenth year in the senate. He declined a re-election a year ago on account of his health. Senator George was well liked in spite of his rather brusque manner. His friends realized that beneath the outward crust was hidden kindly and gentle disposition. He was also greatly respected for his erudition on legal and constitutional questions. Probably there has been no man in the senate during the present generation who had made greater researches in constitutional questions and could discourse more profoundly on the government.

The University of Alabama.

For many years this old and justly celebrated institution of learning has occupied a position second to none for the ability and learning of its faculty and the thoroughness of its scholarship. Its graduates are scattered all over the South, and scarcely without an exception have made their mark and gained eminent positions in the various professions and avocations which they have pursued. In our midst may be mentioned Col. J. O. Banks, Col. S. M. Meek, Mr. W. C. Meek, Mr. B. L. Owen (county treasurer), Mr. J. I. Sturdivant, Maj. H. B. Whitfield, Mr. J. O. Banks, Jr., and perhaps others whose names at this moment escape us.

One of her graduates, Prof. J. W. Beeson, is the distinguished president of the East Mississippi Female College at Meridian; another, Dr. T. J. Mitchell, is superintendent of the Mississippi Insane Asylum.

She has furnished one governor of Texas, Hon. O. M. Roberts, and three judges of the supreme court, one of whom, Judge Robert L. Gould, was for some time a tutor in the University. At the last meeting of the trustees, Gen. Richard C. Jones, its then distinguished president, having, with almost universal regret, resigned the position to return to the bar, to fill this vacancy the trustees, by a unanimous vote, elected James K. Powers, LL. D. In the selection of Dr. Powers the trustees made no mistake. For scholarship, ability, untiring energy and magnificent executive attainments, he stands second to no man in the South. His life having been devoted to the high calling of a teacher, his success has been phenomenal, and we predict that, by the aid of the able faculty at his back, he will advance this institution, if possible, to a still higher grade of distinction and usefulness. Under his guidance and control, every man connected with this institution will do his duty.—Columbus, (Miss.) Commercial.

Over Two Cannon.

Since the war two Confederate cannons have been lying in Columbus, Ga., as relics of the late war, and were highly prized as such by the people. The last few days much feeling has been aroused by an order of the government to remove these cannon to be placed on the battlefield at Franklin, Tenn. It seems that Mrs. James Barber, of Columbus, had recently purchased these old cannon from the government, and they were on her property. She has obtained a restraining order against the railroad authorities, who had already loaded the guns on a flat car.

American Tobacco.

The state department is informed that the sections of finance, war and navy, representing the council of state of the French West Indies, have passed a law, which went into effect May 11 last, admitting manufactured tobacco from Algiers free of duty into Martinique, Guadaloupe, Cayenne and Reunion. This has had and will continue to have a tendency to curtail to a considerable extent the importation of tobacco manufactured in the United States.

Chinese Calendar Incorrect.

The Chinese minister at Washington proposes to correct the Chinese calendar now in use in this country, which was calculated at Hong Kong, but is one day out of true reckoning when used in this country, no allowance being made for the difference in longitude. The Chinese consular agent has just issued a proclamation setting forth the error and the reason for it, and directing it be corrected.

STATE TOPICS.

Late News Items of General Interest to Alabamians.

Keeping Up His Record.

B. L. Allen, the man who has taken the first bale of cotton to Newberne for several seasons, did the same thing this year. The 1897 bale weighed 500 pounds and was sold for 7½ cents.

Alabama State Alliance.

The twelfth annual session of the State Alliance will be held at Jemison, in Chilton county, Wednesday and Thursday, September 22 and 23. Hon. Tom Watson and Congressman Howard are booked to speak at the meeting.

Anxious to Annex the Road.

No meeting held for years in Selma has been so full of what seemed to be genuine interest as was a meeting of citizens held last Thursday evening to take measures to extend the Birmingham, Selma, & New Orleans road, now running to Martins, thirty miles further to Linden, Marengo county. A committee composed of S. D. Holt, V. B. Atkins, C. W. Hooper, Wm. Ullman, E. Lamar, and M. J. Meyer, was appointed to confer with a similar committee already at work at Linden and the promoters of the road to Martins. The sentiment of the meeting was for business and to work at once.

Convicts Leased.

The board of convict inspectors has re leased the state convicts as follows: Sloss Iron and Steel company, of Birmingham, 350; Gen. Chas. M. Shelley, 150; Tennessee Coal, Iron and Railway company, the remainder, which is between 700 and 900. The prices to be paid are: Each first-class man, $14 per month; each second-class man, $10, and each third class man, $7 per month. The awards have not been made public. The present lease with the Tennessee company will expire January 1, when the new lease will go into effect. The convicts will be worked in coal mines in Jefferson county. It is estimated that the state will realize a net profit of $500,000 from these contracts.

The Contract Was Annulled.

The Madison county commissioners will advertise for bids for the construction of a $30,000 jail next February. A contract for the work was let to the Pauly Jail & Construction company several weeks ago, but because of the fact that this company was the highest bidder, the tax payers of the county suspected crooked work and demanded that the contract be annulled. The commissioners then refused to accept the Pauly company's contract after the bonds had been signed and now announce that a new contract will be let. The Pauly company will sue the county for breach of contract. The sum that had been set aside for the first payments on the jail will be devoted to the improvement of the county pikes.

Farmers' National Congress.

The governor has appointed the following delegates to the Farmers's National Congress, which meets at St. Paul on August 34. Isaac Ross, Opelika, Ala.; J. B. Ward, Abbeville, Ala.; Hirum Hawkins, Hawkinsville, Ala.; H. D. Lane, Athens, Ala.; G. H. Motz, Huntsville, Ala.; W. M. Bookerf, Uniontown, Ala.; W. F. Garth, Huntsville, Ala.; M. C. Scott, Montgomery, Ala.; Thomas McCullough, Pine Level, Ala.; G. T. McElderry, Talladega, Ala.; T. P. Randle, Union Springs, Ala. Ed Nepler, Thompson, Ala; S. W. Riddle, Gadsden, Ala.; M. C. Williams, Collinsville, Ala.; W. M. Spencer, Gallion, Ala.; Spate Anderson, Clinton, Ala.; Dr. W. R. Barron, Scott's, Ala.; W. J. N. Taylor, Hickman, Ala.; D. J. Meador, Myrtlewood, Ala.; J. G. Street, Bluff Springs, Ala.; S. W. Berdens, Choccolocco, Ala.; W. B. Bufford, Camden, Ala.; W. P. Weens, Burnsville, Ala.

Secretary of Agriculture.

The governor has been greatly interested in the announcement that the secretary of agriculture was coming south, and last Friday addressed the following letter to that official:

Montgomery, Aug. 13, 1897.

Hon. James Wilson, Secretary of Agriculture, Washington, D. C.:

Dear Sir—It has given me much pleasure to learn that you contemplate visiting the south with a view of investigating its agricultural conditions and wants. I beg to assure you that it will give me and the people of Alabama very great pleasure to have you come, and that I shall do everything in my power to enable you to get full and accurate information and to arrive at correct conclusions. I shall be happy to have you call upon me for any assistance I can render you, and to do everything in my power to make your stay amongst us pleasant to yourself and profitable to our people. I will be obliged if you will advise me of the date of your coming.

Yours respectfully,

JOS. F. JOHNSTON,
Governor.

Pickens Wants Her Notes.

The commissioners' court of the county of Pickens has called upon the governor for two notes of $5,000 each, made on February, 24, 1891, and payable to the state four years after date. Both are made by the Montgomery, Tuskaloosa & Memphis Railway company, and the securities are the Alabama Terminal company, J. W. Woolfolk, W. E. Woolfolk and G. Peterson. These notes were given for $10,000 of the two and three per cent fund in the treasury under the act approved February 18, 1891. The money was never to be repaid if the railway company built their road through Pickens county in three years. It was provided that if the company failed to comply, then the notes should be turned over to the commissioners' court of Pickens county, to be applied to any county. It was further provided that if no road was built or graded in Pickens county within two years after the notes were turned over to Pickens county, they should be returned to the state and replaced in the trust fund. The railway company never built the road. The notes should have been delivered to the Pickens commissioners on the 18th of February, 1894. The commissioners never asked for them and it is a question whether they are entitled to them. The attorney general will doubtless be called on to decide. The railway company and the terminal company are insolvent and there seems to be a question as to whether anything can be made out of the notes.

Briefly Noted.

Prospects are good for a banking house at Montevallo.

Watermelons sold at Gainesville last week two for a nickel.

A handsome new school building is to be erected at York.

Rock Run furnace is turning out fifty tons of iron per day.

The contract for a new Masonic hall at Sumterville has been let.

The Baptists will have a big meeting at Fayetteville August 29.

The Albertville Agricultural School is receiving many new pupils.

Nearly all of the south Alabama towns have received their first bale of cotton.

Cherokee county Confederate Veterans will meet August 28 at Mountain Springs.

The Pike county commissioners have decided to buy a pack of bloodhounds.

The 26th has been set for the examination of the teachers of the public schools of Gadsden.

Diptheria is reported as raging at Round Mountain, Cherokee county, and deaths are frequent.

John E. Self, of Lawrence Cove, received the Morgan county scholarship of the Mobile Medical College.

Scottsboro is elated over a sulphur well. Some of the water has been sent to the state chemist for analysis.

The Opelika and Auburn dummy line was sold under mortgage and bought in by C. C. Torbert for $6,450.50.

The dormitory of the Gainesville school building is being enlarged and will be made to accommodate forty boarders.

Mr. R. L. Adair exhibited a stalk of cotton in Uniontown the other day which contained 268 bolls and several blooms.

Talladega is offering $20 in gold as a premium to the farmer who brings the first new bale of cotton to that market.

The citizens of Wilsonville have commenced work gratis on the streets, and the town highways are being put in nice condition.

One thrasher in Marshall county has thrashed 4,000 bushels of grain this season. The grain was divided about equally of wheat and oats.

The fruit growers of Baldwin county met recently and organized a county fruit growers' association. The next meeting will be held September 24.

The safe for the Bibb County Banking and Trust Company, at Centreville was shipped from the factory at Hamilton, O., on the 4th of this month.

Mr. J. J. Walker, of Montgomery, father of Consul Julien Walker, whose serious illness was noted a few days ago, died Wednesday afternoon. He was 84 years old, and originally from Lowndes county.

W. B. Harkness has been appointed postmaster at Epes, Sumter county. The appointment was not from a political standpoint, as Mr. Harkness is a democrat, and has always affiliated with that party.

Wilson S. Pittman, of Martlings, in Marshall county, has one-fifth of an acre in melons. From this patch he has sold $20 worth and has had plenty for his family and his neighbors to use.

The sixty-fourth annual session of the Coosa River Baptist Association will be held with the Sycamore Baptist Church in Talladega county, beginning on Friday, September 17.

Madison county has won the second prize for the second best exhibit of grapes in the agricultural department at the Tennessee Centennial exposition. Madison's exhibit was made up of grapes from the vineyards of Dr. Palmer.

An old negro woman died at the poor farm, near Centreville, recently, said to be 115 years old. She had lived on the poor farm for forty years. The oldest citizen of Bibb say she was a very old woman when they first knew her.

The mayor of Columbia discovered in a shanty under the new wagon bridge used by the bridge gang a quantity of dynamite sufficient to blow up twenty bridges. It was left for the government boat to take up and for some cause the removal was overlooked.

The defendants in the damage suit of Danforth & Armstrong vs. the Tennessee and Coosa railroad in the circuit court of Etowah county, have asked for a change of venue on the grounds of a conspiracy to defeat justice on the part of the sole surviving plaintiff, C. E. Danforth, and Dr. D. H. Baker, who, it is alleged, conspired to corrupt the jury trial.

Howard College.

Prof. F. M. Roof, who was recently elected president of Howard College, is recognized as one of the foremost educators in the South. His name is familiar in all educational circles, state and national.

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ALTGELD HITS HARD.

MAKES VITAL PUNCTURES IN "PROSPERITY" WIND BAGS.

Tells the New York Herald Why the Price of Wheat Has Gone Up—Shortage of Crops and Klondyke—Laborers Still Suffering for Want of Work.

Ex-Gov. Altgeld accurately analyzes the present situation in a letter to the New York Herald.

"The American people know that while the wheat crop is phenomenally large in this country, it is a failure in the South American and European countries so that there must come a kind of wheat famine, and that consequently the farmer should get more than 50c for his wheat, and would get that through the financial system which formerly prevailed in the world, so that he is every few suffering a wrong caused by legislation.

"The average price of all other commodities grown to the world's markets has been steadily falling, and silver, whose uses have been restricted by legislation, has simply kept pace with the other commodities, as shown by the London markets. In our country the price of corn and most of the other farm products is so low as not to pay the actual cost of production. The present advance in wheat, being due to a temporary cause, cannot give general or lasting prosperity; besides, only a small portion of the farmers of America raises wheat.

"Should the Klondike country, or any other country, so greatly increase the volume of the world's money as to produce prosperity, it would be a demonstration of the correctness of the position that an increase in the volume of money gives prosperity, while a reduction in the quantity of money produces paralysis.

"The country has now enjoyed more than nine months of 'restored confidence' and as a result the great cotton mills of New England have shut down because they could not sell their products, the coal miners of America are on a strike against hunger and against nakedness, and the Chicago City Railway Company, which last winter helped to debauch the legislature of Illinois and got advantages worth millions of dollars, has just given notice to its men of a reduction in wages.

"The condition of the debtors and honest toilers is getting steadily worse. Congress has just given the Sugar Trust a year tribute in excess of what they formerly got from the sweat of American industries. In order that these patriots may not amass fortunes themselves, our may contribute millions to carry elections.

"The newspapers are persistently calling this prosperity, but the American people are not fooled by it.

"Nearly all of the events since the election have tended to show that the gold standard campaign was a colossal fraud managed by the unscrupulous agents of the trusts."

THE DIVINE ECONOMY.

Ex-Senator John Martin's Recent Radical Utterances.

Hon. John Martin, ex-senator and now clerk of the Kansas supreme court, recently gave to the press the following opinions:

"People denounce socialism nowadays for the same reasons which, when I was a boy, led them to reflect upon a man as calling him an abolitionist—simply because of popular prejudice.

"Every man who believes in the public ownership of any kind of railroads, street railways, light, heat, power and water plants, for public uses in cities, is a type of socialist.

"In the Divine economy I don't think it is lawful or morally right to exclude any number or class of men from the full enjoyment of light and heat or the means necessary and proper for the support of himself and those dependent upon him.

"God never intended that any man, or men, should monopolize the surface of the earth to the exclusion of others, or that he is with the highways of the seas, rivers and lakes. These are the common property of mankind and upon the same principle the gold and silver, the coal and the iron and all other minerals stored in the bowels of the earth were intended for the precise purpose for which they are being used, and God never intended that any man or set of men should have a monopoly of these great gifts of life, necessary to human existence to the exclusion of all others.

"If any one of the soil of the earth be wrong, a monopoly of the material elements of the earth, or any part of them such as coal, iron, air, light and heat, is equally more inconsistent with the divine economy and is manifestly wrong."

No Hope from the Present Congress.

It is announced that the American Federation of Labor officials have given up hope of getting legislation from the present congress. They would be in the way of progress if they gave up once for all the practice of howling and begging for class privileges in the same breath. No one is entitled to rights or privileges because he is a workingman; but all are entitled to right and justice because they are men and citizens. Petitioning for anything in the name of workingmen savors too much of "fake" business—which, indeed, it usually is. Not because they are workingmen, but because they are men. Let them stand up erect, scorning special considerations on account of vocation. A man is a man before he is a blacksmith; and when he ceases to be a blacksmith, even though he become a Rockefeller or a Hanna, he is still only a man.—Cincinnati Common Cause.

NATIONAL SCHOOLS.

The Building of Endowed Universities Must Be Checked.

The London Chronicle, referring to the forced resignation of President Andrews of Brown University, says:

"There is no doubt that, like Prof. Bemis, who was dismissed from the University of Chicago, President Andrews was dismissed because he warned his countrymen against the great monopolies. It seems certain that a conflict is approaching that will shake the Union as it was shaken by the great slavery question. It looks as though the splendid millionaire endowments of American universities had the unworthy motive of the promotion of the interests of the monopolies. We anticipate a great wave of opinion against the pretension of the monopolist class as dangerous to freedom. This movement will lead to the substitution of public for private control and ownership of the big trusts and monopolies and the substitution of state for private colleges and universities."

The foregoing is in line with a most rapid change in public opinion.

Last January Dr. David Starr Jordan, although president of Stanford university, an endowed institution, came out squarely against endowed universities. In an article in the Forum entitled "The Urgent Need of a National University," he said: "The great revival of learning in the United States, which has shown itself in the growth of universities, in the rise of the spirit of investigation, and in the realization of the value of truth, can be traced in large degree to Germanic influences. These influences have not come to us through German immigration, or the presence of German scholars among us, but through the experience of American scholars in Germany. If it be true, as Mr. James Bryce says, that 'of all institutions in America' the universities 'have the best promise for the future,' we have Germany to thank for this. It is, however, no abstract Germany that we may thank, but a concrete fact. It is the existence in Germany of universities, strong, effective, AND FREE, and most notable among these is the youngest of their number, the university of Berlin. * * *

"It is said that in America we have already some four hundred colleges and universities. Most of the work done in the best of them is that of the German gymnasium or preparatory school. The worst of them would in Germany be closed by the police. But in a certain number of the strongest and FREEST the genuine university spirit is found in the highest degree. For more of these good ones there is a crying demand."

But as a working principle AS WELL ASK WEALTHY MANUFACTURERS OR WEALTHY CHURCHES to endow and support our Supreme Court of law as to endow and support our supreme university. They can not do it; they will not do it; and, AS FREE MEN, WE WOULD NOT HAVE THEM DO IT IF THEY WOULD. * * * Whatever institutions the people need, the people must create and control. That this can be done wisely is no matter of theory. With all their mistakes and crudities, the state universities of this country constitute the most hopeful future in our whole educational system. In the long run few institutions are less subject to partisan influence than a state university. * * * There is no instrument of POLITICAL, SOCIAL OR ADMINISTRATIVE REFORM to be compared with the influence of a national university.

The foregoing, coming from one of the most profound scholars of the United States, is entitled to the most serious consideration of each individual who is anxious to protect the republic from the encroachments of concentrated wealth and the attendant evils.

Still another remedy for the lack of freedom of teaching in our universities is pointed out by Mr. George H. Shibley in the "Money Question," published last year. He states the fact that in many of our universities the trustees employ in the monetary departments only such teachers as put forth the ideas which suit these trustees, whereas "in the universities of our mother country and in the rest of Europe, TEACHING HAS BEEN AND IS OPEN TO COMPETITION, and, therefore, the indiyiduals who have held them have done so by fearlessly following truth wherever it led. In the United States, however, there is a new order of things. INSTEAD OF COMPETITION IN OUR UNIVERSITIES, THERE IS A MONOPOLY. The professors and all the other teachers are appointed by the trustees, and ONLY THOSE APPOINTED ARE PERMITTED TO TEACH THE STUDENTS. This is a deplorable state of affairs. But as it exists it should and must be known to the people."

The remedy he suggests is: "Let the state enact a law conditioning the franchises of endowed universities upon their adopting the European system of competition in teaching, i. e., the teachers selected by the trustees to meet the direct competition of other competent scholars, e. g., those who have attained the degree of doctor of philosophy. Through permitting these scholars to register for classes and receive the usual fee per scholar, and the scholar credited with the work thus taken, freedom in teaching the truth—the facts of history and the truths of nature—will be at once attained. Either secure freedom of competition in teaching in the endowed universities or permit nothing but state and national universities to exist."

It has been hoped that Mr. McKinley will do something for the interests of the common people as soon as his political debts are all paid off. Undoubtedly he will, but he'll be a private citizen again before his political debts are paid off.—Boulder Camera.

WHOSE PROSPERITY?

THE ALLEGED REVIVAL OF BUSINESS.

It Reaches Only the Monopolies, Trusts and Stock Gamblers—Extent of the Benefit of Good Crops—Farmers Get the Short End.

The gold standard newspapers, comprising nearly all of the great dailies of the country, which are owned by the monopolist class, are now teeming with stories of the return of prosperity. The business revival is here, they say, and this is declared a triumphant vindication of goldism, trustism and monopolism, and a death knell for the political future of Populism.

It is evidently true that the trusts, stock gamblers and goldmongers have entered an era of prosperity, but the files of the daily papers which widely advertise this fact also prove that the sufferings of the masses are unabated.

A New York paper says: "Eight starving persons have been reported here in the last ten days. Two of them, too proud to beg, have died of hunger, and others have been taken to hospitals."

A Bariboo, Wis., dispatch says: "News reached this city to-day of the tragic death of Arthur S. Frain, at the Cliff House, Devils Lake, Saturday night. He was found in his room on the bed dead, with two bullet holes in his head and a revolver lying at his side. He was for several years the manager of the stone crushing plant at Devils Lake. IT IS THOUGHT THAT DESPONDENCY WAS THE CAUSE OF THE DEED."

Duluth, Minn., dispatch: "Oscar Nelson, a waiter, was found dead in bed this morning. An examination showed it to be a case of suicide from morphine poisoning. DESPONDENCY IS SUPPOSED TO HAVE BEEN THE CAUSE. The man was comparatively unknown here."

New York dispatch: "A supposed double suicide by inhaling illuminating gas occurred at 456 Lincoln street, Jersey City. The victims were Henry Aubert, 58 years old, and Mina, his wife, 56 years old. Mr. and Mrs. Aubert lived in a frame building, where for sixteen years he has conducted the New Jersey Embroidery Company, which of late, as a business venture, had dwindled to nothing. THE SUICIDES ARE ATTRIBUTED TO BUSINESS REVERSES."

The St. Louis Post-Dispatch describes as follows the methods by which the general populace will receive their "prosperity" the coming winter: "Lieut. Col. Evans, commanding the Midland Division of the Salvation Army, is perfecting plans for caring for the friendless and hungry next winter. He expects to rent a building that will accommodate 800 men. A restaurant will be conducted on the penny plan that has been successful in other large cities—that is, each dish will cost one cent. In connection with the woodyard, there will be a brush factory or a chair-caning establishment for those unfit for heavy labor. A free employment bureau will also be established. It will cost $2,500 to carry out the plans, and Col. Evans hopes to get the money by public subscription."

Those who are now making fortunes in the stock exchange and grain pit will doubtless contribute enough to prevent general starvation this winter of those who can raise enough money to buy one-cent meals.

The cause of the speculative boom in the stock market is easy to discover. All trust stocks have been enhanced in value by the new tariff, which was framed for that purpose. Railroad stocks have also advanced all along the line. This is because the large crops insured a heavy business, and the foreign demand enables the traffic to bear increased freight rates.

A few crumbs of prosperity will actually reach the people through the money distributed for the heavy wheat crop, which the wheat famine everywhere else in the world will maintain at a good price; but this benefit will last no longer than this year. It is morally certain that next year wheat will strike the lowest point ever known in the history of prices.

Standing By the People.

Governor Russell of North Carolina is a man whom the masses should love. Judge Simonton of the federal court—and who is a resident of Virginia—issued an injunction against Governor Russell, at the request of J. Pierpont Morgan enjoining the governor from interfering with the leasing of a railroad belonging to the state of North Carolina, and which Morgan had obtained control of. The governor flatly refused to recognize the injunction and Judge Simonton has not dared to imprison him for contempt. It would be a good thing for the people if we had a few more men in power like Governor Russell.—Tacoma Sun.

State Ownership in Switzerland.

Switzerland is about to adopt the policy of state ownership of all railroads, the national legislature having just passed the bill of the federal council providing for the purchase of all the railroads of the state. This is regarded as a shrewd movement financially, as the state takes possession of the roads at a valuation which is about thirty million dollars less than the price which would have to be paid if the state bought the stock. As most of the stock is held in Germany, this feature of the transaction is regarded with complacency.—Boston Journal (Philistine).

POINTS FROM THE PRESS.

There is nothing this country can do to kindle the fires of patriotism so long as 64 per cent of the people are homeless.—Seattle Populist.

Prosperity has really been reached. A man near Canton, O., sold his wife and six children for $100. A little while ago wives were only quoted at $12.50 in Missouri. This is quite an advance in prices, considering the half a dozen serious incumbrances.—Los Angeles Labor World.

Hanna and the other coal barons are the friends of the coal miners and other laboring people. The laboring people recognize this and put them into office and wealth. They always vote for them or their friends, and oppose socialism. Darned if I can see any sense in striking against one's friends.—Appeal to Reason.

The conspiracy between the federal judges and executive authorities to rob the people by selling the Union Pacific road to the highest bidder, instead of taking it for the government debt, has reached to the point of a judicial decree at Omaha. No bid for less than $50,637,435 will be received. The date of sale is not yet fixed.—San Francisco Star.

In spite of the contended good results to come to the people from the new tariff law, a significant sign of what is to follow, at least in one line, is the advance in the price of sugar, an indispensable article to every householder.—Fort Morgan Times.

The average citizen is not a bitter partisan, and is always ready to say a good word for the bridge that carries him safely over rough waters, regardless of the builder. But the McKinley high tariff will not help him and he will pronounce it bad and help to overthrow those responsible for it.—Aspen Tribune.

Extravagance in public expenditures, unjust and high taxation, the gold basis for money and the rapid concentration of powerful business agencies, with consequent falling prices, are among the things which have carried the country down to the level of the coast line, and we cannot rise unless we unload some or all of these weights.—Topeka Advocate.

Representation according to the Hare-Astor plan would forever dispose of the political machine; taxation according to the single tax plan would forever dispose of landlordism; public ownership of all natural and political monopolies would forever dispose of trusts, corporations, and syndicates, and these three are one.—Pittsburg Kansan.

The people can only vote for certain public officials at limited periods; and these officials are, in turn, imprisoned in the straight waistcoat of constitutionalism. The fault is not with the people. The trouble consists wholly in the fact that they are not provided with weapons adequate to the war they are waging. The notion that the people are absolutely free, because they can vote for governors and members of congress once in a while, is very sedulously inculcated, but it is a very childish notion, nevertheless.—Twentieth Century.

A dispatch from South America says that the famous Inca gold fields of Peru have been found and that the richest mines in the world are thus opened up. If this be true, and one-half the stories about Klondike are true, gold will be so plenty in a few years that the speculators will want it demonetized and debts made payable in diamonds, or something else which will be difficult to get hold of. Some of the "sound money" fellows are laying awake nights wondering what next.—Chicago Dispatch.

The prosperity commission appointed by Governor Mount to investigate the condition of miners, report that the reports have been greatly exaggerated. We would refer such commission to the report of the late Republican Bureau of Statistics for 1896. This report states that the average yearly earnings of the miners of Indiana were $201. This gives them an average of $3.86 per week. After one year of such prosperity, the miners go on a strike. Many of them are reported destitute, and the prosperity commission, after due consideration, report that although a few need aid, that the reports have been greatly exaggerated.—Indianapolis Union.

History.

President Harper of the university of Chicago confronted the professor of history sternly.

"Your teaching is all wrong!" he cried.

The professor shuddered. He felt fearful of being discharged like the indiscreet E. W. Bemis.

"Don't I teach history?" he asked.

"No," said President Harper. "You don't know what history is."

That left the unhappy professor no alternative but to ask what history might be.

"History," replied the president, grandly, "is that which ought to have happened, illustrated by occasional references to that which has happened."

"Then," inquired the poor professor, "what name shall be applied to that which has happened?"

"No name," replied President Harper; "ignore it."

The poor professor promised to write a philosophy of history along those lines before he went to bed.—Twentieth Century.

CAPITOL ITEMS.

New Government Map of the Klondyke to Be Issued.

WORLD'S OUTPUT OF GOLD.

Probability That a Convention Will be Arranged Between the United States and Spain to Settle Claims on Account of the Cuban Trouble.

Klondyke Mail.

The Canadian government and the United States have practically agreed upon co-operation in augmenting the postal facilities for the Klondyke region, and the result will shortly be evidenced in a substantial improvement in the mail service.

Uncle Sam's Klondyke Map.

Superintendent Duffield, of the Coast Survey, has received the proof of the new government map of the Klondyke region. It is on an enlarged scale, with the gold region as the main objective point, and this entire locality is given without reference to the remoter parts of Alaska and the Artic region. The map is 16 by 42 inches. It is called a route map, as it shows the route of travel from Sitka northward to the Klondyke country. The southerly part shows the head of the Lynn Canal, with the intermediate points—Juneau, Dyea, Douglass, Chilkoot Pass, the winding Lewis River and finally the Yukon river, with Dawson City and other main points.

Copies of the map will be ready for distribution in about ten days or two weeks. The map will be on sale at the bureau at twenty-five cents a copy.

World's Output of Gold.

Two hundred and fifty million dollars worth of gold mined in the fiscal year ending June 30, 1897; that is the glittering probability which the figures show, for Director of the Mint Preston is always conservative and is inclined to think that the sum total will not exceed $240,000,000. But since a general increase of production is noticed in every direction the higher figure is clearly within the limits of possibility.

The Wiltwaters-Rand, in South Africa, alone shows an increase of over $12,000,000. West Australia produced more in the last sixth months than in the previous twelve months. The United States shows a good increase, with indications of a marked advance for several years to come, exclusive of the Alaskan developments, which may in themselves eclipse California's palmiest days. Three hundred millions in gold a year by 1900 is now regarded as a conservative estimate.

Claims Against Spain.

It is probable that a convention will be negotiated between the United States and Spain for the settlement of all claims on account of the Cuban trouble by a claims commission similar to that appointed in 1871, which settled the claims of the citizens of both countries after the insurrection of that time. It can be stated that, although numerous claims of American citizens against the government of Spain for injury done their persons and property in the island of Cuba during the present revolution have been filed with the state department, no formal presentation of these claims has been made to the Spanish government by the secretary of state, although as soon as these claims have been filed in the state department, a notice of such filing has been presented at the foreign office at Madrid. It is doubtful, under the present circumstances, whether if any formal presentation of the claims made at this time Spain would recognize it.

The administration is, therefore, resolved to follow the precedent in this matter, and to await the cessation of hostilities, and meanwhile to negotiate a treaty or convention for the appointment of a claims commission.

General Woodford in his instructions was directed to negotiate such a convention as was arranged by General Sickles with the Spanish government in 1871.

The Alaska Boundary.

In speaking of the boundary line between Alaska and the British possessions, General Duffield of the coast and geodetic survey says:

"I do not believe that when the matter of the boundary line between the two countries is settled there will be any appreciable change from which is down on the map. Dawson City is a hundred miles or more east of the 141st meridian, which is the boundary line. The difference between the United States and the Canadian surveys on the 141st meridian is a matter of feet only. Mount St. Elias stands partly in American and partly in British territory.

An American Tired of War.

Consul-General Lee, at Havana, has reported by cable to the secretary of state that James T. Cary, who is said to have been employed with Messrs. Zeigler & Co., of Chicago, had surrendered himself to the Spanish authorities on account of the condition of his health. Gen. Lee reports that he will send him from the island. The case is a new one, and the department has no particulars beyond the brief dispatch.

Secretary Sherman's Reply.

Secretary Sherman has submitted to the Japanese government an answer to Japan's last note relating to the annexation of Hawaii to the United States. The answer was delivered to Mr. Hoshi, the Japanese minister. It is in reply to Japan's note of July 10. Mr. Sherman's answer is marked by its friendly expressions toward Japan, which give special satisfaction in view of the somewhat strained relations resulting from the previous correspondence. Two features are brought out by the answer. It reiterates the position heretofore taken by the secretary of state as to the right and propriety of annexing Hawaii to the United States. With this, however, is coupled an assurance that the interests of Japan in Hawaii will be fully safeguarded. It also expresses satisfaction at the plan of arbitration between Japan and Hawaii on the question of Japanese immigration to Hawaii.

Revenue Collections Increase.

The monthly statement of collectors of internal revknue show the total collections during July to have been $19,472,658, an increase as compared with July, 1896, of $5,218,976. The exceptional increase in the receipts from fermented liquors was due to the large purchases of beer stamps in anticipation of the increased tax from 92½ cents to $1 per barrel.

Claims for Improvement.

Lewis Jerome Edward Blanc, an American citizen, through attorneys, has filed with the state department a claim against the government of Ecuador for $200,000 for false imprisonment and ill treatment over twenty years ago.

JOHN P. LOVELL.

A General Expression of Sympathy Called Out by His Death.

Seldom has there been such a general expression of sympathy over the loss of one whose life has been devoted to business pursuits, as has been called forth by the recent death at Cottage City, Mass., of that venerable landmark of the business world, the late John P. Lovell, founder and president of the John P. Lovell Arms Company of Boston. Almost numberless messages and letters of condolence, on the death of his honored father, have been received by Colonel Benjamin S. Lovell, treasurer of the Lovell Arms Company. The wide scope covered by these communications is in itself evidence of the great regard in which he was held by the leaders in business and public life. These expressions of sympathy have not been confined to New England, but they have come from every prominent business centre of the North, East, West and South—in fact from every portion of the Union; because the name of John P. Lovell, and the corporation created by him, have been for more than a half century the synonym of honest dealing and business integrity. Even from England, from firms with whom Mr. Lovell had enjoyed the pleasantest business relations for more than fifty years, Colonel Lovell has received messages of sympathy.

CANOVAS'S ASSASSIN.

Michael Angiolo, Put to Death—His Friend Captured.

At San Sabastian, Michael Angiollo, who shot and killed Senor Canovas del Castillo, the prime minister of Spain, at the baths of Santa Agueda, on Sunday, Aug. 8, was executed last Friday morning at 11 o'clock.

Angiollo heard calmly the news that he was to be executed, but he appeared to be surprised at it and bitterly complained of the frequent visits of the priests, declaring that they would obtain nothing from him.

He declined to enter the chapel, saying he was comfortable enough in his cell. An executioner from Bruges performed the garrotting, just prior to which a priest exhorted the anarchist to repent, to which Angiollo replied: "Since you cannot get me out of prison, leave me in peace. I, myself, will settle with God."

The execution of Angiollo took place in the prison of Vergara.

ANOTHER ANARCHIST ARRESTED.

Isidoro Ricci, an Italian friend of Michael Angiollo, the assassin of the Spanish premier, has been arrested at Lisbon.

FORTUNE IN SHORT ORDER.

A Klondyker Cleaned Up Just $130,000 in Eight Weeks.

The steamer Alki arrived at Seattle, Wash., last week from Dyea, Alaska. Willis L. Thorpe was handed a letter by a man who came down on the Alki from Dyea. It was written by Edward Thorpe and came overland, saying that he had cleaned up $130,000 in the Klondyke in eight weeks and was coming home on the steamer Portland, which is due in Seattle on August 26. Thorpe left Seattle one year ago, having gone northward with a drove of cattle.

FRANCIS SCHLATTER MARRIED.

His Bride the Widow of the Farris Wheel Builder.

At Pittsburg Saturday it was positively announced that Mrs. Margaret Ferris, widow of the builder of the Chicago wheel, had been married in Pittsburg to Francis Schlatter, the divine healer of Canton.

The ceremony was performed by Rev. Mr. Ward, pastor of St. Peter's Episcopal church.

Mr. and Mrs. Schlatter are now at a down-town hotel.

GENERAL TRADE.

Conditions as Shown by Bradstreet's Are Encouraging.

EXPORTS OF WHEAT HEAVY.

Upward Tendency in Prices is Shown by Nearly All Staples—Iron and Steel Market Improving—Volume of Trade Continues to Increase.

Bradstreet's report of trade for the past week says: Special telegrams from trade centers throughout the country emphasize the growing tendency of the farmer, due to high prices for almost all agricultural products still in his hand and point to a continuation of the demand which has been conspicuous within the past few weeks. The volume of trade continues to increase and prices are hardening. No such large volume of business, largely in anticipation of requirements, has been reported since 1892. Larger transactions have been in dry goods, clothing and shoes and South and West in wagons and farm implements.

Another favorable bank clearings report is found in the total $1,140,000,000, which, while it is 1 per cent less than last week, it is 40 per cent larger than in the third week of August, 1896; 26 per cent heavier than in 1895; 40 per cent larger than in 1894 and fully 55 per cent larger than in the like week of 1893, when clearings totals were reduced to very low figures. Compared with the like period in 1892, a year of large volume of business, this week's totals show a gain of 13 per cent among eighty-six of the cities reporting larger banking clearances only seventeen show decreases this week, compared with the corresponding total last year. Bank clearings at other cities than New York are 17 per cent larger this week than in the like week a year ago, but at New York the increase is 56 per cent.

Prices of staples continue the favorable movement of the past few weeks with advances for wheat flour, wheat, new pork, butter, eggs, cheese, corn and oats. Hides are also firmer and higher. Ginghams have advanced 1⅛c, while the cotton mills are starting up and jobbers in woolen goods are getting higher prices for spring delivery. There has been a large number of resumptions among iron and steel concerns this week. Bessemer pig is 25c higher, and the outlook is for improvement. Sugar, cotton print cloths, wood and petroleum are firm and unchanged, while coffee, almost alone among the staples, is lower than last week.

Exports of wheat (flour included as wheat) from both coasts of the United States and Montreal this week are the largest in any week since September 1, 1894, amounting to 5,218,000 bushels this week, as compared with 4,460,000 bushels last week, 3,991,000 bushels in the week a year ago, 2,389,000 bushels two years ago, 3,182,000 bushels three years ago, and as contrasted with 4,960,000 bushels in the corresponding week of 1893.

Exports of Indian corn this week are also exceptionally the largest since the third week in April last year, amounting to 3,929,035 bushels, as compared with 3,275,000 bushels last week, 2,769,000 bushels in the week a year ago, 1,900,000 bushels three years ago, and as contrasted with 983,000 bushels in the like week of 1893.

There are 221 business failures reported throughout the United States this week, against 219 last week, 216 a year ago, 310 two years ago, and as contrasted with 546 in the third week of August, 1893.

Losses Caused by Rain.

The continued rains of the past few days have caused serious loss to the coal dealers, who have boats moored near Baton Rouge, La. Last Wednesday night at the fleet of W. G. Coyte & Co., eight miles above Baton Rouge, La., about fifteen boats filled with water and sank. The exact number cannot be ascertained until the books of Coyte & Co. are checked up. The loss is estimated at $25,000.

CHIEF A. B. CONNOLLY.

For Sixteen Years He Was Chief of the Atlanta Police Force.

A. B. Connolly, for sixteen years chief of police of Atlanta, died at his home in that city last Friday after a long illness.

He began his career on the force as a patrolman, rose to be captain and was finally elected to be chief, which post he held during three successive terms until his death.

He was a member of the National Association of Police Chiefs and well known throughout the country.

At San Francisco intense excitement prevailed in the local wheat market last week and options advanced with great leaps. December opened at 160, receded for a moment and closed at 160 5-8. After the call there was an advance to 161½. An hour later it rose to 163, but later there were large sales to secure profits and prices had a sharp decline. May opened at 164 and closed at 161½. In the afternoon December opened at 164 and closed at 164¼, while May opened at 162 and closed at 161½.

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Alabama State Alliance

The Twelfth Annual Session of the Farmer's Alliance of Alabama is hereby called to meet at Jemison, Chilton county, Ala., on Wednesday and Thursday, September 22 and 23, 1897.

J. O. PINCKARD, President.

Jemison is on the Louisville & Nashville railroad 45 miles south of Birmingham, and 53 miles north of Montgomery

Papers friendly to the Alliance please copy.

CLANTON Alliance No. 1 re-organized with a whoop last Saturday.

SPECIAL State Examiner Cowan presumably finished his examination of this county's book over a week ago, but up to the present no report has been made public.

EVERYONE in the county is looking forward to the meeting of the State Alliance at Jemison Sept. 22 and 23. Unusual interest is manifested.

COOSA county has raised $80,000 towards building the Atlanta and Selma railroad. What does Chilton county propose to do in the matter?

FRANCIS Bartow Lloyd, better known to newspaper readers as "Rufus Sanders" the Sage of Rocky Creek, was shot and killed yesterday by John A. Gafford near Greenville. Gafford escaped.

IN Henry D. Loyd's "Wealth versus Commonwealth," may be found a statement of the very conditions that have brought about the present strike among the coal miners. Loyd gleaned his information from reports made before Congressional Committees—committees that sat and heard, but did nothing to alleviate the sufferings of these workmen, nor to restrict the encroachments of the mine operators. Is it not about time for the farce of the special investigating committee and the commission to be brought to a close?

The Montgomery Weekly Crop Bulletin says: The week ending August 23rd, was one of almost continuous rain over this entire section, the rainfall being heavy in the northern and central portions and excessive in southern counties; the weekly rainfall at Mobile, was 7.50 inches, and at Montgomery, 4.02 inches; the daily temperature averaged about 6 degrees below normal and there was hardly any sunshine and as a result nearly all crops have been more or less damaged. There is considerable complaint of rust, rot and shedding in cotton and some is sprouting in bolls and while the prospect is not so bright as it was a short time back, still cotton is heavily fruited and with favorable conditions from now on, it will make a good yield; picking has been delayed by rains and is not yet under way. Late corn is filling nicely and will be a good yield, but considerable fodder is rotting in shock. Late irish potatoes and sweet potatoes are doing fairly well and sorghum which is ready for harvest and cow peas and cane are excellent. Late fruits have made better yield than anticipated in central and norther counties and pastures are in flourishing condition: turnips are doing well.

Major Culver, commissioner of agriculture, has recently called the attention of our farmers to the advisability of their planting Scarlet or Crimson clover.

"It is an annual" he says, but when sown early in summer on good land it can be pastured on without harm during the fall and winter, and will make a crop of fine hay or seed at the usual time. It is a rank grower, and frequently attains the height of twenty to twenty five inches."

The commissioner thinks there is nothing better to sow in orchards or to plow in for fertilizing the land. The roots penetrate to a depth of three or four feet. Major Culver has already tried the clover in various Alabama soils, and is convinced of its entire adaptability. He has a small quantity of the seed for distribution, and will distribute them among those farmers of the state who will agree to give it a fair trial. The seed should be sown during the time from August 1 to October 1.

CHILTON COUNTY ALLIANCE.

Yesterday (Wednesday) was a great day for the Alliancemen of Chilton county. Since the meeting of the Central Alliance at Clanton last month, when Cedar Grove Primary invited the next meeting to be held with them, several primaries in the county have gone to work and reorganized. The consequence was yesterday the reorganization of the Chilton County Alliance It was a regular old time Alliance day—the business session was marked with deep and earnest enthusiasm and the social feature was unanimously pronounced the most agreeable gathering of the people since the time when the Alliance held its regular meetings. The ladies were out in force, and although Cedar Grove is proverbial for its hospitality, they yesterday surpassed all previous efforts and furnished the most bountiful and toothful Alliance dinner we have partaken of in a long time, and afterwards all enjoyed a watermelon feast.

Bro. J. H. Harris, State Lecturer, who was expected to be present was unavoidably compelled to be absent, much to the regret of the Alliance. Bros. L. H. Reynolds, T. J. Collins, W. H. Conway, Frank Crichton, J. M. Scott, L. B. Pounds, Wm. McCullough and others made good and strong Alliance talks—all to the point and all greatly appreciated.

The following officers were elected: President, Green Cofer; Vice-president H. A. J. Harris; Sec-Treas. Frank Crichton; Chaplain, N. J. Calloway; Lecturer J. M. Scott; Ass't Lect. W. H. Conway. Doorkeeper and Assistant, it was resolved, should be appointed by the President at each meeting. Executive Committee elected was W. H. Conway, A. F. Childress, J. W. Foshee.

The installation of the elected officers was impressively performed by Bros. L. B. Pounds and D. N. Riggins.

Bro. L. H. Reynolds was elected Delegate to the State Alliance, which meets at Jemison, Sept. 22.

Union and Macedonia Primaries invited the next meting of the County Alliance to be held with them, and it was decided to hold the next meeting with Union, they to fix the most convenient date (about the end of October). When the date is settled it will be published in the BANNER.

Bros. Pounds and Crichton were instructed to prepare some suitable subject for discussion at the next meeting, and any Allianceman is requested to also prepare a subject. Then the Alliance adjourned after a most enjoyable and satisfactory session, and anticipating a bright future for the Farmers Alliance of Chilton county.

The principles set forth by the Alliance, have taken deep root in the minds of many thinking men and with much interest they have watched the unfolding of those principles, and such men stand ready today to advocate and declare those principles, (first apparently, untenable, improbable and unwise) the true basis for govermental prosperity. Instances of daily occurence confirm the wisdom of Alliance principles and the necessity that they prevail. One of the most unpopular demands as set forth by the Alliance and considered extremely radical, is to-day a popular demand and is advocated by papers and men who once denounced it most bitterly

As lecturer of the Alabama State Alliance it his been my duty, as well as pleasure, to visit the people and meet with them, and to-day the principles of the order emanating therefrom are more deeply imbedded in the hearts and conscience of Alliancemen than I have ever known, them and as intimated before, thinking men everywhere are looking with no ordinary degree of interest to those demands of relief. Many who once looked with woeful forebodings on the Alliance, now admit, not only the feasibility of its demands, but the necessity of them.

When Benjamin Franklin published a newspaper in Philadelphia, he had the unique design of a serpent with his tongue out and cut in several peices, under the design was the following motto "Unite or Die." Union is necessary to win the victory, Union is necessary to carry out the demands and sustain the principles of the Alliance, to carry them out means victory, and this means a better purer and more stable government.

J. H. HARRIS.

Not any other city in America has the opportunity to-day that the city of Nashville has, because the success of the Exposition comes right on the eve of returning prosperity, the era which promises to be the greatest known in the history of the country. Nashville has it in her power, by a well directed and concerted effort, to ride to wealth on the crest of the incoming wave. This glorious opportunity must not be lost.

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Political Pointers.

People's Press Bureau, St. Louis, Mo., Aug. 25, 1897.

The recent self-prepared interview given to the press by Col. Preston, Director of the mint, in which he goes out of his way to administer a slap at Free Silver, in connection with the recent gold discoveries in Alaska, has envoked much criticism from Republicans as well as Democrats and Populists. Senator Chandler of New Hamshire, one of the Republican leaders, replies to Mr. Preston, in the Washington Post, in which he asserts that "the depreciation of silver ought to expedite Bimetallism as a means of preventing the injuries which mankind must suffer, if all commercial nations of the World are to continue and finally reach and adopt gold monometallism."

An executive committee has been chosen by the National Silver Republican Party as follows: Chairman, Fred T. Dubois, Idaho; Judge J. J. Harper of Washington Court House, O; Ben S. Dean of Jamestown, N. Y.; A. M. Stevenson of Denver, Colo.; Nathan Cole, Jr., of Los Angeles, Cal.; James H. Timer of Chicago, and Charles S. Hartman of Bozeman, Mont.

The National Bureau of Immigration is preparing statistics which will prove of interest to the general public. The total number of immigrants admitted to this country last year, was 230,832, with a total wealth of $3,541,241, an average of about $15 a head. The Germans are the most thrifty. The English and Irish make the next best showing, while the Italians are the poorest

John W. Breidenthal, one of the leaders in reform movements in Kansas for fifteen years, and five years chairman of the People's Party State Executive Committee, resigned his position last week and Taylor Riddle was elected to succeed him. Mr. Breidenthal was an indefatigable worker and acknowledged to be one of the best political organizers in the country.

Senator Jones, of Nevada, who is recognized as an authority on silver, thinks the increased production of gold in Alaska and Canada will have no appreciable effect on the white metal. He says an abundance of money whether gold or silver, means prosperity, and he wants to see good times in this country come as a result of good times everywhere.

Owing to the famine in India and the shortage of crops in European countries it is estimated that American farmers will realize nearly a half million dollars more for their products this year, than last. This is a verification of the old adage that "there is no great loss without some small gain."

Col. Seller's "New American Party" is supposed to be in session at St. Louis, the 25th of August being the date on which it was announced to convene. If Gen. VanDervoort with his "Middle-of-the-roaders," Gen. Coxey and Col. Sellers, could "join teams" it would be an awful relief to a long suffering people.

Since the assassination of Cannovas, the Spanish Premier, an order has been issued by the Bureau of Immigration, for the exclusion of Spanish Anarchists from this country, and all who sail from Europe will be prevented from landing.

W. J. Bryan, on his recent trip through Montana and Wyoming, received a perfect ovation, as he does everywhere, and was greeted with the booming of cannon, the rattle of musketry and cheering populace at every stop. No other man in the history of this country has been able, after a presidential defeat, to retain such widespread personal and political popularity.

Senator Teller, of Colorado, when asked recently if the rise in wheat was not a contradiction of the argument of the free coinage men that wheat and silver travel side by side in values, said: "I am surprised that such a question should be asked. It is generally admitted by the press of the country and by those who are familliar with conditions that the advance in wheat is due to the short crop in the world. All know that no wheat has been raised in India this year, and comparatively little in South America.

A. R.

Losing Flesh

You naturally lose flesh in the summer and running down is so easy. You get a little weaker each day without hardly noticing it. There is loss of appetite, headache, weakness of the muscles, disturbed sleep, weakness of memory, and these are the beginning of nervous prostration. Iron and tonics and bitters may afford some temporary relief, but what you need is a food for body, brain and nerves.

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Jemison.

Our sick neighbors are improving. We've had an abundance of rain for the benefit of peas, potatoes, turnips, etc., to bless the farmer.

On the 21st inst. at Rockymount, the Sabbath-school celebration was a success in every particular. The many essays by young ladies led heavenward. The music led by Mr. J. B. Northcutt, who put his soul in this inspiring duty, was delightful.

Mr. Cordie Northcutt the superintendent, showed to all that he was performing duties he was born for. Every one must love those brothers. At noon, came the bountiful dinner enjoyed by many besides three Sabbath-shcools who joined in the celebration.

Then came the march with singing to the cemetery, where every grave was decorated by the little ones. How beautiful to see the dead thus remembered.

All returned to the church and listened to Rev. S. M. Adams on the subject of death. He showed that what we call death is the beginning of life. He had in the forenoon made impressive remarks on happy homes. Hon. L. H. Reynolds in his usual easy manner spoke on temperance. He laid whisky, tobacco and snuff so low we wish for no resurrection. Already we know of one convert from tobacco and snuff. We think there will be others.

Mrs. IRA CAMPBELL.

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Mr. R. B. Greove, merchant, of Chilhowie, Va., certifies that he had consumption, was given up to die, sought all medical treatment that money could procure, tried all cough remedies he could hear of, but got no relief, spent many nights sitting up in a chair; was induced to try Dr. King's New Discovery, and was cured by the use of two bottles. For past three years has been attending to business, and says Dr. King's New Discovery is the grandest remedy ever made, as it has done so much for him and also for others in his community. Dr. King's New Discovery is guaranteed for Coughs Colds and Consumption. It don't fail. Trial bottle free at Dr J. S. Johnson's Drug Store.

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Thorsby.

Crops are some better than some people thought for, but are short to a great extent, fodder pulling is near at hand; cotton is opening in some places.

Health is good in our vicinity, people are in good cheer. We organized a prayer meeting in our community about 8 months ago; at this time everyone is taking a good interest in it. Those who have never tried to offer a public prayer are now getting down to their work; the sisters are accomplishing as much as the brethren. We have just closed a protracted meeting at New Salem church; received 13 members, all except one were converted before the meeting. We have never been able to see just such a meeting; everyone seemed to have the love of God in their hearts; there was no excitement at all, but pure religion was with us. We never heard such interesting sermons, they were all in line one with the other. We were happy possessers of three preachers. Brethren, we are thankful to them for their services and hope God will bless them for their work.

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Ennis, Tex., Aug. 23, 1897.

Editor BANNER: We had a very successful normal music school at Antioch, Tex., numbering one hundred and twelve; among this number, T. S. Vines shared the benefits and on an examination received for Harmony 85, Tonality 98, sight singing and voice culture 100, Rudiments 100. Wake up boys in the music line. The writer is reaching for a thorough knowledge on this line. Yours in song, SUBSCRIBER.

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Fire on Monday night destroyed the dwelling house of Art Foshee, six miles south of Clanton. The fire is supposed to have originated in the kitchen. He lost all his furniture with the exception of a couple of bedsteads and bedding.

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Turn-Round Topics.

Mr. Petty who has been sick a long time was moved Saturday to Mr. Rutland's. Mrs. Petty and children were also moved to her father's in Coosa county. Both husband and wife being unable to wait on the other thought it best to be moved where less trouble would prevail. We sincerely wish for them both rapid restoration.

Miss Ellen Manning has returned from a most delightful visit to relatives and friends at Traveler's Rest.

Mr. and Mrs. W. F. Culp, of Birmingham, have had a pleasant stay here with the latters parents, Mr. and Mrs. Lee Hawes.

Road Overseers took advantage of the wet spell and worked their roads and have them in very good shape now. We invite our kind apportioner down to look at them.

Jim and Mark Pyron, of Deatsville, Will Pyron and Mr. and Mrs Leve Alexander, of Montgomery, all have been to see their father, W. M. Pyron, who is at present very low.

Last week's rains have caused vegetables and crops of every kind to take a new growth, which will help all fall crops wonderfully.

Mr. Thad Kicker and wife, of Bozeman, were visitors to Rev. E. L. Manning last week.

Miss Martha Jane Howard spent Saturday night with Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Baker.

Cotton reported 50 per cent less than last year, rust is eating it up

Mrs. Beulah Johnson spent Sunday night with Miss E. Manning.

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Mrs. D. T. Carver, Winslow, Stevenson Co., Ill.

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JANUARY 2, 1897.

DEAR SIR:— Over 34 years ago, I had Typhoid Fever, and barely escaped with my life. It left my system so shattered that I have had ever since, Rheumatism and Throat Trouble, which gave me a terrible Cough. I had been unable to find any relief for these diseases, until I learned of your "5 DROPS", which I commenced taking only two months ago, and my cure has been indeed WONDERFUL. Already my cough has entirely disappeared, and the Rheumatism which for a few years past has threatened to make a cripple of me, is cured, and I am free from pain. This is the most wonderful and the cheapest remedy ever discovered. I am more thankful to you than words can tell and I want everybody to know what "5 DROPS" has done for me. Although I am over 70 years old, I am feeling better than I have in years.

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Yours truly REV. L. VON WALD,
March 31, 1896. Milbank, S. D.

NEURALGIA AND SCIATICA.

For twenty long years my wife suffered untold tortures from Sciatica and Neuralgia, and I thank God for the day that your heaven-sent remedy fell into my hands, for it completely cured her. I am a minister of the Gospel, and when I find any who suffer, cannot help but recommend "5 DROPS", for I know it will do more than you claim for it.

REV. F. M. COOPER, Washington Center, Md.

PARALYSIS AND RHEUMATISM

NOVEMBER 9, 1896.

DEAR SIRS:— It is with pleasure I speak of your priceless remedy and of the good it has done me. For the last eight years I have been an incurable cripple from paralysis and rheumatism. Just think, for eight years a total cripple not able to earn a penny nor able to walk or step on the ground without the aid of something to lean on. Heaven bless the man who discovered this remedy, for, thanks to him and to God, I am able to walk and able to work. I have only taken two-thirds of a bottle, but have not had any pain in my back since I took the first dose, and after the second I walked across the floor, which I have not done in years. I have thrown away my cane and shall never need it again. To any one sending me a two-cent stamp I will send my affidavit. I have another bottle of "5 DROPS" and value it at $1.00 per drop.

Thankfully yours, EDWARD CASTLE,
Sioux City, Iowa,
1005 Wall street.

INFLAMMATORY RHEUMATISM.

SEPTEMBER 24, 1896.

DEAR SIRS:— I wish to tell you and suffering humanity how much good "5 DROPS" has done me. On the beginning of this year I took down belfast with inflammatory rheumatism, and I was doctored by as good physicians as this country has, but they could not cure me. On August 4, I began to take "5 DROPS." At that time every joint in my body and my limbs were stiff, so that I could not be moved. Even my tongue was getting so that I could hardly speak so anyone could understand me, but to-day, only seven weeks from that time, I am absolutely cured, and thank you and God for my recovery.

Gratefully yours,

HORACE F. ANDERSON, McCracken, Kans.

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Mrs. S. A. MORGAN,
Kingston, Ala.

Aug. 3, 1897.

On Monday, August 30, Dr. G. W. Blackelford, Dentist, will practice at Jemison for one week only. If you want any dental work, or teeth extracted without pain, do well to call on him while there. He will do you first class work. Prices reasonable.

Miss Pearl Woolly is again one of our pleasant visitors.

Misses Ethel McMath and Lennie Curry, who have won the hearts of the young people of our town, (more especially the young men) returned to their home at Montevallo yesterday.

Rev. Dr. Andrew, Editor of the Alabama Christian Advocate, filled Rev. W. B. Dennis' pulpit Sunday morning and night; two excellent sermons were preached to large congregations.

W. L. Sampey went to Montgomery Saturday.

W. H. Merritt is on a trip to South Alabama.

W. J. Martin and wife are at home again.

H. I. Honeycutt is still on the bed of affliction, but we hope to note his recovery soon.

Planters CUBAN OIL cures Cuts, Burns, Bruises, Rheumatism and Sores. Price, 25 cents.

Hon. L. H. Reynolds was in town Tuesday.

Mr. Cooper, of Maplesville, is in town this week.

Eugenes Chesnutt was among friends here Sunday.

Mr. G. H Green has resigned his position as depot agent and will devote his entire time to the management of his store. We are sorry to lose Mr. Green from the depot, and hope the change will be beneficial to him, financially and otherwise. Mr. Guy Higgins, of Beatsville, will succeed him, taking charge of the depot about September 7.

Dr. A. J. Massey, the old reliable dentist, will be at Jemison on Friday and Saturday of this week.

Chamberlain's Colic, Cholera and Diarrhœa Remedy always affords prompt relief. For sale by J. S. Johnson, jr., Druggist.

Misses Strock and Prescott, two charming visitors from Verbena, after a short visit here returned to their home Saturday.

Miss Mattie Lenoir, of Lily, is visiting Miss Blanche Foshee.

Marriage licenses have been granted this week by the Probate Judge to the following persons.

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Miss Mattie Palmer, after a pleasant visit to friends in Verbena, returned home to the delight of her many friends here, accompanied by Miss Mary Moody, yesterday.

Our town has been quite lively the past week. The young people have enjoyed several entertainments. The Epworth League gave an entertainment at the parsonage Friday night, which was much enjoyed, and Monday night there was a gathering at Mr. VanDerveer's and a delightful time as usual. Tuesday night a small number met at the elegant home of Mr. W. J. Martin and had a nice time.

Miss Mattie Sue Chandler and Miss Iona Smith, of Swift Creek, are among friends in our town.

Tom Thornton was at home Saturday.

Something to Know.

It may be worth something to know that the very best medicine for restoring the tired out nervous system to a healthy vigor is Electric Bitters. This medicine is purely vegetable, acts by giving tone to the nerve centres in the stomach, gently stimulates the Liver and Kidneys and aids these organs in throwing off impurities in the blood. Electric Bitters improves the appetite, aids digestion, and is pronounced by those who have tried it as the very best blood purifier and nerve tonic. Try it. Sold for 50c or $1.00 per bottle.

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Non-Resident Notice.

In the Probate Court of Chilton county, Alabama.

Mobile & Ohio Railroad Company, a Body Corporate, Petitioner,
vs.
J. F. Welch, J. F. Welch, executor of J. F. M. Welch, dec'd, Lucretia A. Welch, Oscar S. Welch, Sallie L. Duncan, Horace Welch, Earnest Welch, Daisy F. Welch, a minor, Vestor Welch, a minor, Scott Welch, a minor. Respondents.

Respondents: Lucretia A. Welch, Walter Welch, Oscar S. Welch, Daisy F. Welch, Vestor Welch, Scott Welch, and Earnest Welch, residing at the town of McIlenry in the State of Mississippi, will please take notice that the Mobile & Ohio Railroad Company, a railroad corporation, has filed in my office a Petition to condemn a right of way for its line of Railroad over certain land in Chilton county, fully described in said Petition, which is alleged to be the property of the above named Respondents, and the 6th day of Sept., 1897, and my office in the Court-house at Clanton, are the time and place set for the hearing thereof, when you may appear and contest the same if you see fit so to do.

R. M. HONEYCUTT,
Judge of Probate.

Mrs. John Garner visited friends at Jemison this week.

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Mortgage Sale.

Under and by virtue of the power of sale contained in a mortgage executed to Alabama Mineral Land Company by E. M. Cooper on the 5th day of October 1893, and recorded in Book 31 of Mortgages, page 197, in the office of the Judge of Probate of Chilton county, Alabama, and said Mortgage was transferred to me, the undersigned, by the Alabama Mineral Land Company on Nov. 11th, 1895. I will proceed to sell at public outcry in Clanton, Alabama, to the highest bidder for cash on

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 15, 1897,

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W. H. MERRITT,
Transferee.

Clanton, Ala., August 23, 1897.

Notice of day for Hearing Application to Sell Land for Division.

THE STATE OF ALABAMA, } In the Pro-
Chilton County. } bate Court

Whereas John V. Coe and Richard K. Coe, Executors of the Estate of Richard Coe deceased, have filed their application in said Court, for a sale of the lands described therein, belonging to said deceased for the purpose of division on the ground that same cannot be equitably divided.

It is therefore ordered by the Court that Tuesday the 7th day of September, 1897, be appointed as the day for hearing said application at which time any person interested therein may appear and contest the same if they see proper so to do.

Witness my hand this August 10, 1897

R. M. HONEYCUTT,
Judge Probate Court.

Notice of day for Hearing Application to sell Personal Property.

THE STATE OF ALABAMA, } In the Pro-
Chilton County. } bate Court.

Whereas John V. Coe and Richard K. Coe, Executors of the Estate of Richard Coe, deceased, have filed their application in said Court, for the sale of personal property described therein, belonging to said decedent, for the purpose of a division.

It is therefore ordered that Tuesday, the 7th day of September, 1897, be appointed as the day for hearing said application at which time any person interested therein can appear and contest the same if they see proper so to do.

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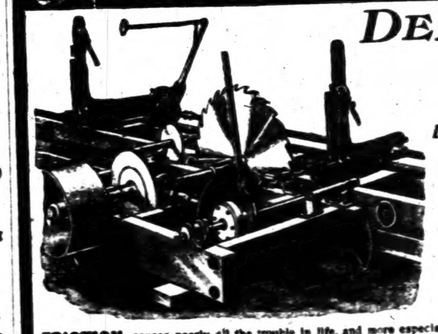

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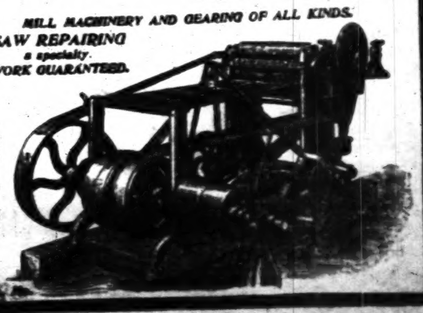

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WRECK OF A WORK OF ART.

Statue of Agnes Gilkerson Is Demolished.

The costly marble statue of Agnes Gilkerson, for years an object of interest on the lawn of the Hezekiah B. Smith's mansion at Smithville, N. J., was broken into thousands of pieces the other day. The wreckage of this remarkable work of art was then cast in Rancocas Creek, and the testimonial to Congressman Hezekiah B. Smith's folly went out of sight forever.

The story of Smith and Agnes Gilkerson is one of extraordinary romance and wrong, and, when first made public, stirred the whole country. The man had deserted his rightful family at Woodstock, Vt., and made a new home at Smithville with the woman of his infatuation. He became a millionaire manufacturer, creating a great industrial plant in the out of the way retreat he had selected. He also went to Congress and grew to be a political figure in the State, Agnes Gilkerson, known to those who knew Smith then as his wife, pushing him onward and upward. He would doubtless have won higher political honors, but his past became known. When the woman died the inconsolable and aged manufacturer had a statue of her made in Italy and placed it on his front lawn where he could see it always.

Captain Elton Smith, one of the manufacturer's surviving children, recently come into the great property of his

THE AGNES GILKERSON STATUE.

father, and one of his first acts was to order the statue of Agnes Gilkerson destroyed, so it should never more plague him or his. A dozen stalwart men armed with sledges and axes sent the white statue crashing to the ground and hammered the marble fiercely until nothing but a pile of debris remained. Some of the villagers tried to secure pieces of the statue as souvenirs, but a cart took the whole mass to the creek, where it was dumped into ten feet of water and covered with stones.

Pistols and Pestles.

The duelling pistol now occupies its proper place, in the museum of the collector of relics of barbarism. The pistol ought to have beside it the pestle that turned out pills like bullets, to be shot like bullets at the target of the liver. But the pestle is still in evidence, and will be, probably, until everybody has tested the virtue of Ayer's sugar coated pills. They treat the liver as a friend, not as an enemy. Instead of driving it, they coax it. They are compounded on the theory that the liver does its work thoroughly and faithfully under obstructing conditions, and if the obstructions are removed, the liver will do its daily duty. When your liver wants help, get "the pill that will,"

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STATE TOPICS.

Late News Items of General Interest to Alabamians.

The New Code.

Proofs of 624 pages of the new code have been delivered. This brings it up to section 2,034.

No Lack of Bids.

There is no lack of offers made to President Trapp for the hire of state convicts, but they are all at a very low level of prices.

Registers in Chancery.

Since the appointment of Miss Lucile Baker as Register in Chancery in Morgan county, Alabama has three lady Registers in Chancery, the others being Miss Fannie Cabaniss, of Madison, and Miss Bessie Davis, of Limestone.

Convict Factory Will Close.

The state's cotton mill, at Speigners, which is worked by female and indigent convicts, will be shut down in a few days on account of the failure of the cotton supply and the hands will be put to picking the staple from the state's fields adjacent.

Will Assist.

Governor Johnston sent Assistant State Examiner Cowin to Mobile last week to assist Examiner Purifoy in the investigation of the affairs of the office of Tax Collector Lott. The office will be thoroughly checked over and the troublesome tangle there straightened out.

Agricultural Schools.

Major Culver, commissioner of agriculture, has written to the trustees and faculty of the agricultural schools in the state, inviting them to assemble in Montgomery on August 27th. The object of the meeting is to select a uniform curiculum and to discuss other matters of interest to the institutions.

Champion Melon Raiser.

The load of mammoth watermelons of the season was taken to Huntsville one day last week by J. B. Fisk, Jr., of Hazel Green, who is the champion melon raiser of that part of the state. The melons in this load weighed from fifty to sixty pounds. He has a tenacre lot planted in melons. He expects to have some on exhibition at the Centennial this week.

Huntsville Chamber of Commerce.

The chamber of commerce of Huntsville is getting in some good work in a quiet way. Prospectors and homeseekers from the north and northwest are there almost daily induced to come south by the literature sent out by that organization. The secretary is kept busy answering queries concerning his section of the country.

Dr. Louis C. Pynchon.

Dr. Louis C. Pynchon, aged 67, the second oldest physician in Huntsville, died last Friday afternoon at 4 o'clock from a stroke of apoplexy. Dr. Pynchon was widely known over Alabama and Tennessee. He moved to Huntsville from Savannah, Ga., forty years ago and engaged in the practice of medicine. He was a surgeon during the civil war in an Alabama regiment. Dr. Pynchon's wife survives him.

Sheffield to Have a Union Depot.

A special from Sheffield says that a new union depot will be built at once at that place. Col. J. Faulkner and Messrs. Brooks, of the Louisville and Nashville; Samuel Hunt and N. A. Adraine, of the Northern Alabama, and Superintendent Pegram, of the Memphis and Charleston, met with the Alabama railroad commission at Sheffield, and the location has been selected and the contract will be let at once. The depot will cost $15,000.

Severely Shocked by Electricity.

Charley W. Cooper, runner for Josiah Morris & Co.'s bank, Montgomery, and an estimable young man, was perhaps fatally injured last week by coming in contact with a live wire. He was walking along Bibb street, and as he passed under an electric light pole a wire fell in front of him. He thoughtlessly caught hold of it to throw it aside, when he was severely shocked. He was carried to his home on Virginia avenue and has since been in a precarious condition.

Mobile and Ohio Extension.

Plans for the roundhouse and depot of the new Mobile and Ohio railroad extension at Tuskaloosa have been completed and the work will begin very soon upon the buildings. General Manager Mann, of this company, has recommended to the president of the company that the shops for the Columbus and Montgomery extension be located at Tuskaloosa instead of Montgomery and it is very probable that Tuskaloosa will capture the prize.

Bridge Building Contracts.

At Tuskaloosa the Hanover Construction Company awarded contracts last week for building bridges over the Alabama and Warrior rivers on the Montgomery extension of the Mobile and Ohio railroad. The substructure of the Alabama river bridge was awarded McGhee, Kahmann & Co., of Kansas City. The superstructure iron works of the bridges over the Alabama and Warrior rivers was awarded to the Edgemore Bridge Co., Wilmington, Del.

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Abbeville's New Bank.

"The Bank of Abbeville," located at Abbeville, in Henry county, has been chartered. The certificate of incorporation was issued by the Secretary of State, and the papers show that the capital stock is $50,000, with half of the amount actually paid in now. The incorporators are as follows: Robert Newman, S. P. Bradle, L. Bradley, G. M. Danzey, W. T. Dawkins, S. M. Stokes, W. J. Lee, E. M. Holly, B. J. Lindsay, J. B. Espy, L. Crawford, E. R. Partridge, M. V. Capps, C. C. Murphy, M. H. McAllister and J. W. Walden.

Legal Battle in Sight.

A legal battle seems in sight in Mobile from the following circumstance: Justice of the Peace Burns sent to the governor, it is said, some time ago, his resignation, conditioned on the appointment of a man named Stout. Stout was not named, but instead, A. J. Leibert was appointed. Burns says his resignation did not go, as the conditions were not complied with. Liebert made bond, and he and Burns are both holding court. The case will be carried to the high courts for settlement.

Alabama-Made Steel.

The Birmingham Rolling Mill company began last week for the first time rolling Alabama-made steel. This company has been making its own steel of Alabama iron since July 22, but not until last Thursday did it abandon the Pittsburg billets for the Alabama production. The steel was made into sheets, rods and rails, and found to be highly satisfactory for all. It showed qualities of great durability and but a slight trace of phosphorous. Hereafter no steel from Pittsburg will be used by the company. A ready sale is found for the home produced steel.

Result of Tax Commission Law.

Information received at the capital shows that the property assessments of Mobile county this year aggregate about $20,400,000, against $19,200,000 last year, a gain of nearly or quite $1,200,000. This is regarded as the direct and indirect influence of the tax commission law. It is estimated that this will put into the state treasury the neat sum of $7,000 in excess of the current year. Over in Georgia nearly every county shows a persistent decrease. Here in Alabama the contrary is the rule. It is not because any prosperity skipped Georgia and struck Alabama, but the more efficient execution of the law and preventing propety from escaping.

Pardons Granted.

On the application for pardon of John Sorrell, of Coffee, convicted March 8, 1897, of perjury and sentenced to three years in the penitentiary, the governor last week made the following indorsement:

"It is shown to me that the petitioner in this case was a gallant confederate soldier and had been a peaceable, law-abiding citizen. He is now an old man. It also appears from the statement of the solicitor who prosecuted the case that the perjury charged was through ignorance and not corruption. Believing that a man who has served his country gallantly should have the benefit of every doubt, let a pardon issue to John Sorrell and his political rights be restored."

The governor granted paroles as follows:

Ed Owens, of Crenshaw county, convicted of robbery; Samuel C. Welch, of Etowah county, convicted of murder in the second degree; Paul Hathaway, of Coffee county, convicted of manslaughter; Henry Wilson, of Montgomery, convicted of assault with intent to murder; Isham Neal, colored, of Pickens, convicted of attempting to assault a negro woman.

The terms of most of these prisoners were drawing to a close, and in each case large petitions were presented.

Briefly Noted.

A teachers' institute for the white teachers of Hale county will be held in Greensboro September 1.

It is said there will be eight candidates before the democratic primary for probate judge in Jackson county.

The county commissioners of Lauderdale have appointed a committee to select a suitable location for a poor farm.

The Dwight Manufacturing company has established a library at Dwight City for the benefit of the employes of their mill.

Important to Teachers.

The Howard College, at East Lake, Alabama, is the only college in the south which offers a complete university course in Psychology and Pedagogy. The degree of Master of Pedagogy, conferred upon the graduates of this department, will be their strongest recommendation as teachers of the first order and worthy of the highest salary.

There is a strong and growing demand for teachers, possessing collegiate and professional education. The collegiate course and the professional course can both be pursued at the same time in the Howard, and without extra charge. Teachers and those preparing to teach would do well to write the Howard for terms.

Will Cost Him Mony.

A special from Montgomery, Ala., says: Old man Thomas Huzzy's misfortune in falling by the wayside in New York with $35,000 worth of money and valuables on his person will cost him a substantial sum after all. The last Alabama legislature created officers whose duty was made to discover and assess property that had escaped taxation during the past five years. Huzzy assessed only his real estate. The house and lot at No. 303 Dexter avenue, which he valued at $12,000 is worth $20,000. The back tax collector, however, has charged to Huzzy the following items for taxation, which were developed by the old man's misfortune in New York:

Fifteen thousand dollars, bonds of the city of Savannah, forty-eight coupons on them; 100 shares New York Central stock, money hoarded $11,773, making a total of $34,833 in property.

The state tax on this amount for five years is $1,549.66.

SILVER DECLINE IN MEXICO.

Capitalists Are Flocking There With Gold to Invest.

A dispatch to the New York Herald from Mexico, Mex., says:

Exchange on New York has reached 145 premium. In other words it takes $2.45 of Mexican money to buy an American dollar containing less silver than the Mexican dollar.

This enormous depreciation of the Mexican dollar is ruining merchants. They are canceling all orders for imports and many will close their stores, as they cannot sell their stocks on on hand at a rate high enough to replenish them. They believe that the price is unnaturally depressed and is due to a conspiracy abroad.

Meanwhile home manufactures are booming as the depreciation in silver makes a tariff wall. Coffee, sugar, tobacco and sisal hemp planters are prosperous, as they sell abroad for gold and pay their laborers in silver. Strange to say, the Mexican dollar buys as much goods as it ever did, except of the imported variety. The government is hard hit, as it has to pay the interest on the foreign debt in gold. There is some talk of repudiation, but there no knowing what President Diaz will do. He may refund the 6 per cent debt, paying only 3 per cent interest hereafter.

Capitalists are flocking into the country to take advantage of the high premium and invest their gold. The belief here is that labor paid in silver will eventually win against labor paid in gold.

In support of this theory it is pointed out that the mines of Cornwall will have to shut down because they cannot compete with those in the straits settlements and Borneo, where Mexican dollars are current.

Bankers here say a handful of men in London are manipulating the money of the world, which means that they are controlling the prices of the world, and that it is the old fight of monarchy against society.

Rich Mexicans, accustomed to living much of the time abroad, are staying at home investing their silver in building improvements. All kinds of real estate are rapidly increasing in price and the demand for contractors is large. Attention is also being directed to tropical agriculture.

SURVEY FOR CANAL.

Project to Connect Birmingham With Mobile and the Gulf.

Joseph Ripley, assistant government engineer at Sault Ste. Marie, Mich., arrived in Birmingham last week for the purpose of making a preliminary examination of the route of the proposed canal from North lake, near Birmingham, to the Warrior river, near Tuskaloosa. His visit is in accordance with an act of congress, passed at the recent extra session, which provides for a survey of the canal route by the government and a report on the same to the war department, including the feasibility of the project, cost, etc. After looking over the route and making preliminary estimates Mr. Ripley will return north and bring back with him about Sept. 1 a corps of surveyors for the purpose of making a final survey of the canal. Such a waterway would give the Birmingham district an all water route for coal and iron to Mobile and the gulf, and would it is believed, revolutionize the coal and iron business in this section by the introduction of cheap freight rates. If the project is reported upon as feasible every effort will be made to have the government aid in building the canal. The route will be along Five Mile creek from North lake to the Warrior, about thirty miles.

Mrs. Julia Ward Howe has appealed the pope in a letter asking him to to interfere to save Evangelina Cisneros, the Cuban girl who is said to be about to be transported to the Spanish dungeon of Ceuta. Mrs. Jefson Davis has written a letter to the queen of Spain, making a similar request.

The Manitoba government crop bulletin issued last week places the total yield of wheat for this year at 21,284,274 bushels, or an average of 26.39 bushels per acre.

W. C. Mitchell, a farmer of DeKalb county, exhibited three apples in Guntersville covered by one pealing.

The city council of Eufaula passed an ordinance at a recent meeting prohibiting bringing into the city second-hand clothing, furniture, etc.

Radical Changes Probable.

It is not improbable that official announcement will be made in a few weeks of a radical change in the present attitude of the pension bureau toward pension claimants who had a Confederate war service.

Under the present construction of the laws, any service in the Confederate cause, irrespective of latter service for the government, is a bar to pension.

Commissioner of Pensions Evans believes that if a claimant served in any capacity in the Confederate service, but later deserted or left its ranks, enlisted in the Union army, served therein and was honorably discharged, it would be an injustice to refuse him a pension. He believes that having performed honorable service in the Union army, the past hostile services should be overlooked.

Assistant Secretary Webster Davis, whose decisions have been in the line of a liberal construction as to the pension laws, is understood to have similar views.

The question has been referred to the president and Secretary Bliss for their approval.

Alabama Iron.

An order for 4,000 tons of Alabama iron has been received at Birmingham from a Holland firm of steel manufacturers. The delivery is to be made this fall in several consignments. Several other exporters of iron are knocking at the door of Birmingham for big shipments this fall when the cotton boats will be ready to take iron ballast.

The new Alabama code will be ready for delivery about October 1.

Business Vicissitudes.

The annals of commerce are not entirely without a spice of romance. There is a little retributive justice that savors of the novelist's art in the way the spoiler is sometimes spoiled in business relations. In an article entitled "Made in Japan," the Pall Mall Gazette shows how nations have encroached upon one another's business, and reaped for a time a rich harvest, only to see the same tactics employed by a rival people, and be forced to stand aside while the trade slipped from their hands into the keeping of another nation.

In old times the Dutch, by importing English clay, made a good profit out of imitations of Chinese porcelain, and presently the Dutch product became world as Delft ware.

But the Dutchman was no more secure in his profitable trade than had been his predecessor, the Chinaman. The English potters took to copying the Dutch patterns, and sold their pottery much cheaper, and the north of England became headquarters for the Delft china.

Again, however, the spoiler has been spoiled. Of late the Japanese have made themselves masters of the art of reproducing the patterns best liked in England, and have begun to encroach on the domain long monopolized by the English potter. The Japanese product is finer and stronger, and above all cheaper than the best English ware, and Japan is providing the markets with goods which were originally a Chinese monopoly.

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PRESTON OF THE MINT.

THE DIRECTOR'S WILD PARTISANSHIP VENTILATED.

His Declaration That the Nations Will Go to the Gold Standard Is Equivalent to Saying That They Will Sink Into Barbarism.

The statement of the Director of the Mint Preston in an interview recently, that outside of the United States all nations want to go to a gold standard; that Mexico would do it to-day if she could; and, further, that the country would fall into line with the rest of the world, coming, as it did, from a public official whose business it is to deal with nothing but the cold, hard facts that come before him, has attracted much attention and called down upon him the censure of the silver men. The advocates of free coinage believe that Mr. Preston has gone out of his way when he seeks to represent Mexico as contemplating anything like an adoption of the gold standard.

In discussing this interview, Senator Stewart, who is familiar with conditions in Mexico, and understands the financial question thoroughly, told the Washington Times that he could not account for the aberration of mind of the person who could talk such nonsense. "The declaration that all nations will go to the gold standard," said Mr Stewart, "is a declaration that they are prepared to go into barbarism. It is estimated that there are $4,000,000,000 of silver coin still doing duty as money. If all this silver coin is to be discarded and all the vacuum filled by gold, it will take many generations before the amount of metallic money of the world will be equal to the gold and silver now doing duty as money. It would be a rash estimate to suppose that there could be $4,000,000,000 of gold added to the present stock of gold in a century to come, because it has taken all the period since pre-historic time to accumulate $4,000,000,000 of gold and $4,000,000,000 of silver. If all nations discard silver and adopt the gold standard, humanity must wait for relief until the silver to be discarded shall have been replaced by gold from the mines and enough additional added to keep pace with population and business.

"Mr Preston, it is true, says that the output of gold is increasing. He says that the world's product this year will be $[illegible]0,000,000. If this were true, and we wish it were, it would not alter the case. There never has been one year in the world's history when $240,000,000 of gold were produced. About $160,000,000 was the maximum in the palmy days of California and Australia, and the like of which we shall probably never see again. But suppose that $[illegible],000,000 per annum of gold could be produced, more than half of that will be consumed in the arts. If a hundred millions of new gold could go into circulation it would be a condition unparalleled in the history of the world, and a result entirely improbable. But if a hundred millions a year could be produced, it would take forty years to supply the place of the silver coin now doing duty, which the director of the mint says is to be immediately discarded.

"He refers to the Klondike mines of Alaska as a source from which this enormous supply is about to come. There may have been two or three millions produced in Alaska, but whatever it has been, or can be, produced from that region will not be a drop in the bucket compared with the demand if silver is discarded. If both silver and gold are used the supply will not be great. The only danger is it will be deficient. If to the eight hundred millions of gold and silver in existence there could be added two hundred millions of new gold and silver, the downward tendency of prices would probably be checked, but there would be no inflation.

"Mr Preston says that Mexico would come into line he predicts the consequences would be more cruel and disastrous to Mexico than the conquest by the Spaniards 400 years ago. Mexico is enjoying to-day a degree of prosperity never before known in her history. Her manufacturing establishments are increasing every day, her coffee and sugar plantations are yielding every year. Her mines of gold, silver, copper, and iron are being rapidly developed. It is crossing for the Mexicans to send products on account of the scarcity of exchange, and they are apparently compelled to do their own work, and they are doing it, as the growth of her agricultural, manufacturing and mining pursuits must amply warrant.

"The intimation that Mexico cannot pay the interest on her foreign debt while she keeps free coinage is an intimation that she cannot pay that interest. Mexico pays the interest on her foreign debt with her products. Her institutions are stimulated by free silver. Her minerals, her sugar, her tobacco and her coffee will buy as much gold to pay interest on her foreign debt as if she were on a gold basis. On the silver basis she can produce but on the gold basis she could not produce enough and would retrograde into barbarism and repudiate her foreign debt.

"The suspension of coinage in Mexico would, in effect, be a repetition of the suspension of coinage in India, and India, while her mints were open, paid eighty millions of gold interest on her foreign debt and increased in prosperity at home without increasing taxation. Since she suspended free coinage she has been compelled to increase her foreign debt at least fifty millions a year, and her people are starving. Eight millions have already died of starvation. Twenty millions are the sad estimate that must die during the present famine, by reason of the fact that the seventeen hundred millions of treasure which they had in the form of silver has been repudiated, and cannot be coined into rupees with which to buy bread.

"The paltry contributions of England to the vast millions of India is a mockery. The Indians could take care of themselves if Great Britain would not rob them; and the director of the United States mint, a paid official of this government, proposes that Mexico shall share the same fate of India. The starving millions of India do not deter him, because he is well fed and in a good place. Why he and others who are paid by the government should be preaching such heresy as is contained in his interview is hard to imagine.

"If he would proclaim the truth; if he had reason on his side; if he was not a co-worker with an English syndicate which has impoverished and enslaved India; which is whipping Egyptians on the bare back to extort from them enough labor to pay the gold interest to the English syndicate; if he was not in their employ while paid by the United States, some attention might be paid to his interview.

"I pronounce any man in the employ of the United States who will proclaim that silver is to be entirely destroyed, notwithstanding the platform of the Republican party that it should be restored by international bimetallism, notwithstanding the fact that this country depends upon it, recreant to his duty and an enemy of his country. What reliance can be placed on the statistics of a man who can talk as Mr. Preston does in his interview? A man who will talk such heresy as he does against the professions of all parties in this country cannot be relied upon to state facts with regard to the production of either metal, and I fear that he is as ignorant of this as he is of principle, of honesty, of decency and propriety in a public officer."

POINTS FROM THE PRESS.

The longer Wolcott et al. remain in Europe the more humiliating is the spectacle to Americans. As if the people of this nation must beg favors of England, and especially the favor of being allowed to do a manly act.—Boulder Herald.

Republicans have no other uses for the state than to have it act as a collection agency, and to keep on hand a well-drilled and ever-ready posse to carefully and promptly "protect" corporations in their raids on the people. Pittsburg Kansan.

We must either decentralize the wealth of the country out of the hands of monopolists, by class legislation which will offset the class legislation producing the monopolists, or change the constitution of the country so that the natural resources of wealth cannot be monopolized. This is no dream.—Omaha Labor Bulletin.

Of course, times are hard, but it cannot be said that good Mother Earth is not kind to the whole human race. If the millions of children of men are in want, they have only themselves to blame, to the extent at least that they meekly submit to the rule of monopoly; to the gormands who appropriate the generous gifts of nature and from the pulpit and press have it preached that divine Providence is responsible for our poverty.—Johnstown Daily Democrat.

Direct legislation and effective voting would make boodle legislatures and corrupt courts impossible.—Pittsburg Kansan.

"They" tell the masses to "economize." Economy will starve the butcher, the baker and the candlestick-maker, but it may prolong the lives of the "they"; namely, those who essay to furnish us our religion, politics, and bill of fare ready-made to our hands, and call us "anarchists" and "paid agitators" if we don't swallow the whole dose at a gulp and say "thank you."—Bige Eddy, in Seattle Populist.

Just how a country can be in an ideal condition for prosperity in all industries and yet be restricted by gross errors in its financial policies is being illustrated in the United States at the present time. With splendid crops, and unlimited demand by reason of the failure of foreign crops, times continue hard. This education of the people will not be without permanent effects.—Boulder Camera.

Speaking about the sale of poisons used for suicide, a Washington druggist says: "We are now compelled to sell it merely on the representation of the buyer. Why? Because if one druggist declines to make a sale another one two squares off will do it. It may be a ghastly sort of competition, but the facts are as I have stated."—Washington Star.

A dispatch from Washington on Monday reported the amount paid to depositors by the receivers of defunct national banks, the figures running from five to twenty-five per cent. Most of these depositors are people who have only a small amount of money and that saved only by the strictest economy. There can be but few blacker crimes than swindling these people out of their earnings, yet it is done every week, yes, every day of the week; and then just to hear the politicians declare, "It's the best banking system in the world."—Chicago Express.

IS NOT YET TOO LATE.

BUT THE RAILROADS ARE TIGHTENING THEIR GRASP.

Let the Government Take Charge of and Operate the Union Pacific and the Monopoly of Carrying Will Be Destroyed.

I want to call special attention to this statement—that if ever the United States buy in and operate the U. P., the whole monopoly of carrying will step by step be destroyed. But under present control of our government this can never be done. If ever done it will show that the combines have given up their hold of power. Whoever talks of such a thing as at all probable now, knows nothing of the condition of our affairs. Were the government to go at it and build one great railway, to be operated by the government entirely independent of all outside control, it would compel all the other roads to compete with it. They would soon be using all their influence either to have the government buy or sell. But it is altogether probable that they would manage to buy the government roads. There is not one person in a thousand who understands the enormous power of the railway combine. All the other trusts and combines owe their origin and standing to this one. Our government is now a railway empire. Congress and every State Legislature and Supreme Court are controlled by it. For this reason I deem every attempt at reform as useless as that of the Prohibitionists' until this despotism has been destroyed. The people must grow poorer under its rule, because it gathers up, as net profits, all the surplus made by labor and never redistributes a dollar in the regions where the wealth is created. Moreover, it takes advantage of any rise of price in Europe of our agricultural products, by keeping us in ignorance through its control of the telegraph and thus secures to itself all the advantage. This was seen during the late rise in wheat owing to the Indian famine. The whole exportable crop of the Dakotas and other regions was secured by the railroad manipulators before the news of the famine was let out. The real profits of the roads themselves are hidden from the world by various devices, such as the express, fast freights, Pullman sleepers, patents of various kinds, supply companies—all devices to absorb the profits of the roads and throw them into receivers' hands. While the road is in a receiver's hands the express, fast freight, Pullman sleeper, patentee and supply business all are paying big profits to the combine. Enormous fees are divided between receivers and the combine. The very rails and cars are supplied by one hand while the other smites and destroys, and taxes the public to repair and renew. I say, not one man in ten thousand has the slightest idea of the power and cunning of this railway empire under which we groan. All the other evils we complain of are either consequences of this one or as a drop in the bucket. Imagine now that we gained free silver, the referendum and every other good thing, yet have left this one monster to stand untouched—what better off are we, the people? In this, amid such vast confusion, I feel like one standing alone. Mark the prediction: to this one thing we shall come at last, and come by force, unless we are wise in time. By combining all together and demanding that Government shall build two great trans-continental roads, East and West, North and South, issuing small shares and legal tender treasury certificates, the whole can be done without debt. Government roads to be operated as the postoffice is. This done, all else will follow. The very keystone to the railroad empire will be broken. Every dollar issued will be returned in payment for services long before the roads are finished, and all this trouble about labor and money will cease in six months from the start. In this way the English country people built railroads costing several billion dollars, and never used a cent of money. Surely this people can do the same, under the plan here proposed, and not use half the effort.

You are not aroused by this proposition. It does not cause you to feel the least excitement. You think it might do for one plank in the next platform of our party if there are enough of us to care about it. But just try it once. Let it be made the one plank with a support formidable enough to cause the real rulers of these States the least fear of its ultimate success, and then you shall witness such a stirring among the dry bones as never was. Then indeed shall the enemy show you that you have planted a fatal blow at their power. Every argument and device will be resorted to. Your dangerous leaders will be bought off or destroyed in some way, as were the leaders in the war against the Standard Oil Company. Poison or the dagger may be used finally, if the multitude of crimes against the United States do not afford opportunity enough for putting them hors de combat. But all the argument will be in our favor. Is it socialistic? Behold, it has been employed by the most anti-social of Governments. Is it anti-Republican? The most Republican Governments have adopted it. Is it a risk? It is proven to be most successful. Everything pleads for it, yea, demands it. We are alone of all civilized nations behind in this, as we were on slavery. And shall we hug this great abuse to our bosoms as we did that until the very stars cried out in mutiny?

Our long platforms amount to nothing. They even direct us from the main point. Many of them are devised by the enemy to amuse us. Even if we succeed at elections they will outwit us in the scramble over so many questions, and long years will pass and civil war will finally come out of the despair of the masses. Something must be done. Make the building of these great roads by the government, as proposed herein, the one grand and immediate object. The combine will say as did Hannibal under a like desperate circumstance, "Now, indeed, do I feel the fate of Carthage."

CLARKE IRVINE.

SILVER AND WHEAT.

Gold Monometallists Are Off in Their Reckonings.

Because silver has been falling in bullion value of late and wheat rising gold monometallists are jubilant and think that they have an unescapable answer to the bimetallist contention of a correspondence between the general fall of wheat and silver prices during the past twenty years, as indicated by the index numbers of Soetbeer and other ecenomists.

The truth is in a nutshell. One of the chief reasons for the decline in market value of American wheat has been the competition of silver-using countries like India and Argentina. While the wheat production of both for years has been advancing with rapid strides, and the exchange value of silver in London has been dropping continually, the silver value of agricultural labor and products in those countries has been stationary. In India and Argentina an ounce of silver would buy a bushel of wheat in 1895, when an ounce of silver was worth, say, 50 cents, exactly as it would be in 1885, when it was worth a dollar in gold.

Here is where the British commercial shrewdness came in to crush the American agricultural interest and make it the toiling, payless slave of English markets. As soon as Great Britain succeeded in destroying the parity of American silver with gold London began to buy our depreciated bullion and exchange it for East Indian and South American wheat. Every cent that American silver fell per ounce was a cent saved on the purchasing price of wheat. But the demand for our silver for this purpose of exchange served to keep it at a higher value compared with the price of wheat at Liverpool as long as that demand lasted. Naturally, when the crop failures occurred in India, and the comparative shortage of recent time in Argentina, the demand fell off and silver became further depressed, while necessary resort to the wheat production of the United States to make good the shortages and failures of wheat elsewhere in the world, enhanced the price of that commodity compared with silver bullion.

It is to the advantage of the American farmer that cosmic crop conditions are likely to preserve, perhaps to increase, that disparity for another year to come. At the same time it is not well that he, or the rest of us, should allow himself to be confused or deluded by specious arguments of the gold interest. When, in the course of nature's providence, normal conditions return, and the competitive power of other wheat-producing countries is at work again, we shall see the same old state of things. England will bear our silver and buy it to exchange for the wheat of silver countries, and so recommence the former operation of destroying our farmers.

The illustration presented in the current and doubtless temporary rise of wheat and fall of silver is one of the strongest arguments for remonetization that well could be conceived.—National Democrat.

We Could Do Without Them.

After a long list of good things, in the way of machinery locomotion, etc., that we didn't have eighty years ago, The Rajah, in the Cincinnati Chronicle, specifies quite a number of bad things we didn't have, as follows:

No trusts.

No laws against trusts to make law ridiculous because of non-enforcement.

No mills and factories standing idle that trusts might fatten.

No laws against tramps and no tramps.

No Pullman employes starving while the stock paid 12 per cent dividends, and no Pullman's daughter to get $10,000 a year for putting names on cars that no one can pronounce.

No thirty-story buildings, and no asylums for the insane that it would tire you to walk around.

No man worth $200,000,000, and no newspapers recording suicides under one-line headings.

No paresis and no appendicitis, and no gold standard.

But there were men who had the backbone to declare and reiterate their independence of any other nation on earth.

Enough for All.

The social regeneration of the masses by the wholesale process will be found, I believe, to be easier than by the usual retail methods. It will also be more economical, and will furnish to the world an imposing object lesson in "pauperology," if I may be permitted to coin the expression. It will thus be possible, if I mistake not, to prove to the most Malthusian mind that, after all, God is not mistaken in allowing the existence of so many human beings, that Mother Earth is still big enough and fertile enough to provide food and work for many times over her existing family, and that the worst form of folly and extravagance in that which treats as waste and superfluous matter the glorious crowning-piece of creation which bears the impress and the image of its Master Mind.—Booth Tucker in Forum.

GENERAL NEWS

Current Events of the Day Epitomized.

PANIC IN CONSTANTINOPLE.

A General Strike of Cloak Makers Has Been Ordered—Uniform Divorce Law Formulated—A Town Site Sold Under Court Decree.

Window glass has gone up 7 per cent to the public.

Knoxville will have a new fire alarm aparatus.

Salvador has been forced by the slump in silver to adopt a gold standard.

Col. Pando, of Bolivia, with a force of 600 men, has invaded the Peruvian province of Sandia.

The Masonic temple at Rome, Ga., suffered a loss of $8,000 by fire, caused by an electric wire.

The town site at Damascus, Va., was sold under court decree for $4,000, bondholders bidding it in.

The little Flat Creek Baptist church, near Knoxville, will this week celebrate its hundredth anniversary.

The president has appointed Wm. B. Holloway, of Indiana, to be Consul General at St. Petersburg, Russia, the commission being dated August 21.

At Fayetteville, W. Va., Jerry Brown was hanged for an assault committed on Mrs. Radford last February. Two thousand people witnessed the execution.

At San Francisco ship charges are still on the increase, and 27s 6d from that port to Europe has been reached. Three vessels have been engaged at this rate.

Uniform Law Commission of the American Bar Association has formulated a divorce bill which it will seek to have enacted by the legislatures of the different states.

At Chicago Dr. James C. Ducker, charged with conspiracy to ruin the features of his wife with vitriol, has been held to await the action of the grand jury in $3,500 bail.

There is considerable agitation among the peasants in the Lazio district of Italy in favor of a redistribution of the vast uncultivated estates of the patrician families.

Twenty women were killed in Madrid, Spain, the other day, owing to an accident to an apparatus used for raising water at Moncada, province of Valencia, on the Moncada river.

Senor Romero, the Mexican Minister, will go to St. Paul the latter part of this week as the representative of Mexico at the national gathering of farming organizations in that city.

The general strike of cloak makers of New York city and vicinity, which has been threatened for a long time, has been ordered. More that 5,000 went out last Wednesday afternoon.

The Postoffice Department has nearly completed an elaborate collection of souvenirs of the recent Universal Postal Congress, and they will be shipped in a few days to all the delegates of that body.

At Portland, Ore., fire destroyed the large warehouse of W. P. Fuller & Co. Loss between $50,000 and $75,000, partly insured. The contents of the warehouse consisted principally of tri-color and plate glass.

Chief of Police Peter Conlin, of New York city, was retired last week by the police commissioners on his own application. He will receive a pension of $3,000 a year. Acting Inspector John McCullagh will be promoted in Conlin's place.

There was a panic at Constantinople, owing to the police chasing and arresting two Armenians. Nearly all the stores in the quarter where the arrests were made were hurriedly closed and remained shut until the police reassured their proprietors.

Consul-General Lee, at Havana, telgraphed the state department that the case of Evangelina Cisneros had been greatly exaggerated and misrepresented. He added that he could not ascertain at that time if there had been any intention to deport her.

Patrick Dolan, district president of the United Mine Workers of America, was arrested in Washington township, Pennsylvania, last week, while leading a body of marchers past the Allison mine of Cook & Sons, near McGovern station.

At Great Bend, Kan., the County Recorder has reported the release of over $60,000 in chattel and real estate mortgages since August 1, and half of the wheat crop has not yet been threshed. It is predicted by the new year the county will be in better shape than for years and will look back on the largest increase of wheat in its history.

An imperial irade has been issued commuting the sentence of death imposed upon the nine men who were engaged in the massacre of Armenians at Tokat in March last, to penal servitude for life in Tripoli and Barbary.

The tax returns for the state of Georgia are completed and the result is a net decrease of $1,629,655 on all property. The treasury books and comptroller's books were balanced, and showed a net loss of $129,352 in the treasury fund since Aug. 1. Then the amount on hand was $534,068.72. Now it is only $405,315.61.

The celebrated Mira Flores Cotton Mill & Print Works, thirty miles from Mexico City, belonging to Felipe Robertson, has been sold for about half a million dollars. The tendency is to get the principal mills under control of a few large corporations.

Assistant Secretary Spalding has decided that cargoes imported into the United States in Norwegian vessels from any country are not subject, under our treaty with Sweden and Norway, to a discriminating duty of 10 per cent.

Savannah, Ga., will soon be a free port, and invite the commerce of the world without paying the quarantine charges. The council is to pass an ordinance taking off all port fees. This will mean a deficit of about $7,000 per annum in the city's income.

The Agricultural Department at Washington is preparing to make an experiment with a new forage plant, which is thought to be adapted to the semi-arid regions of the West. It is the bromus inermis, a grass which is indigenous to the Russian Steppes.

The reports of the United States mine inspectors of Indian Territory and New Mexico show that the total coal product of New Mexico during the last fiscal year was 733,535 tons, value estimated at $1,186,916. The Indian Territory coal output was 1,302,378 tons; coke output, 25,440 tons.

At St. Louis the entire Chinese colony was raided by the Federal authorities, who took 283 of the Celestials to the United States District court, where they were examined as to their right to stay in this country. Fourteen will be sent to San Francisco and deported, under the Geary exclusion act.

Silver broke all records again last week, falling to 23 7-8 pence in London, which is 1-8 penny below the previous low point, and to 51¼ in New York, which is ⅛c below the previous low record. Mexican dollars sold at 39 cents. The value of silver in the standard silver dollar was 39.66 cents.

A new enterprise is on foot at Eldorado, Ark. It is the erection of a large ginnery and compress under the new cylindrical process. The company has a paid-up capital of $8,000, and it is proposed to have everything in operation to handle the fall crop of cotton.

Caterpillars have made their appearance in the cotton near Opelousas, La., principally on ex Assessor Sword's plantation. They are not as yet numerous, but paris green is being used vigorously, and it is hoped that they will be checked before doing much damage.

The Cohen Tobacco company, of New York, have an 800-acre tobacco crop near Atapulgus, Decatur county, Georgia. They are making a specialty of Sumatra wrappers, and a Leon county farmer who recently visited this immense tobacco plantation estimates that the company will clear $1,000,000 on this year's crop.

Last Wednesday afternoon, with a military parade and Masonic ceremonies, Pickett camp, Sons of Confederate Veterans, Richmond, Va., laid the corner stone of the cottage they propose to erect at Lee camp soldiers' home. Gov. O'Ferrall was the orator of the occasion. His oration was devoted principally to war history.

Grant Erwin, colored, of Bellbuckle, was fatally injured at Wartrace, Tenn. He was stealing a ride under the trucks, and when the train slowed up for the station he jumped out and hit the edge of the platform. He was knocked under the wheels, cutting off both arms and knocking one eye out. He was otherwise badly mangled.

During a national fete, which was held at Montevidio, August 25, President J. Idiarte Borda was shot and killed by an assassin. Senor J. Idiarte was elected president of Uruguay for the term extending from March, 1894, to 1898. The fete at which he was assassinated was being held in celebration of the independence of Uruguay, which was achieved on August 25, 1825.

News has been received that John Brown, a white farmer living at Sorby, Tenn., severely beat and choked his wife, one night last week, also on the previous night, and threatened to kill her. Intense excitement prevails, as Brown's wife is a highly repected and refined lady, who comes of a prominent family. The angry citizens of the community may deal severely with the brute before the sheriff arrives.

A telegram from the City of Mexico says: Notwithstanding the decline in silver, exchange on London and New York exchange was easy, brokers having bought at 1.39 and 1.40 on New York and selling at 1.43½ to 1.44. It is believed the exchange will gradually rise to 1.50. Business is quiet and there have been failures. The cotton crop this year will be large and will bring good profits for planters, the total value of the crop being a little under $15,000,000, as now estimated.

W. D. Clark, a young railroad agent at Albertville, Ala., has fallen heir to $500,000. An uncle of his died recently at Muscogee, I. T., and willed young Clark his immense fortune.

The second session of the Convention of the Daughters of Liberty, at Pittsburg, Pa., was devoted to the reading and adoption of reports. The reports showed that the order has been established in four new states—North Carolina, South Carolina, Tennessee and Montana. That throughout its jurisdiction 105 new councils have been added to the roster; that there has been an increase of over 4,000 in membership. The total number of councils is 845. During the year there were 139 deaths in the order.

SPAIN'S POLICY.

The New Prime Minister Will Follow Canovas's Footsteps.

CONFIDENCE IN WEYLER.

Senor Sagasta, the Liberal Leader, Says the Situation Is Growing Worse in Cuba, and Has Made a Fresh Declaration on the Political Situation.

Gen. Azcarragua, the Spanish premier, at the cabinet council, over which he presided Friday, declared that the government would follow in the footsteps of the late premier, Senor Canovas. Continuing, Gen. Azcarragua announced that the government had full confidence in General Weyler's political and military conduct of affairs in Cuba. Personally, the premier was aware that the insurrection in Cuba was approaching an end, and if the United States made any demand, which he hoped would not be the case, he said, Spain would do her duty.

Senor Sagasta, the liberal leader, has made a fresh declaration on the political situation. He says it is growing worse daily in Cuba and continues serious in the Philippine Islands. Senor Sagasta is ready to apply autonomy to Cuba and expresses the belief that the liberals will assume power earlier than was expected.

Referring to the probability of a rising in favor of Don Carlos, the pretender to the Spanish throne, Senor Sagasta asserts that the Carlists are already preparing for a rising, and are only awaiting a false step upon the part of the government or a favorable opportunity to take up arms.

BATTLE WITH DESPERADOES.

Sheriff Pritchard Meets Death in the Woods.

A special from Cloudland, N. C., says that Sheriff Pritchard, of Mitchell county, a brother of United States Senator Pritchard, was killed in a battle with desperadoes near there Friday.

Pritchard had a warrant for the arrest of George K. Garland and a fellow named Monroe, who are known as desperate characters.

He, Deputy Blalock and another officer went out to arrest the men. They ran upon them in the mountains five miles from Cloudland and there a desperate battle took place.

The officers called upon the men to surrender, but they doggedly refused. The party fired upon Pritchard and he fell from his horse mortally wounded with four shots in him. Deputy Blalock fired upon the party, desperately wounding Garland. A number of other shots were fired from behind nearby trees.

At last reports Pritchard was dying, and is doubtless dead.

Deputy Blalock was mortally wounded, and it is said cannot live.

Monroe and Garland are both wounded, the latter badly, but they are still at large.

CHASED BY DETECTIVES.

An Iowa Murderer Captured in the Klondyke Region.

The steamer Portland, due from St. Michaels, which arrived at Port Townsend Friday, has on board the murderer, William Smith, who was pursued over the continent to Juneau, to Dyea and across Chilkoot Pass, over the lakes and down the rivers, to the gold fields of the Klondyke, where he was taken into custody.

Smith was a storekeeper in a town near Cedar Rapids, Iowa. One night the store was burned, and in the ruins was found the charred body of a woman, who proved to be Smith's mother, who was burned to death in the fire. His mother was insured for $3,500, and a demand was made for the money. Investigation led to the belief that the fire was caused by Smith. Pinkerton men were put on the trail, and after the longest chase on record, they captured Smith at Dawson, July 23.

Newly Elected Grand Army Officers.

At the Grand Army encampment at Buffalo, N. Y., Cincinnati was chosen as the place for the next national encampment, and J. P. S. Gobin, of Lebanon, Pa., was chosen commander-in-chief.

Alfred Lyth, of Bardwell-Wilkinson post, Buffalo, was unanimously elected senior vice-commander.

Dr. David McKay, of Dallas, Tex., a veteran of the Seventy-ninth New Highlanders, was elected surgeon-general.

For junior vice-commander the adjutant-general was instructed to cast the vote of the encampment for Francis B. Allen, of Hartford, the candidate of the Naval Veterans' association.

Valuable Oil Discoveries in Texas

Another well has been successfully opened in the oil fields, near Corsicana, Tex., and is flowing at present about fifty barrels per day. The Oil City company, one of the largest organized companies, is preparing to let a contract for putting down fifty wells.

Mary Kyle Dallas.

Mary Kyle Dallas, the poet and authoress, died at her home in New York city on the 25th of heart failure, aged 60 years.

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ANOTHER week has elapsed and still no report on the books and accounts of our county officers has been made public. That report seems to require a lot of cooking to make it palatable.

THE through freights from Clanton on cotton are now such as to give our cotton buyers every facility for handling the cotton of this section in competition with other markets. Consequently prices in Clanton will compare very favorably with other markets.

THE Atlanta Constitution is responsible for the story that Tom Watson will sell the People's Party Paper, and quitting a political life will devote his time to his law business. The Constitution is not a reliable paper in anything connected with Populism, and this tale requires confirmation before credence can be given to it.

EDITORS come and editors go in Chilton county, but THE BANNER goes steadily on, growing more in favor with the people every day. Our Republican contemporary at Thorsby, the Call, has called off Editor Taylor, and we have the pleasure of introducing Editor H. W. Ryding, who says:

"The Chilton County Call has changed hands during the week. The present management is not responsible for any possible outstanding liabilities of the former management of the Call." Next!

TAX COLLECTOR Lott of Mobile is having a lot of trouble. The special state examiners have been down there in strong force and report him to be $26,000 short. Governor Johnston has suspended Mr. Lott and ordered impeachment proceedings taken against him. He has been tax-collector of Mobile county for over thirty years and this is a deplorable ending of his career.

THE cotton season has opened, the first bale being brought to Clanton last Friday by Mr. Wm. Wagner. It was classed as low middling and was bought by Mr W. L. Sampey for 7¼ cents per pound. The second bale was brought in by Mr. J. M. Daniels and was purchased by Mr. W. I. Mullins for 8 cents per pound. The market is so uncertain at present that prices may go either up or down any day. In Clanton this morning 7 and 7½ cents was the ruling figure.

PRESIDENT Mitchell, of the Atlanta and Selma Air-Line Railroad Company, has made a proposition to the citizens of Selma which insures the immediate construction of the line from Selma to a point on the Savannah and Western railway. Selma has subscribed $50,000 to the enterprise; $50,000 more is asked, one-fourth payable when grading commences, one-fourth when twenty-five miles is graded north from Selma, one-fourth when fifty miles is graded and the remainder when trains are running from Selma to a point on the Savannah and Western. Work will begin within thirty days of the time the money is subscribed. There is little or no doubt about the money being subscribed promptly.

$1 Wheat.

What the farmers of the United States have for many years been wishing has been $1.00 wheat. Wheat at $1.00 makes the farmer almost as well off as his hired man, but the way that the prices have been running for a number of years back wheat has been raised at a loss to the American farmer. The short crops in India and Russia and the Argentine has thrown the supply of food cereals very largely upon the United States, and the deficiency in Europe must be supplied by the surplus in America. This means to the United States prosperity, for the advancement of wheat causes a sympathetic advance in the price of corn and rye, and in a certain degree of oats. When the farmer is prosperous, all classes are so.

RESOURCE, Screven Co., Ga.—I have been subject to attacks of bilious colic for several years. Chamberlains Colic, Cholera and Diarrhoea Remedy is the only sure relief. It acts like a charm. One dose of it gives relief when all other medicines fail.—G. D. Sharp. For sale by Dr. J. S. Johnson, Jr.

The Cotton Crop.

Unless present indications fail, the cotton crop which is now maturing in the south, will closely approximate 10,000 000 bales.

Mr. H. R. Neill, one of the leading statisticians of the country on the subject of cotton, is authority for this statement. In 1894 Mr. Neill made a forecast of that year's cotton crop which closely approximated the actual figures and since that time his estimates have been relied upon to a very great extent by the cotton dealers.

In a circular, bearing upon this year's cotton crop, issued within the last few days, Mr. Neill says:

At this moment the promise is equal to any previous year in every state but Texas, and on the present acreage, even allowing that Texas should fall short of her maximum production by 1,000,000 the outlook now is for a crop of at least 9,750,000, with 500,000 to 1,900,000 more within the rate of possibilities. This figure of 9,750,000 is really very conservative, for a product per acre outside of Texas equal to 1894-95 would give 7,350,000 bales and a maximum for Texas would be 3,950,000 bales, from which, allowing 1,000,000 off, you would have a crop of 10,300,000 bales.

The crop is now so far advanced from recent rains and heat that it will reach maturity and be independent of frost at an unusually early date, and should we soon have good rains in Texas, her crop also would be near perfection, and the possibilities for the total crop would then be something enormous.

In view of the prospective size of this year's cotton crop our farmers should not commit the mistake of holding on to their cotton in the hope that better prices will be offered later in the season. Instead of rising, prices may decline as the season advances; and, in that event, serious loss will be entailed upon all who have not disposed of their cotton early in the season. Our farmers should bear this in mind and carry their cotton to market as soon as they can get it ready. In this way they will not only avoid possible loss later on, but materially aid in bringing about better conditions in the south.—Constitution.

Did You Ever

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Program Teachers' Institute.

An Institute, for the white teachers of Chilton county, will be held at Concord on Friday and Saturday Sept. 24th & 25th 1897.

FRIDAY, 9 a.m. Devotional exercises. Welcome address, J. Alex Moore. Organization.

10. Childs study, J. F. Lowery.

11. Hindrances to school work and how to prevent the same. W. S. Garner. Recess.

2 p.m. Modes for correcting errors in spoken language, Miss Jennie Wilson.

3. Best course of study for country schools, Judson Strock.

SATURDAY, 9 a.m. Devotional exercises.

9:30 Alabama in literature, essay, Miss Kate Garner.

10. The public school and how best to secure its most efficient work, C. C. Slaton.

11. Alabama's educational needs, J. Alex Moore.

2 p.m. Educational address, L. E. Zoch.

3. The work of the primary teacher, J. F. M. Thomas, Mrs. A. G. Dunlap.

Concord is located about five miles south east from Montevallo. Anyone desiring conveyance from railroad to Institute, will write Prof. J. Alex. Moore at Montevallo. If you are a teacher come to the Institute. If you are a friend to education come. J. W. MOORE, Supt.

Political Points.

People's Press Bureau, St. Louis, Mo., Sept. 1, 1897.

The middle-of-the-road faction in Iowa has placed a full state ticket in the field. Ex-Senator Peffer, of Kansas, was the principal speaker at their convention.

In the September number of the "New Time" Hon. Jerry Simpson has an article on "Despotism in the House," in which the Czar like methods of Speaker Reed and their far-reaching results are well shown up.

The Canadian government is preparing to build at an early date a telegraph line direct to the Klondike region. This line is not only to be owned and operated by the government, which insures a reasonable rate, but is to be supplimented by supply stations forty miles apart, between which dog trains will first be operated, to be succeeded as soon as possible by other and better means of transportation. Government ownership is gaining ground, "populist vagary" or no populist vagary.

Daily perusal of the Metropolitan republican and gold democrat press shows an amount of editorial space devoted to the commendation of the middle-of the road populists which indicate their satisfaction with the extreme course pursued by that element. Straws show which way the wind blows.

Re-organiztion and activity is the rule among the populists of the north west.

A general revival of interest in the Farmers Alliance seems to be sweeping over the Southern States.

The Executive Committee of the People's Party of North Carolina has formulated an address to the people and active work is being carried on throughout that State. Senator Butler, although in need of rest, is out making a series of political speeches.

President McKinley's Monetary Commission, which has already cost the tax payers of this country $100,000, is being severely criticised and ridiculed by the English press.

The Texas State Grange accomplished much good work at its recent session. The plan previously referred to in these columns, of urging the building of a North and South railroad by the State was fully exploited. The proposition is for the State to use a portion of the school fund and employ convict labor to build such a road. It is to be owned and operated by the State and rates are to be so low as to relieve the farmers from the present shipping rate which they regard as ruinous. The grangers charge the Railroad Commissioners with having defrauded the tax payers out of $250,000 during the current year. River improvement by the State was also urged by one speaker at the grange meeting.

The Farmers Alliance of North Carolina has decided to open up a shoe factory at Hillsborough, in that State.

At the recent Bankers' Convention held in Detroit, Michigan, the President made the paradoxical assertion that those having done their duty in voting to put their country on a safe financial basis could confidently expect the blessing of heaven. Save the mark!

Kansas populists are discussing the propriety of making the abolition of the Federal Courts the main issue in the next compaign. A minority favor such a step.

The Nebraska People's Party Press Association has succeeded in getting out an excellent "patent inside" for populist papers which is furnished very cheap to those who desire to use it.

Dr. C. F. Taylor, of Philadelphia, Editor of the Medical World, was nominated for Auditor by the recent People's Party Convention at Altoona, Pa., and his letter of acceptance shows him to be a diplomat and a politician of the best sort.

At the conference between the miners officials and the mine operators at Pittsburg, Pa. August 23, Col. Rend, who earned some notoriety by his violent attack on De-Armitt, became abusive of Ratchford, calling him "a villain" a traitor and an anarchist and reminded him of the hanging of seven anarchist in Chicago. A. R.

Poor Blood

is starved blood. It shows itself in pale cheeks, white lips, weak digestion, no appetite, exhaustion, lack of nerve force, soft muscles, and, chief of all, weak muscles. Your doctor calls it Anaemia. He will tell you that the weakening weather of summer often brings it on.

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[We are willing to publish our subscribers views at any time, but it must be distinctly understood we do not hold ourselves responsible for these opinions.—EDITOR.]

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Jemison, Aug. 31, 1897.

Editor BANNER: Very dry hot weather stays with us.

Our esteemed neighbor, Mr. P. C. Wilson, is quite sick having relapsed.

We wish to tell all the BANNER sisters to not fail to dry all the okra they can for winter soup. Cut it up like you would to make soup to-day. Dry it like fruit, it is much easier dried than fruit. I am roasting ears to put in my winter soup. Am also putting up tomatoes with the fruit powders. Am making tomato wine. Have been using it several years, and find it more excellent than any wine we make. It seems to be more of a tonic than stimulant, it is choice for nausea. May we suggest to the farmer to sow rye, barley etc., early. Farmer or not if you own one acre and a cow, by all means sow a rich spot in rye or barley. Thus, with sweet hay and good winter quarters your cow, which is the best property owned, will be cared for cheaply. All good Alliance people study these blessings. When we again see the Alliance ship sailing above the waves, then we may say prosperity is returning and at last confidence restored.

Don't forget THE BANNER.

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"My boy came home from school one day with his hand badly lacerated and bleeding, and suffering pain," says Mr. E. J. Schall, with Meyer Bros.' Drug Co., St. Louis Mo. "I dressed the wound, and applied Chamberlain's Pain Balm freely. All pain ceased and in a remarkable short time it healed without leaving a scar. For wounds, sprains, swellings, and rheumatism, I know of no medicine or prescription equal to it. I consider it a household necessity." The 25 and 50 cent size for sale by Dr. J. S. Johnson, Jr.

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Collin's Chapel.

Last Saturday the people of Collins Chapel met and reorganized the Alliance. The meeting was opened by song and prayer; song was led by Bro. W. A. Mims and prayer by Bro. T. J. Collins. Then Bro. Collins was elected president and Bro. J. D. Collins secretary. There were some good lectures made by Bros. T. J. Collins, J. M. Scott and W. A. Mims. It seems like all of our old lecturers are dead and I would like to know where they were buried. But thank God we have some new ones coming on. ALLIANCEMAN.

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Catarrh Poisons.

Catarrh is capable of changing all the life-giving secretion of the body into scalding fluids, which destroy and inflame every part they come in contact with. Applications to the places affected by catarrh can do little good save to soothe or quiet disagreeable symptoms. Hence it is that gargles, sprays, autimizers and inhalants only serve as temporary relief. Any medicine to effect a cure must be taken into the system.

So long as the irritating secretions of catarrh continue to be formed so long will the membranes continue to be inflamed, no matter what treatment is used. There is but one remedy that has this most desirable effect, and that remedy is Pe-ru-na. This remedy strikes at once to the root of the catarrh by restoring to the capillary vessels their healthy elasticity. Pe-ru-na is not a temporary palliative, but a radical cure. Send for Dr. Hartman's latest book, sent free for a short time. Address The Pe-ru-na Drug Manufacturing Co., Columbus, Ohio.

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Julien Gordon (Mrs. Van Rensselaer Cruger) has used for her last novel a study of New York, Newport and Boston life, which promises to be read with wide interest by all who are interested in American fashionable life. No one knows the society of these three centers of fashion better than Mrs. Cruger. From her girlhood up she has had every opportunity to observe, and we have had no American woman of more brilliant powers, not only of reading the human heart, but of putting her impressions in delightful fashion

The first chapters open in the September Cosmopolitan.

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The best salve in the world for Cuts, Bruises, Sores, Ulcers, Salt-Rheum, Fever Sores, Tetter, Chapped Hands, Chilblains, Corns, and all Skin Eruptions, and positively cures Piles, or no pay required. It is guaranteed to give perfect satisfaction or money refunded. Price 25 cents per box. For sale by J. S. Johnson Jr.

TAX NOTICE.

ASSESSOR'S & COLLECTOR'S FIRST ROUND.

We will attend at the following times and places for the purpose of assessing the State and County Taxes of Chilton County for the year 1898, and collecting the taxes for 1897:

		1897
Kincheon	October	1
Albert Headley's Store	"	2
Benson	"	4
Maplesville	"	5
Dixie	"	6
Valley Creek	"	7
Shoults	"	8
Maplesville until 12 m.	"	9
Macedonia Church	"	11
Hayes Mill	"	12
Providence Church (Beat 2)	"	13
Elijah Busby's	"	14
Jemison	"	15
Strasburg	"	16
Clanton	"	18
Cane Creek Church	"	19
Mineral Springs	"	20
Jesse Maddox's Mill	"	21
Goer's School-House	"	22
Coopers	"	25
Verbena	"	26
Mountain Creek	"	27
Burwells	"	28
Calloway's Mill	"	29

A. C. MIMS, Tax Assessor.
T. J. HUBBARD, Tax Collector.

HOW TO FIND OUT.

Fill a bottle or common glass with urine and let it stand twenty-four hours; a sediment or settling indicates an unhealthy condition of the kidneys. When urine stains linen it is positive evidence of kidney trouble Too frequent desire to urinate or pain in the back, is also convincing proof that the kidneys and bladder are out of order.

WHAT TO DO.

There is comfort in the knowledge so often expressed, that Dr. Kilmer's Swamp-Root, the great kidney remedy fulfills every wish in relieving pain in the back, kidneys, liver, bladder and every part of the urinary passages. It corrects inability to hold urine and scalding pain in passing it, or bad effects following use of liquor, wine or beer, and overcomes that unpleasant necessity of being compelled to get up many times during the night to urinate. The mild and the extraordinary effect of Swamp-Root is soon realized. It stands the highest for its wonderful cures of the most distressing cases. If you need a medicine you should have the best. Sold by druggists, price fifty cents and one dollar. You may have a sample bottle and pamphlet both sent free by mail Mention THE BANNER and send your address to Dr. Kilmer & Co., Binghamton, N.Y. The proprietor of this paper guarantees the genuineness of this offer.

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Maplesville Music

Mrs. R. H. Martin has been visiting friends in Wilsonville.

Miss Mary Foshee's old friends are glad to have her with them again.

Rev. Ray and his cousin, Miss James, have been to see their grandmother, Mrs. Smitherman.

Mrs. Tucker has visited her sister near here, Mrs. Latham.

The The young folks had a most enjoyable picnic in our town park Mrs. Graham, of Anniston, met many friends there during her visit to her sister-in-law, Mrs. Savage.

Mrs. Paisley and her little grand child, Lucy, are home from Collirene.

Mr. Shelton Cooper, wife and infant have been on a visit to their parents here.

The handsome Mr. Pettus Crum has been visiting old friends here.

Misses Della and Willie Blalack have spent several very pleasant days with their aunt, Mrs. Rasberry.

Mr. Clisaw preached a most excellent sermon the fifth Sunday, we hope much good may be done by his faithful services.

Late corn is better than if planted earlier, the first was injured by drowth.

Late showers have given turnip crops a good start.

Mrs. Berry has been spending several weeks with her daughter, Mrs. DuBose.

Miss Lula Mosely, of Orrville, is visiting here. SUBSCRIBER.

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There is nothing just as good as Dr. King's New Discovery for Consumption, Coughs and Colds, so demand it and do not permit the dealer to sell you some substitute. He will not claim there is anything better but in order to make more profit he may claim something else to be just as good. You want Dr. King's New Discovery because you know it to be safe and reliable, and guaranteed to do good or money refunded. For Coughs, Colds, Consumption and for all affections of the Throat, Chest and Lungs, there is nothing so good as is Dr. King's New Discovery. Trial bottle free at Dr. J. S. Johnson's Drug Store

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we will give to the subscriber to THE BANNER who guesses nearest to the number of bales of cotton marketed at Clanton up to and including December 31, 1897. The contest will close Nov. 1, 1897. If there is more than one correct guess the amount will be divided amongst the successful guessers.

Messrs. W. L. Sampey, W. I. Mullins and W. M. Wilson have kindly consented to act as Committee of Award and their decision will be final.

The number of bales marketed at Clanton up to Dec. 31, of each year during the last three years has been

1894	3165.
1895	1962.
1896	3295.

Every subscriber to THE BANNER who pays a year's subscription in advance is entitled to a guess. Subscribe now, and register your guess.

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Hundreds of thousands of Sufferers cured without a single failure by "FIVE DROPS."

Though so universally used and tested did you ever hear anyone speak ill of this great remedy? No, you never did and never will, for if taken as directed and in the proper quantity "5 Drops" cannot fail to cure any of the diseases for which it is recommended. What it has already done to relieve the suffering is told in thousands of letters of grateful praise.

Mr. J. P. Limeburner, widely known for many years as the special representative of the Populists and Free Silver Press of the United States, has kindly forwarded the following letter for publication. Jan. 25, 1897.

DEAR SIRS—I am anxious for the sake of the suffering and out of gratitude to you to give my personal endorsement of your wonderful remedy. On the 9th of January 1897, I was in Washington and was suddenly seized with an aggravated case of inflammatory rheumatism; so severe and painful was the attack that within 24 hours my left arm was paralyzed and I was only able to dress with assistance. I secured a bottle of 5 DROPS and took a dose that night, rubbing some on externally as directed. The following morning I was surprised to find myself immensely relieved, and continuing treatment woke the second morning cured. My arm was absolutely free from pain, and all swelling and stiffness had disappeared. The quickness and completeness of my cure was remarkable. I have known for over a year of the great curative properties of your medicine and have several friends who have been cured by it of Neuralgia, Catarrh and Asthma. Wishing you every success and trusting that those similarly afflicted will at least give this remedy a trial. Sincerely yours J. P. LIMEBURNER

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CURES THE INCURABLE.

DEAR SIRS:—I would like to thank you for your great remedy, "5 DROPS," and tell you what it has done for me. I had Rheumatism in every joint and in the heart, and had Catarrh of the head for 30 years. I was so poorly that I lost the use of my legs and arms and could not move without pain. I was so crippled, that I had done but little work for seven years, and our family physician, a good doctor, told me that my Rheumatism and Catarrh were incurable, and I believed him. But now, after using "5 DROPS" only two months, I can truly say I have not felt so well for seven years. This medicine does more than is claimed for it. At this time my Catarrh is much better, and I have scarcely any Rheumatism at all and the heart weakness and pain are gone. My hearing is now good and my eyesight is much better. I have gained more than 10 pounds of flesh and can do a full day's work. It is the best medicine I ever saw to give a mother who has a young child, for it has the same effect on the child as on the mother. It wards off Croup and cures the hives of the child and causes sweet and refreshing sleep to both young and old.

Yours respectfully, WM. M. KELLEMS.
Siberia, Perry Co., Ind.

Jan. 29, 1896.

We received the following letter from Mr. J. J. Wilson of Omaha, Ill. Mr. Wilson has been for many years an invalid, and reading the above letter which was published weekly, Mr. Kellems asking of his endorsement was genuine, and received this reply, which he forwarded us.

MR. J. J. WILSON.

DEAR SIR:—Your letter of recent date at hand, the testimonial you speak of is genuine. The company who manufactures and sells "5 Drops" published my testimonial just as I gave it to them and every word of it is true, and I could swear to it and prove it by many witnesses. The company did not ask me for this letter. I sent it to them last January for publication in order that poor sufferers, incurable as I once was, and as you are, might be cured. Get "5 Drops" and use it and it will cure you as it has cured me. I have received many letters like yours, and it is a pleasure to me to answer all who write. Tell all your neighbors what I have written about "5 Drops." I know how to sympathize with those who are afflicted, for I suffered so long. It is now 8 months since I have felt any pain. Dr. W. Kellems, my brother, uses "5 Drops" in his practice, and joins me in endorsing this great remedy. He says for a case like yours it is a positive cure.

MR. W. M. AND DR. S. W. KELLEMS
Sept. 21, 1896.

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Commissioners' Court meets second Monday in February, first Monday in April, second Monday in May, second Monday in August, and first Monday in November.

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S. A. LEGAND, Lomax, Ala.

Mrs. McNeal and neice, Miss Onie Lee Dearnette, after spending the summer in Clanton, returned to their home in Montgomery yesterday.

Miss Maggie McMorries is on a visit to Miss Annie Dennis.

Read the particulars of our guessing contest and then subscribe for THE BANNER.

Mrs. Garner and family and Miss Gussie Allen have returned home after visiting friends in Jemison and Montevallo.

Mr. Alfred Popwell kindly presented THE BANNER office with the finest water melon we have seen this season. It weighed 56 lbs.

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Mrs. J. E. Evans who has been on a visit to her sister, Mrs. W. W. Durkin, of Prattville, returned home Monday.

H. C. Fulton, who is connected with Abe Kanter, is no longer solitary, his charming wife joined him this week, and we give her a cordial welcome to Clanton. They are boarding at Capt. Middleton's.

Marriage licenses have been granted this week by the Probate Judge to the following persons.

Mr. J. H. Gay and Miss Ella Snow, Mr. A. B. Driver and Miss Idella Killgore; Mr. J. A. Hedgepath and Miss Lucinda Hamilton.

Don't Tobacco Spit and Smoke Your Life Away.

If you want to quit tobacco using easily and forever, be made well, strong, magnetic, full of new life and vigor, take No-To-Bac, the wonder worker, that makes weak men strong. Many gain ten pounds in ten days. Over 400,000 cured. Buy No-To-Bac of your druggist, under guarantee to cure, 50c or $1.00. Booklet and sample mailed free. Ad. Sterling Remedy Co., Chicago or New York.

On Sunday last Mr. A. B. Driver and Miss Idella Killgore were happily married at the home of the bride's father, Rev. W. G. Riggins performed the ceremony. THE BANNER wishes the happy couple a full measure of bliss and prosperity.

B. H. Chesnutt spent Sunday at home with his family here.

Mrs. Fitzpatrick and her children, who have been paying an extended visit to Col. R. H. Knox, returned to their home at Greensboro yesterday.

Prof. McMorries has purchased the Kennedy place in the west end of town, and as soon as the necessary repairs and alterations have been made will take possession.

Planters' CUBAN RELIEF cures Colic, Neuralgia and Toothache in five minutes. Sour Stomach and Summer Complaints. Price, 25 Cents.

Building Notes.

The new and handsome storehouse of J. W. Edwards is nearly completed, with the exception of the shelving and counters. Mr. Edwards will get in his new stock and open up very soon.

The elegant residence now in course of erection for Mr. W. I. Mullins is being pushed as rapidly as possible. The contractor, Mr. T. P. Teel, is a hustler and goes right ahead with his work.

Work has been commenced on the new residence to be built for Dr. Matthews. Messrs. Farley & Marcus having a force of hands hard at it. When completed it will be occupied by Mr. E. M. Fleckinger.

As soon as the lease of the house occupied by Judge Honeycutt expires Dr. J. S. Johnson Sr. has decided to erect a two-story residence on the lot for the occupancy of his family.

University School.

Next Wednesday, Sept. 8 is the day. Have you taken my advice and provided your children with all necessary books, stationery, etc. I am not supplying my school with text-books. I shall have on hand only a very few of the different books to meet emergency cases. These will be sold at regular retail prices, strictly for cash.

Miss Sampey, the teacher of music, has arrived and will be ready for her classes.

Again let me urge you to have your children at school the first day. Time lost at the beginning of a session cannot be made good.

E. Y. McMORRIES.

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ELI P. BABCOCK, of Avoca, N. Y., a veteran of the 3rd N. Y. Artillery and for thirty years of the Babcock & Munsel Carriage Co., of Auburn, says: "I write to express my gratitude for the miraculous benefit received from Dr. Miles' Heart Cure. I suffered for years, as result of army life, from sciatica which affected my heart in the worst form, my limbs swelled from the ankles up. I bloated until I was unable to button my clothing; had sharp pains about the heart, smothering spells and shortness of breath. For three months I was unable to lie down, and all the sleep I got was in an arm chair. I was treated by the best doctors but gradually grew worse. About a year ago I commenced taking Dr. Miles' New Heart Cure and it saved my life as if by a miracle."

Dr. Miles' Remedies are sold by all druggists under a positive guarantee, first bottle benefits or money refunded. Book on diseases of the heart and nerves free. Address,

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Mortgage Sale.

Under and by virtue of the power of sale contained in a mortgage executed to Alabama Mineral Land Company by E. M. Cooper on the 5th day of October 1893, and recorded in Book 31 of Mortgages, page 197, in the office of the Judge of Probate of Chilton county, Alabama, and said Mortgage was transferred to me, the undersigned, by the Alabama Mineral Land Company on Nov. 11th, 1895, I will proceed to sell at public outcry in Clanton, Alabama, to the highest bidder for cash on

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 15, 1897,

within the hours of legal sale the following described real estate, to-wit:

The North east quarter of South east quarter of Section 13, Township 21 N Range 13 E., containing forty acres land more or less, in Chilton county, State of Alabama.

W. H. MERRITT, Transferee.

Clanton, Ala., August 23, 1897.

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vs.

J. F. Welch, J. F. Welch, executor of J. F. M. Welch, dec'd, Lucretia A. Welch, Oscar S. Welch, Sallie L. Duncan, Horace Welch, Earnest Welch, Daisy F. Welch, a minor, Vestor Welch, a minor, Scott Welch, a minor. Respondents.

Respondents: Lucretia A. Welch, Walter Welch, Oscar S. Welch, Daisy F. Welch, Vestor Welch, Scott Welch, and Earnest Welch, residing at the town of McHenry in the State of Mississippi, will please take notice that the Mobile & Ohio Railroad Company, a railroad corporation, has filed in my office a Petition to condemn a right of way for its line of Railroad over certain land in Chilton county, fully described in said Petition, which is alleged to be the property of the above named Respondents, and the 6th day of Sept., 1897, and my office in the Court-house at Clanton, are the time and place set for the hearing thereof, when you may appear and contest the same if you see fit so to do.

R. M. HONEYCUTT, Judge of Probate.

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Mrs Ella Johnson and family, of Birmingham, are down on a visit to her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Hawes.

Mr. Buff Johnson and Miss Dollie Gray, of Friendship, came over to church Sunday and were all smiles.

Messrs. Cash and Driver, of Bozeman, visited friends here Sunday.

Mr. Pink Pinson and two children, of Bozeman, visited relatives here Sunday.

Mr. H. Kendrick visited friends in Verbena last week.

Saturday was regular trade day at Burwell and I should say there were some grand trades made too.

The Misses Mims, of Shelby, have just returned from a visit to relatives here.

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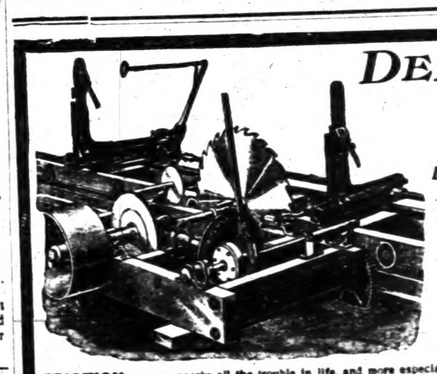

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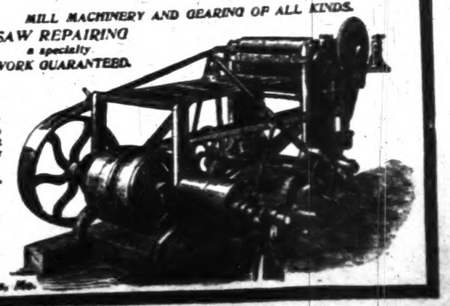

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"What d'ye mean by it?"

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Mrs. Benham—I wish I could tell as easily what I married you for.—Judge.

A REMARKABLE MEMORY

Was That Displayed by the Vice President of the Confederacy.

Alexander H. Stephens, vice president of the Confederacy and Governor of Georgia, had a remarkable memory, says Col. C. W. Seidell, who was for a long time his private secretary. Once, says the Colonel, when we were in Washington, a big delegation visited the city to urge Dakota's claims to Statehood.

The delegates sent word to the distinguished Georgian that they would call on him at his hotel, and at the appointed time they filed into his parlor and were introduced.

As Mr. Stephens was at that time disabled by a fall he sat in his rolling chair in the middle of the room and held a running conversation with his visitors. There were about a hundred Dakotans present, stalwart, handsome men, representing the best type of Western manhood.

After they had sampled some fine old Georgia corn whisky their host discussed the matters in which they were most interested, and occasionally addressed one of the strangers personally, naming him as he spoke.

During the evening he singled out in this way at least twenty of his guests, and astonished us all by his ready recollection of names and faces. Every man in the crowd got the idea into his head that something striking or attractive in his personality had favorably impressed the little man in the rolling chair, and I could see that the delegates were delighted with their reception.

Whey they had bowed themselves out I asked Mr. Stephens how he managed to hold so many names and faces in his memory.

"Oh it is a mere trick," he replied. "I simply concentrated my attention upon about twenty names and faces and as they were scattered around the room it naturally surprised my visitors when I turned to them and addressed them by name. Of course, it caused every man to believe that he had deeply impressed me."

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IMPROVING

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IRON AND COTTON ADVANCING

Wheat and Corn for Export in Great Demand—Indications for Good Cotton Crop—All Leading Staples Continue to Rise—The Outlook Bright.

Bradstreet's in his trade review says: The general trade situation continues to improve and aside from the unnecessarily prolonged strike of safe coal miners there is little in sight to crowd the outlook. The features of the week are the advance in price of almost all leading staples, beginning with an upward movement all along the line in iron and steel. Steel billets are now $1.50 above lowest figures, and bars $1.50, rods $3 and plates $1. Bessemer pig iron is up 25 cents, and foundry a like amount. Southern iron is very strong on a continued active export movement. Where wire mills have not advanced prices they have withdrawn quotations. Some western steel mills are sold up to January 1, which, with the demand for early deliveries from furnaces that has been arranged for, are quite significant. Lead, too, and soft coal are higher, as is wheat, notwithstanding one or two reactions.

Bradstreet's points out that the statistical position of wheat is the strongest known since the United States became a considerable exporter, and that its price, as well as that for bread, is likely to materially exceed the present week's advances. Following that for wheat prices are higher for wheat flour, corn, oats, lard, potatoes, butter, eggs, beans, cheese, leaf tobacco, wool and live stocks. Advices for leather, hides, lumber and linseed oil are also reported.

Cotton, which is up 3-16 cents, reports the smallest world's stock for seven years past at this period, an improved tone and higher prices for the manufactured products. In spite of crop damages the tendency of estimates is towards the largest yield on record, but with probabilities favoring much better prices than those obtained for the crop of 1894-95, the outturn of which was 9,873,000 bales.

Advices are being also asked for reorders of woolen goods, at mills, but print cloths, petroleum and sugar are unchanged for the week, while pork is slightly lower than a week ago. No such general or pronounced upward movement of prices of nearly all leading staples has been witnessed within a week for many years.

Wheat exports are of large volume, aggregating (wheat flour as wheat included) 5,149,653 bushels for the week, as against 5,313,803 bushels last week, 3,281,854 bushels last year, 1,871,928 bushels in this week two years ago, 3,032,000 bushels in 1895, and 5,092,500 bushels in the corresponding week of 1893. With the exception of last week this week's shipments are the largest since the third week of September, 1893.

Corn exports show a considerable falling off, being 2,682,412 bushels against 2,327,085 bushels last week, 2,610,809 bushels a year ago, 1,124,532 bushels in 1895, 1,119,000 bushels in 1894 and 1,163,300 bushels in 1893.

There were 210 business failures reported throughout the United States this week against 221 last week, 320 a year ago and 290 two yeass ago, 192 three years ago and 369 in the like week in 1893.

MORMON ELDERS.

Will Go Through Alabama, Georgia and South Carolina.

Twenty-four Mormon Elders arrived at Chattanooga last week from Utah and registered at headquarters in that city. They are to be distributed at once throughout Alabama, Georgia and South Carolina. There have been more than 200 of these elders sent South this year so far. They say that they are being received with better grace than they used to be, and that the faith is growing in the territory mentioned.

Secretary Wilson Coming South.

Many invitations addressed to Secretary Wilson to visit the state and county fairs during the approaching autumn are being received at the Agricultural department, a large number of them being from the Southern states. The invitations from that section express a desire to have the Secretary inspect the agricultural conditions and to have the benefit of his advice as a practical farmer after such inspection. As the Secretary is absent from the city, no definite reply can be made, but it is known that he expects to go to Nashville during the fall, and it is considered probable that he may so time his visit there as to take in the fairs in the neighboring states.

Charleston to the Klondike.

A syndicate of Charleston, S. C., capitalists, headed by A. S. Emerson, have chartered a steamship and will run it from Charleston to Klondike. She will sail from here February 15, going to St. Michaels by way of Cape Horn. The passengers will be transferred to smaller boats and towed up the river to Dawson City. Each passenger will be allowed to carry 1,000 pounds of freight, and tickets will cost $500. It is expected that the trip will require seventy days.

Penal Island Plan.

At Rome, Ga., much interest is manifested in the penal island plan to dispose of Georgia convicts when the lease expires. Sea island cotton and big crops raised by a criminal colony on one of these fertile islands off Georgia's coast would be more than self-supporting. Of all the islands mentioned Ossabaw island seems to have advantages not possessed by Catherine or Sapelo islands because of its accessibility and nearness to Savannah harbor. North Georgia favors the penal island plan.

STATE TOPICS.

Late News Items of General Interest to Alabamians.

St. Florian's New Mill.

T. J. Rasch, of Florence, has been in Nashville inspecting flour mill machinery with a view of constructing a mill at St. Florian. Work will begin on the mill in a short time. St. Florian, the location of the mill, is a German settlement about six miles from Florence.

Lithographic Stone Quarry.

Operations at the lithographic stone quarry at Section, in Jackson county, have been suspended for several days, to await the arrival of improved machinery. The stone has to be sawed out, as the least jar from a hammer or an explosion shivers it to atoms.

Coal Land Assessments to Stand.

The proposed increase of $2,225,000 of the tax assessment on the Tennessee Coal, & Iron company's property in Alabama, was heard by the commissioners' court last week. The court declined to raise the assessment. It will be taxed as heretofore.

Temporarily Appointed.

Wm. H. Tisdall, whose term of office as United States Marshal for the Middle District of Alabama has expired, has been temporarily appointed to act until his successor is appointed. The marshals for the other districts of Alabama whose terms have expired have also been temporarily reappointed.

Equipping With Electricity.

Under the direction of Chief Electrical Engineer Harris, ten large cars are being wired and equipped for electricity, for use on the Enley line, which will be operated by the silent rent after September 1. Poles and feeders are up and the stringing of trolley wires begun. Of these ten cars, five are new, the others comparatively new. From a standpoint of beauty there will be none to put them to shame.

Pig Iron for England.

The railroads in the Birmingham district are doing a bigger freight business now than for several years past. This is particularly true as to the Louisville & Nashville railroad, which, among other freight, recently forwarded there solid train loads of pig iron to New Orleans to be shipped to England. All the railroad shops here are preparing to work longer hours in order to keep up with the repairs necessary.

Two Freight Trains Collide.

A head-end collision took place on the Southern railway, three miles west of Eden, which is thirty miles east of Birmingham, between train No. 45, freight, going to Birmingham, and an extra freight train going east. The collision was a complete one. Both engines were wrecked and ten dump cars demolished. The track was torn up for some distance. Several people were seriously and one fatally injured. Engineer John A. Cheaves was so badly mangled that he died shortly after the accident.

Franklin Gold Mines.

T. H. Aldrich, of Birmingham, has bought a controlling interest in the Franklin gold mines in Clay county. These mines have been worked in a crude way for some time, and have made such an excellent showing that machinery will be introduced to more fully develop them. The West mines, in the same county, are being extensively developed by C. S. West and associates. Some specimens have analyzed over $50 per ton. Machinery has been ordered to work those mines also. A great deal of capital has lately gone into the mining business is North Alabama, especially in Clay and Cleburne counties.

Co-Education at the University

Young women of 18 years may have all the advantages of young gentlemen. Such may enter any class in the Institution for which they are prepared. Up to this time a few have taken one or two departments, but not one has entered on a regular course or taken a degree. It will be gratifying to the friends of co-education to know that the next session may break the record in this matter, that several young ladies have expressed a purpose to take one of the regular courses, and thus demonstrate their ability to come up to any standard set for young men. It is understood that President Powers believes they can do this and hopes to see his judgment vindicated. They must reside in private families, but rooms for study during the day are provided at the University.

Laden With Freight.

Thirty-three heavily laden freight trains passed through Birmingham one day last week, seventeen going South and sixteen North. This is the best record in the past three or four years. The southbound freights bore purchases of fall goods to Southern merchants, while Southern iron was largely the northbound cargo. A good deal of the iron was for export, that business having begun to show great liveliness of later The officials state that every single engine they have is needed to attend to the heavy traffic, while the office force is worked hard day and night. The shops at Decatur and Birmingham are working on full time and doing their utmost to keep cars and machinery in order. The same activity exists on the Central of Georgia, the Southern, Alabama Great Southern and Kansas City, Memphis & Birmingham railroads.

Thomas Hussey Dead.

Thomas Hussey, the wealthy old recluse of Montgomery, who was found upon the steps of a Wall street bank one night last week with $33,000 in his clothes, died in Brooklyn, N. Y., Friday at the home of his niece, No. 8 Pine street, where he was taken after his discharge from the Tombs, where he had been locked up over night as a vagrant. Mrs. Harriet Mitchell, a great niece, and one Gray, a great nephew, both residents of Brooklyn, will inherit the old man's wealth, which is estimated to be in the neighborhood of $100,000.

Pardons Granted.

The governor has acted upon the following applications for pardon:

Fred Warner, colored, Bullock county, assault to murder; the injury was slight, the party injured, the solicitor, nearly all the white people of the beat, and Dr. Cunningham join in the petition. The convict has consumption. Pardon granted.

Joe Fleming, Montgomery county, colored. This convict is serving a sentence for stealing gloves from a store. His pardon is asked by President Trapp and Solicitor Lomax, and is recommended by the physician inspector, because the convict has consumption and will die if confinement is continued. Pardon granted.

Wesley Cox, colored, Barbour county. The convict is incurably ill with dropsy, and his pardon is recommended by the physician inspector and the probate judge.

Raspe Flowers, colored, Coffee county. The convict has organic disease of the heart, is unable to labor and his pardon is recommended by Judge Carmicheal and Solicitor Smith. Pardoned.

"Rufus Sanders" Assassinated.

Francis Bartow Lloyd, aged 36 years, better known to the reading public as Rufus Sanders, a writer of quaint Alabama dialect miscellany, was assassinated at 6 o'clock last Wednesday near Greenville by John A. Gafford. Lloyd was found lying in the road with two gaping wounds in his body. Gafford had evidently used a double barreled shotgun and discharged both barrels. It is said that the deed was the outcome of Lloyd having improper relations with one of Gafford's sisters. Lloyd leaves a widow and three children. He was a native of Butler county, and served as a representative in the last legislature from that county. He represented Montgomery county in the General Assembly in 1894. In the last legislature he vigorously opposed the constitutional convention measure and the measure permitting women practicing law. He moved to Butler county later and began to publish a series of humorous letters in the Sunday newspapers. He was contemplating issuing them in book form. The deceased had considerable ability as a lecturer, and was known in Texas. Lloyd was a candidate for Secretary of State in the last democratic state convention, and was going to run again the next campaign.

Later advices state that Gafford has voluntarily surrendered to the sheriff.

Increasing the State's Revenue.

Judge W. J. Wood, of Florence, State Back Tax Commissioner, stated to a Birmingham reporter last week that he expected the increased valuations of property for taxing purposes by dint of the work of the county back tax officials would amount to about $10,000,000 in the whole state, which which would increase the State's revenues by about $150,000.

Judge Wood's visit to Birmingham was coincident with Tax Commissioner Badham's failure to get the Jefferson county commissioners to sustain his claim for a large increase of the tax valuation of the Tennessee Coal, Iron & Railroad Company, the Sloss Iron & Steel Company, the Thomas Furnace Company, Woodward Furnace Company and other leading industrial companies of the Birmingham district. Mr. Badham made claim for a total increase of about $4,500,000 and was allowed $100,000. He will appeal to the circuit court.

His failure was a terrific blow to the new tax law, it being supposed that the big mining and furnace companies would be made to contribute a very large additional revenue. The increase in tax valuations in Jefferson county, the largest in the state, which was first figured at $5,000,000, has been rudely reduced to $1,300,000, of which $1,000,000 was voluntary handed in and $200,000 obtained by agreement between the tax commissioner and tax payers.

Briefly Noted.

Will Burke, a 7-year convict, escaped from Pratt mines Friday.

The postoffice at Gurley was broken into Friday night and robbed of $72.47.

Birmingham is to have a galvanized iron mill, which will employ 100 skilled men.

Buck Finch was overcome by gas in a well at Opelika, and died in an hour after being brought out.

It is estimated that the tax raise in Cherokee county will range anywhere from $200,000 to $300,000.

Mayor Folmar, of Troy, says the Pike county cotton crop is short 25 per cent as a result of the recent rains.

The first bale of Madison county cotton was brought to Huntsville Friday by Sam Latham and sold for 11½ cents.

The Madison county commissioners will advertise for bids for the construction of a $30,000 jail next February.

The grand jury of Randolph county returned thirty-one true bills. It also recommended the building of a new court house.

George Carter, a well known citizen, was accidentally shot and killed by a neighbor, Bob Matthews, last week, while hunting cattle ten miles east of Tuscumbia.

The Governor has appointed M. V. Capps, of Abbeville, to fill the vacancy on the board of the Abbeville Agricultural school caused by the resignation of S. B. Woods.

The Governor has appointed A. C. Chisholm tax collector of Lauderdale county, to succeed W. T. Mitchell, who died on Tuesday. Mr. Chisholm was a gallant Confederate soldier, and is a citizen of high character.

Joe Noel, of Marshall county, last week cut a tree off his farm and had it made into boards. The tree turned out 7,330 boards and four cords of wood. The boards sold for $14.70 and the wood for $2, making the one tree net $16.70.

Jack Pharr, a negro convict, working on a farm near Claiborne, Monroe county, murderously assaulted a clerk in a store on the place. He was arrested, but while being taken to jail a mob interfered and the negro was taken to a tree and hanged.

PEARL DIGGING.

Some Are Found That Sell Readily for Twenty-Five Dollars.

If one were to descend White river from a point a few miles above Devall's Bluff, Ark., not knowing the pursuit of the many men and boys lining the banks on either side, his first impulse would be that he had found a land of sun worshipers. These men and boys, in strange attire, sometimes nude, clasp their hands above their head for a moment as uttering an incantation, then a leap head first and a pair of confident feet impart the last good-bye to a frowning world as they pass down the bed of the river. Maybe the stranger will begin to bubble out inquiries as the bubbles begin to mark the place where the worshiper last saw the light, but soon the surface waters are again in turmoil and two hands hold high the treasures found on his aqueous excursion. This is getting to be quite an industry, as it is so newly discovered, that so many valuable pearls are stored in the shells of the silent little fish which are found in numerous beds all around the river. "Pearl divers" bring in some beautiful specimens, and we know there is something made from them from the increasing rate of hunters. Some are found that sell ready for $5, $10 and up to $25. Some more valuable ones have been found, and many have been sent to eastern markets, where it is expected they will go at a much higher figure. Wherever the fruits of labor ripen into ready money, capital always follows, so we observe syndicates are being formed to buy up some of the waters and put to flight the humble men who expect to get the full value of their own labor. Not every mussel has a pearl, nor does every pearl bring a price, but all are after that "pearl of great price."

THE AMERICAN PARTY.

Launched at St. Louis by Forty Delegates, Representing Nine States.

The new American party was launched at St. Louis last week by a committee of between thirty and forty delegates. They represent nine states and one territory and are said to have backing in a large number of other states. A national committee was elected of ten members, with Col. E. H. Sellers, of Detroit, as chairman. The committee was empowered to enlarge itself. A platform of declarations was adopted and Detroit was selected for the headquarters for the ensuing year.

The platform is a lengthy one, and declares for a number of alleged needed reforms. On the financial question the platform has this to say:

"Since nearly or quite 99 per cent of business transactions of the country are accepted with the use of specie, we favor the demonetization of both gold and silver, the prohibition for payment in coin in either metal, and substitution of metallic tokens for our present minor coins."

SOUTHERN IRRIGATION CONGRESS.

Governor Taylor Has Named the East Tennessee Delegates.

The Southern Irrigation Congress will meet in Nashville for a three days' session on Sept. 13. In accordance with a request from the president of the congress, Gov. Taylor has named the following delegates to represent Tennessee in the convention, from East Tennessee:

First Congressional District—Adam Boman, Johnson City, and Andrew Moore, of Newport.

Second District—D. K. Young, Clinton, and Jacob Borches, Knoxville.

Third District—William Cleveland, Sweetwater, and C. Marchbanks, Chattanooga.

Fourth District—J. L. McPherson, Spring City, and S. G. Stratton, Lebanon.

Fifth District—James Aydelott, Tullahoma, and W. D. Fox, Murfreesboro.

Foreign Steamship Line.

It has been definitely settled that the Diedrichsen line will run regular steamers between Galveston, Tex., and Hamburg, Anthwerp and Amsterdam this season, with sailings from each side every three weeks. The line will be composed of the steamships Olindo (now en route from Hamburg to Galveston), Luenberg and Curitzba.

Texan's Long Fast.

At Waco, Tex., J. S. Cannaday, a professional lecturer, is engaged in a fasting experiment which he says he will protract for 120 days. He has not partaken of nourishment for ten days. He chews tobacco and drinks water, but says he will quit both at the end of sixty days, and thereafter allow nothing to enter his mouth until the expiration of the full period of his fast. The purpose, he explains, is to afford a demonstration of the power of will over the flesh. Mr. Cannaday came to Waco from Virginia four years ago, and completed his education here. He is quite weak, and appears much emaciated, but declares he has no craving for nourishment.

Bailey Not a Candidate.

J. W. Bailey, congressman from the Fifth district, has authorized the announcement that he will not become a candidate for a seat in the senate to succeed Senator Mills. He has been advised to take this step and to again stand for re-election to the lower house and lead the democratic forces again. His friends over the state believe, if the congress is democratic, he will be the next speaker, an honor Texas would like to see one of her sons receive.

Cotton Shipped to Spain.

A cotton firm at Bryan, Tex., purchased 235 bales of Brazos bottom cotton a few days since and shipped some to Barcelona, Spain, the first shipment to that country ever made direct from Texas.

Fatally Crushed.

James Alston, a farmer, was fatally crushed while loading logs at Denmark, Miss. One of the logs rolled upon him, crushing three ribs into his lung and otherwise injuring him.

Her Bier a Piano.

The latest thing in biers is a piano, and the credit for introducing the novelty belong to Jessie E. Clinton, a Kentucky music teacher. She had been a pianist and until her health failed a few months ago was a teacher in the Sumerset (Ky.) schools. She was compelled to resign and go to her mother's home in Louisville to die.

While she was able to be up she played daily at her piano, a large square model. When she became too weak to play she had some of her friends play on the instrument.

Just before her death she told her mother that she did not wish to be laid out in a coffin, but upon the piano, which she had owned for ten years. In compliance with her dying wish the body was laid out upon the piano, which was draped in white. There it remained until the funeral services were ended two days later, when the remains were transferred to a casket and buried.

Curious Dinner at Jericho.

An American traveling in Jerusalem describes an interesting dinner he ate recently at a hotel in Jericho. "We sat on the porch of the hotel at Jericho," he wrote, "after a dinner at which we were served with butter from Norway, cheese from Switzerland, marmalade from London, wine from Jerusalem diluted with water from the well of Elisha, raisins from Ramoth Gilead, oranges from Jericho (in no respect inferior to those from Jaffa or the Indian river, Florida), smoking Turkish tobacco, which, like the Turkish empire, is inferior to its reputation, and a cup of coffee from—the corner grocery of Jericho."

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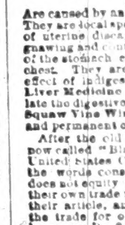

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FACTS WORTH NOTING

PUBLIC OR PRIVATE RAILROAD OWNERSHIP.

Private Ownership a Tremendous Burden Upon the Backs of the People and the Source of Great Political Corruption.

In 1895, according to Prof. Frank [illegible] the people paid the railroads, in round numbers, $1,200,000,000; the same [illegible] service would have cost them [illegible] $540,000,000—less than half [illegible] had owned the roads free [illegible] and under good management. During the period of transition from private to public ownership, the [illegible] of the railways to the people [illegible] of course, be more than [illegible] upon the plan of purchase [illegible] favorable to the people, the expense of running the roads under [illegible] public management together with interest and dividends would be $770,000,000 a year, falling towards $540,000,000 as the stocks and bonds were paid off and interest and dividends ceased; that is, the savings of the people by public ownership would run from $[illegible]00,000 to $660,000,000 a year, according to the plan of purchase adopted.

This would enable the nation to reduce rates to one-half their present figures and still realize a profit. Even a greater reduction then might be made for the lowering of rates would be followed by a rapid increase of passenger [illegible] that would materially increase the revenue of the roads. It costs little more to run full trains than trains half-full. In this fact lies the possibility that, under public ownership, fares might be reduced in this country in a few years, not merely one-half, but to one-quarter or even one-tenth or to one twentieth of the present rates, if the benefits of the increased traffic is given mainly to the passenger [illegible]

In 1889 the government roads of Austro Hungary reduced fares in many cases to one-half and in some cases to one-sixth of former rates, the average reduction being more than 40 per cent on the whole system, yet the traffic increased so much that the total receipts were $432,000 more than the year before.

The cost of carrying a passenger in the United States is set down by the railroads at about 2 cents a mile. This, however, is clearly too high, even under our clumsy and wasteful system. Worsey's "English and American Railways" puts the average cost per mile at 1.14 cents in England and 1.2 cents for the whole United States. The German railways charge, on an average, a little over a cent a mile, and they clear over 50 per cent profit on their passenger service. The London and Northwestern company carried passengers first-class on trains from London to Manchester and back at one-half cent a mile and made a profit of 200 per cent on the transaction, showing that the cost was about one-sixth of a cent a mile. Many of our American roads sell season tickets at a little more than one-half a cent a mile. They would not do this if they did not know that one-half a cent more than covers the cost. The Pennsylvania, Reading and others sell season tickets at seven-eighths of a cent a mile. I am sure, says Prof. Parsons, that these roads never figure on less than 50 per cent profit on their passenger traffic, even on their commutation rates. According to Dorsey, it costs the Pennsylvania and similar roads about one-half cent to move a passenger one mile, and in well-settled districts the cost is much less.

In discussing bribery in legislatives bodies, the Medical World asks: Who bribes legislators? Who buys congressmen? Who buys city councilmen? The answer will apply to all these questions. That answer is, powerful corporations. What are these powerful corporations? Chiefly our railroad, express and telegraph companies. It is well known here in Pennsylvania that the legislature of Pennsylvania is dominated by the Pennsylvania R. R. Is it not the same to a greater or less degree in every state? Who can remember the credit mobilier days of the early '70's? It corrupted congress almost through and through. Was a railroad "job." What do the passes given to legislators and judges and congressmen all over the country mean? We have frequently spoken of the telegraph franks given freely to congressmen. But that is only a beginning. Suppose there were a serious danger of legislation affecting the principal telegraph company. Their lobby, with abundant money, would soon be on hand in Washington, and every available congressman and senator would soon be reached as special "counsel," and every kind of effort, both fair and unfair, would be made to defeat the proposition, however much the people might desire it. The same applies to legislation concerning express companies.

Do you not see that the source of corruption in our politics, perhaps nine-tenths, comes from the sources mentioned? Remove the source and the stream will dry up. Fortunes are not made and lost in the postal service. Corruption does not come from the postal service. The postal service serves the citizens of the country more cheaply, more impartially and more faithfully than any other service we have. It has no stocks and bonds to be speculated in on Wall street, but the people have the service. Prompt, faithful service at cost is what we want, and we want to put an end to speculation and corruption. As speculation corruption and bad public service come from public utilities (railroad, telegraph and express) being owned and operated by private parties, and cheap and satisfactory service with no corruption nor speculation result from the mail service being owned and operated by the government, is it not a logical conclusion that the best way to get rid of speculation and corruption and to secure satisfactory and uniform service from the railroads, telegraph and express is to place them also under government ownership and operation?

THE POPULIST VIEW.

Old Solon Chase of Maine declares that the money question is now ripe, and will be settled by the people before any other issue is seriously dealt with. "The free coinage of silver," says Solon Chase, "is not all of the money question by any means, but is as much as the people are ready for. The great conservative multitude don't bite off justice in great large junks. The silver question is the weak spot in the bondholders ramparts, and is the spot where the break must be made. After free coinage of silver the logic of events will mark out the way."

It takes more than a good temporary price for wheat to restore good times. Next year the goldbugs will have to go to the arbitrament of the ballot box confronting 40 cent wheat, for with a large wheat acreage and yield the gold standard range of prices will reassert itself with renewed vigor. What will the plutocratic press then find to say to the farmers?

In the meantime city workingmen are unable to find the whereabouts of the general prosperity whose presence in our midst is advertised by the daily press. Wages are not rising, and employment is hard to get.

Here is an illustration from the Tacoma Sun: "The Ledger yesterday gave an account of a Mr. and Mrs. White who went from Seattle to Portland in search of work. Failing to find any they had to tramp back to Seattle. When it is remembered that the Ledger is the chief prosperity howler in the state it will be easily understood that it has forgotten to lie in this one instance."

And the following from an Eastern labor paper tells the same story: "Cases of starvation are becoming so common that they hardly attract attention any more. The once proud Americans are sinking into helpless, hopeless condition that travelers tell us in Italy, Spain and other despotisms. Men and women tramp the streets and highways of their native land in a vain endeavor to find some one who will give them food for their labor. In the last week several gruesome cases have come to light that ought to bring the blush of shame to any American. How long this thing is to be allowed to continue is a serious question, but there is no doubt that the public is becoming restless under it, and that the pent up fires of indignation are gathering force and cannot always be smothered. The people have made enough wealth, but they are not allowed to consume it. It is consumed—wasted—by those who in nowise aided in its production. And the world moves to higher planes by apparently contradictory methods."

The money power cannot hypnotize the people with their tales of a prosperity which the people know reaches only as far as the bank accounts of the plutocrats.

A Bootless Errand.

The American bimetallic commissioners have received a flattering welcome to France; but we must not count too much on that, for the French are nothing if not hospitable; and authorized representatives of this republic, no matter what their mission, would receive nothing but courteous attention and their mission thoughtful consideration at their hands. Yet M. Meline, premier and minister of agriculture, made it clear in one of his addresses that if only France had to be consulted international bimetallism would quickly be realized. He declared that France would put no obstacle in the way of rehabilitating silver with its old-time functions as standard money. But there's the rub—England, the money-lender, and Germany, committed to a gold policy, it is not believed will give a second thought to the subject. Much as the three commissioners may enjoy the splendid junket, they are doomed to bring back only disappointment to those who have pinned their hopes to a possible international agreement. And the sooner they retun and cut off the expense entailed in this bootless task, the better.—Farmers' Voice.

Dingleyism at Work.

The receipts of customs during the first four days of the Wilson law in 1894 were $3,250,000. The receipts for the first four days of the Dingley law brought in $1,621,500, or almost precisely one half. The first month under the Dingley starts out with a deficiency of $11,073,544, although the month had the benefit of five-sixths of its time under the Wilson law, with large importations to avoid the increased taxes. The one sixth of the month under the Dingley law increased the deficiency $600,000 beyond the amount where the Wilson law left it. The Wilson law closed its first month with a substantial surplus.

The Sins of His Fathers.

The Washington barber, who is Mark Hanna's double, is now trying to find out what sin was committed by his ancestors and is visited on him now.—Tombstone Epitaph.

THE WAY THEY ARGUE

WEAKNESS OF THE GOLD STANDARD CAUSE.

Goldites Batter Away at a Straw Dummy Instead of Attacking Real Free Silver Arguments—A Dollar Always a Dollar.

A friend in Kentucky sends the Ogdensburg (Wis.) Epoch the following statement made by the Somerset Paragon of the former state:

"Should this country alone attempt free coinage of silver at the ratio of 16 to 1, it would thereby give notice that that we are ready to exchange for all comers a quantity of gold which is valued at $1 in every civilized country for a quantity of silver which represents in the markets of the world about 50 cents. In a very short time all gold would disappear. It would be hoarded to await a premium or shipped to countries where it is more appreciated. Only silver would remain our circulating medium. We would be on a silver basis. Our standard would be a dollar worth little more than fifty cents in every country but our own. All values would quickly adjust themselves to this depreciated dollar, and would flucuate with its changing value in international exchange."

Our friends should not be too severe on the men who make these statements. The poor fellows are doing the best they can. Not having a single fact to bring against the free coinage of silver, they are compelled to bring lies. If they did not found their arguments on lies, they would have nothing whatever to found them on.

Everybody who knows anything whatever on the money question knows that under free coinage of silver this country would not give a dollar's worth of gold for fifty cents' worth of silver, or any other amount of gold for any other amount of silver. That would not be free coinage at all. It would not bear the slightest resemblance to free coinage. It would be the purchase of silver.

Free coinage of silver means that any person owning silver bullion shall have the privilege of taking that bullion to the mint and having it coined into silver dollars, which silver dollars will be handed back to the person bringing the bullion. There will be no gold in the transaction. Free coinage of silver means the coinage of silver not the purchase of silver with gold.

There could not be a clearer evidence of the weakness of the cause of the gold standard men. Instead of attacking the thing which the silver men want, they get up a man of straw, which bears not the slightest resemblance to the real thing, and valorously knock it over.

The talk about gold disappearing under free coinage is pure theory. In fact, it could not disappear very much more than it has already done. None is in practical use as a circulating medium. But why should it be sent to other countries, and what other countries would there be which would appreciate it any better? Our coinage valuation of gold is about the same as the coinage valuation placed on it by other nations, and would be just the same under free coinage of silver. Gold (nine-tenths fine) brings $18.60 an ounce at the United States mint now. It would bring $18.60 an ounce if we had free coinage of silver. It don't bring any more than that in other nations. Why would gold be sent to other nations if we had free coinage of silver? The gentlemen who say it would should present some evidence or at least some reasons why it would be probable. Their unsupported assertion is not sufficient.

This able writer declares that under free coinage our standard dollar would be worth but little more than fifty cents in any country but our own.

Why?

Let him give a reason.

Tell us why our silver dolars would be worth any less in foreign nations under free coinage than they are now. They are worth a dollar in other nations now, less the freight. Why would they be worth any less under free coinage?

We have had enough of these bald assertions. Let the men who make them furnish some evidence.

And suppose—just suppose—that our standard dollars under free coinage would be worth only fifty cents in foreign nations, suppose they would be worth only five cents, suppose they would be worth nothing at all, suppose anything you please about their value, what difference will it make to John Jones, the farmer, and Sam Smith, the laborer, and Henry Hudson, the school teacher, and Ben Benton, the storekeeper, who never were in Europe and never expect to be?

Must we regulate our whole financial system to accommodate that insignificant portion of the people which spends its summers in Europe?

Must the farmer have his farm sold under mortgage, and the laborer be kept idle nine months in the year, and the storekeeper be forced to the wall, and the school teacher get a reduced salary, in order that the very few of our people who are able to spend their summers abroad may have a dollar that is "good in Europe?"

Away with such unpatriotic and undemocratic nonsense. Let the American people adopt a system of finance to suit themselves, a system which will give the farmer a chance to pay his mortgage, the working man a chance to find employment, the business man a chance to conduct a successful business, without asking the permission of any of the crowned heads of Europe or the American nabobs who are after them.

It takes no brains to be a grumbler.

THE UNIVERSAL TRUST.

The Signs of the Times Herald Its Coming.

The report that the Standard Oil Trust has obtained, or is about to obtain complete control of the lead, leather, tobacco and whisky interests of the country, together with a combination of gas interests, including Chicago Gas, may have been premature, but there is every reason to suppose that such a consummation will be reached before long. The Standard Oil magnates already control the business of the country in oil, iron, ore and sugar; they are on the point of conquering the steel and coffee industries; they own much of the shipping of the lakes and most of the great tourist hotels in Florida; they are directly interested in several lines of railroad, and they can dictate terms in the matter of freight rates to the entire transportation system of the union. They have to find investments every year for about $50,000,000 of surplus profits, and with that amount and their skill in manipulation it would be a simple matter to obtain control of two or three new trusts annually. Of course, every new enterprise absorbed by Mr. Rockefeller and his associates adds to the income to be invested the next year.

It is hard to see any end to this process short of the absorption of the entire wealth of the country by a little group of capitalists. It seems clearly to be a process that must go on with accelerating velocity. Most people of the poor, the comfortable and the moderately well-to-do classes live up to their incomes, and have nothing to invest. Many even of the very rich do the same thing. When we find a few men acting together, who are at once prudent and enormously rich, whose living expenses absorb no appreciable proportion of their incomes, who have practically the whole of a stupendous surplus available every year for investment, and who have the most perfect inside knowledge of the best opportunity for profit and the shrewdest faculty for taking advantage of them, it is hard to avoid the conclusion that those men, if they live long enough and hang together, must eventually become practically the sole proprietors of the nation's industries. There is every reason to believe that unless we have some radical change in political conditions the next thirty years will see the entire industrial activity of the United States regulated by a single trust, of which the bulk of the American people will be the employes. What will happen then will depend upon the degree of virility still left in the population. It will be an epoch from which the union may date an advance to a higher social state than anything previously known, or a plunge into complete and permanent industrial slavery.—New York Daily Journal.

THE GOVERNMENT FIAT.

It May Be Made to Work Two Ways.

Those who claim there is nothing in a piece of paper and that the government could not make it perform the functions of money for the lack of power to do so, if they only notice, they will find that a piece of paper can be made a powerful instrument and is so made every day, says the Tacoma Sun. If it is issued by a federal officer, called a judge, and is named an injunction, it will accomplish wonders because backed by the government; this fiat of an officer will call out the army and navy of the United States if necessary. It can override the constitutional guarantee of free speech and the right of peaceful assembly; it can force a man to work even if does not want to, and do away with writ of habeas corpus. This governmental "fiat" is yet in its infancy. There is no telling how far reaching it will become when it is fully developed. It has become the oppressor of millions—and a greater tyrant never lived—it can always be found doing the dirty work of plutocracy and crushing the poor. If all this can be accomplished by an ordinary piece of paper, it seems strange to us that some can doubt the power of the government to make a piece of paper full legal tender when backed by the same power that an injunction is.

Some People Don't Understand.

Some people do not understand that the men who favor the free coinage of silver are also just as much in favor of the free coinage of gold as they who style themselves exclusively gold men.

People prior to 1873 could take either their gold or silver to the U. S. mints and have it made into dollars. Now they can take only their gold. The consequence is that there are fewer dollars being made, and whenever any body wants one he must give more for it than he used to. Men who have wheat, cotton, dry goods, real estate, labor or anything else must give much more of them than right to buy a dollar when they want one. To the property of those people who own money this increase in the value of the dollar amounts to an absolute confiscation.—Ex.

Same Old Settlement.

Before election a preacher in this town said in his pulpit that if McKinley was elected the Cuban matter would be settled within sixty days, and so it is. It settled by this ideal statesman to let the butchery of Cubans go right on under the eyes of the United States.—California Voice.

Spread the Gospel.

No Christian who knows the Gospel can possibly believe that it warrants him in living usefully by the sweat of another man's brow.—Goldwin Smith.

GENERAL NEWS

Current Events of the Day Epitomized.

MORE SOLDIERS FOR CUBA.

Moonshiners Plotting to Exterminate Revenue Officers.—Sentence Commuted.—A Monument to the Late Senator George. Train Robber Captured.

Smallpox has made its appearance in Atlanta.

The Farmers' National Congress is now in session at St. Paul, Minn.

Mrs. John Drew, the famous actress, died at Larchmont, N. J., the past week.

A heavy frost is reported to have visited the northern part of Michigan and Minnesota Wednesday.

A fund will be raised throughout Mississippi for the erection of a monument to the late Senator George.

The immigration for the month of July, says the Treasury Department, was 14,756, against 21,471 last year.

Seth Low, twice mayor of Brooklyn, has been nominated by the citizen's union for mayor of Greater New York.

Robert Hendy, colored, was hanged last week at Jacksonville, Fla., for the murder of his wife in February, 1896.

Tuesday's statement of the condition of the treasury: Available cash balance, $221,410,411; gold reserve, $144,206,275.

Mrs. Guthrie, wife of Luther Guthrie, a prominent citizen of Walnut Grove, Ga., was killed by lightning Wednesday.

Governor Taylor, of Tennessee, has commuted the death sentence of Frank Parora, the Memphis murderer, to life imprisonment.

The moonshiners of Pope county, Arkansas, have plotted to exterminate all revenue officers attempting to invade their region.

The British steamer Titania will in a few days sail from Baltimore bearing the first cargo of steel rails ever shipped to South Africa.

Will Long, a member of the band of train robbers that are badly wanted at Rome, Ga., for breaking open cars and stealing freight, was captured at Rome Thursday.

The large plant of the Arkansas Manufacturing Company at Little Rock, Ark., was totally destroyed by fire last week. Loss about $50,000; insurance, $20,000.

Mrs. Thomas Coker and 9-year-old son, at Topeka, Kan., were struck and instantly killed by a westbound Santa Fe train while crossing a bridge east of Cedar Junction.

At a cabinet council held at Madrid it was decided to summon the next class of 80,000 reserves, 27,000 of whom will be sent to Cuba and 13,000 to the Phillppine Islands.

Lord Salisbury's proposal for a joint guarantee of the indemnity to be paid to Turkey by Greece has fallen through owing to Russia's reluctance and Germany's jealousy.

The free silver forces of Nebraska, composed of republicans, democrats and populists, have formed a tripartite alliance, and will nominate a fusion state ticket.

A Birmingham, Ala., firm has been awarded the contract for erecting the water works and electric light plant for Scranton, Miss., at a special meeting of the board of aldermen, for $20,836.

By a vote of 53 to 26 the Pennsylvania state democratic committee has adopted a resolution declaring vacant the seat of William F. Harrity, of Philadelphia, in the national democratic committee.

Major Terrell, the negro who assaulted and then burned the white woman, Mrs. Thomas, near Elba, Ala., last month, and who, while in the act of being carried into the woods by a band of lynchers, escaped and has since been at large, was captured near Ozark last Friday night and was put in jail at that place.

All the newspapers of Madrid publish strong protests against the mission of General Stewart L. Woodford, the new United States minister to Spain, thus causing widespread irritation against the United States.

The army and navy departments have decided to further strengthen the defense of the Pensacola harbor. It is understood that batteries for sixteen guns are to be erected. These guns will command the entire inner harbor.

The annual trade review of the Galveston News for September 1 places the Texas cotton crop for the season of 1896-97, which closed Wednesday, at 2,177,025 bales.

At a meeting of the board of trade and cotton exchange of Meridian, Miss., held Friday, the following officers were elected for the ensuing year: Edwin McMorris, president; J. T. Lyle, vice president; J. H. Wright, treasurer; L. S. Caldwell, secretary.

Jone Wayne and Will Bulce had a quarrel while working the road about eight miles from Canton, Ga., last Monday. Wayne struck Bulce on the head with a shovel, crushing his skull. The man lingered until Wednesday afternoon and died.

The Chamber of Commerce at Seattle, Wash., has received a letter from the miners at Skaguay, warning people of the futility of trying to reach the Yukon by that route this season, and asking some modifications as to duty.

Thirteen members of the family and people living on the farm of Henry Miller, near Metropolis, Ill., were poisoned one day last week, and three are dead. It is thought that at least two more may die. None of the names are given. A hired servant, who is insane, threw a package of rough on rats in the well.

Near Appleby station, Texas, the trucks of the sleeper on the southbound Houston, East and West Texas passenger train jumped the frog near a curve, carrying the sleeper and day coach off the track, practically demolishing both. D. D. Moss, of Chireno, was killed, and a half dozen others were badly bruised.

President M. E. Ingalls, of the Big Four and Chesapeake and Ohio railways, concluded a contract a few days since with the Pullman Palace Car Company to construct as early as possible 2,000 box freight cars, 1,000 each for the Big Four and Chesapeake and Ohio railways, at a cost of a million dollars.

The Spanish government is formulating a plan to bring about the banishment of all anarchists from Spain. It is announced that anarchists will no longer be allowed to land in England, and that therefore the government of Spain must deport them to some American republic or to a distant Spanish possession.

The dead body of a negro man was found hanging to a trot line in the Arkansas river recently near Rob Roy. A rope around the neck and several gashes in the head indicate that the negro had been lynched and thrown into the river. There was nothing on the body by which the man could be identified, and no lynching has been reported from that vicinity recently.

The negroes who are promoting the Afro-American fair at Houston, Tex., which they propose to make a national exposition for the colored people of the United States, have purchased Vick park, containing fifty-six acres, for the grounds. They paid $50,000 for it. The exposition will be held at Houston in September, 1898. Work on the grounds will be begun shortly.

The first woman to embrace Buddhism publicly in this country received her vows last evening at 309 Fifth avenue, New York. This convert, whose purpose is to devote years of labor in the far east to uplifting her sex, is the Countess M. de Canavarro, an American, formerly of San Francisco, who, to follow her chosen life, surrenders, as the officiating priest announced, family, fortune and title.

William Brannon shot and instantly killed Mark Addison, his brother-in-law, at Lake Butler, Fla. Mr. Addison and his brother were in Lake Butler, and on their way home stopped where Mr. Brannon was at work in his field, at which place the killing occurred. An old and bitter feud has been constantly renewed, and this is the sequel of the frequent threats of late.

After several weeks' consideration, the new capitol commissioners of Minnesota have awarded the contract for a superstructure of the new statehouse to the Butler-Ryan company of St. Paul, for $696,000, deciding on St. Cloud granite for the basement and Georgia marble for the rest of the superstructure, excepting the dome.

Fred Horton, a young man of Los Angeles, Cal., has fallen heir to a fortune amassed by his father, Phillip Horton, a well-known Californian, the news of whose sudden death three weeks ago was received by relatives in Oakland through the United States consul at Guayamas. The father and son had been separated for many years. The estate is valued at $2,000,000.

Governor Ellerbe, of South Carolina, announced Wednesday that he had given orders withdrawing the State Constabulary force from every village, town and city in the State. Only a few constables will be retained in the country districts where there are no local officials to enforce the dispensary laws. This action removes the chief cause of friction in the enforcement of the State liquor law, and will save the commonwealth $50,000 a year.

Spanish Consul Gonfinez thinks that the proposed army of volunteers, numbering two hundred men and three carloads of guns and ammunition, which was to leave Chicago for Cuba, has been abandoned. It is reported that the exposure of the movement has thrown into Chicago a score of Spanish detectives and secret service men.

The Comptroller of Currency was advised Thursday of the failure of the First National Bank of Greensburg, Ind. The capital is $100,000, and on July 25 the deposits were $684,000. This is the first bank failure reported to the Comptroller for some time.

Governor Atkinson of Georgia has announced his final decision in the appeal for mercy for H. S. Perry, convicted of the murder of Beley Lanier. This is Perry's last recourse, and makes it certain that he will hang on September 3.

The largest deal in cattle that has been made in Texas in several years was consummated at Wichita this week. Waggoner & Son sold to Harrold & Scott 10,500 steers at $20, aggregating $215,000. They are shipping them to Chicago.

ANNEXATION

Of the Hawaiian Islands to the United States

WILL BE RUSHED THROUGH.

The Lawmakers of the Islands Will be Asked to Ratify the Annexation Treaty Recently Signed in Washington.—Extra Session Called for Sept mber 6th.

The steamer Australia, from Honolulu direct, arrived at San Francisco Wednesday with the following Hawaiian advices:

Francis M. Hatch, minister to Washington, arrived August 20 with special information which will require the attention of both government and senate, and a secret notice has already been issued to the members of the latter body calling upon them to meet in extra session September 6 to consider the question. Meanwhile Minister Hatch is in almost constant consultation with President Dole and his cabinet.

The lawmakers will be asked to ratify the annexation treaty recently signed in Washington, and as a majority of the members favor annexation, the matter will be rushed through. The reason for the extra session of the senate is a matter of conjecture, and much curiosity is evinced.

A senator is authority for the statement that Minister Hatch brought word from President McKinley that he had resolved to call congress two months earlier than usual for the purpose of disposing of the treaty before the regular session, and this theory appears to find favor with other senators.

Another matter to be considered by the Hawaiian senate is that of rendering assistance to the executive in unraveling the Japanese muddle, as it is said that Japan's acceptance of the offer of arbitration is so vague that the President and his cabinet are in a quandary. There are rumors of a split in the cabinet over the question, and it is said that the intervention of the senate is required to prevent an open rupture.

The Hawaiian Star created a sensation by the publication of a scheme, alleged to have been backed by the sugar trust, to block annexation.

It is said that a call has been made for a mammoth demonstration September 14 against closer political union with the United States. Senators Morgan and Quay are expected to arrive from the United States that day, and the object o fthe anti-annexationists is to impress them with the feeling upon the island.

MEANS A GOLD STANDARD

For India is the General Belief at Washington.

Secretary Gage said last Friday that it would be a hard matter to draw an inference from the suspension of the sale of bills of exchange by the Bank of England on Indian cities, and said there might be many reasons for this. Until he could hear more of the matter he preferred not to discuss the question.

Director of the Mint Preston and other officials who keep up with the situation in India preferred not to discuss the question at this time. They, too, thought many reasons might be at the bottom of the suspension. One reason advanced by several treasury officials is that the suspension might have been ordered to avoid the threatened export of gold from London to India. There was a general belief, however, that India will not be long in going to the gold standard. She is virtually on a gold standard now, it is said.

Will Have Trolley Cars.

The electrician representing the chasers of the street car line at Pensacola, Fla., has arrived from Philadelphia, and will at once begin the work of converting the present horse car system into a modern trolley system. Five miles of new track will be added on the streets and when completed the system will be almost a belt line.

Japan's Latest Scheme.

A correspondent at Washington writes: According to semi-official advices just received here from Nicaragua, the Japanese government is secretly negotiating with the diet of the Greater Republic of Central America, which recently met in Salvador, for the construction of the Nicaragua canal, independent and in defiance of the interests and influence of the United States or other nations.

That the administration will resent any interference with the Nicaragua canal project, as it did in the case of the Hawaiian annexation treaty goes without saying.

Sick Soldiers Sent Home.

The last two steamers that have sailed for Spain from Havana carried 1,600 sick and disabled soldiers. Captain-General Weyler received from Spain Thursday $2,000,000 in silver to be used in defraying the expenses of the war in Cuba. Captain-General Weyler and the force accompanying him encamped Thursday night on the plantation of Mercedita, near Melena Sur Havana. General Weyler was last reported in the neighborhood of Guinass.

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J. O. PINCKARD, President.

Jemison is on the Louisville & Nashville railroad 45 miles south of Birmingham, and 53 miles north of Montgomery.

Papers friendly to the Alliance please copy.

Clanton Alliance No. 1.

A special meeting of the Clanton Alliance is hereby called to meet on Saturday September 18th at 2:30 o'clock. All old Alliancemen who desire to again connect themselves with the Alliance are invited to attend and put themselves in good standing. This will afford them the privilege of attending the State Alliance at Jemison on Sept. 22 & 23.

MASS MEETING.

A meeting of the citizens of Clanton and all others interested, is hereby called to meet at the court house on Tuesday, the 14th day of September, 1897, at 4 p.m. for the purpose of making an effort to bring the Atlanta and Alabama Railroad by Clanton.

(Signed) TIPTON MULLINS
and 27 others.

You need your county paper, and Ten Dollars will come in handy for new years. So subscribe for THE BANNER and make your guess.

DOLLAR wheat and five cent cotton don't go well together.

A PERPETUAL gallows cannot be said to be a thing of beauty and joy forever. For nearly four years the hideous structure in the jailyard has been an eyesore to every passer by. It is to be hoped a gallows will never be needed here, and we would suggest that the sheriff remove this one. If at any time it is necessary to erect a gallows the county can better afford to build one than to be perpetually reminded of this sometime grim necessity of the law. Take it down, Mr. Sheriff, please.

THE project of the Atlanta and Selma railroad passing through Clanton is assuming definite shape. The citizens of Clanton are unanimously in favor of it and no doubt the mass meeting called for next Tuesday will be well attended. We should like to see some of our farmer friends also at this meeting. This is not a local matter, it concerns the whole county. The entire county will be directly benefited by the road; it will increase the value of every foot of land in the county, and will materially increase the county revenue. Mr. W. H. Merritt says he will give the road a free right of way across his property, a distance of four or five miles, and will give other aid, and other land owners will do likewise. Col. Tisdale, vice-president of the road, who passed through town this morning, stated he would be pleased to do all in his power to have the crossing at Clanton. The meeting on Tuesday will probably arrive at some mode of proceedure, possibly the organization of a railroad society; then a preliminary survey will be made, and an offer to the company. We wish the undertaking every success.

SPECIAL State Examiner Cowan after studying the matter over for a couple of weeks, filed his report on the Clerk of the Circuit Court's accounts last Thursday. Either the Examiner or Age-Herald or the State Auditor is in a "mass of tangled confusion" or there's something rotten in the State of Denmark. The Age-Herald published a detailed statement from the report to the Governor showing Mr. VanDerveer was $81.36 short. The State Auditor sends Mr. VanDerveer a statement claiming only $45.54. We do not suppose that either statement is correct, and would suggest the Governor appoint another special State Examiner to find out where they are at.

THE State Weekly Crop Bulletin reports: Warm weather and ample sunshine prevailed over this entire section during the first half of the week ending Sept. 6, followed by cool and cloudy weather with brisk easterly winds during the last three days; showers were light and widely scattered and rain is needed for the crops, but as a whole all crops have done and promise well, except cotton, which has steadily deteriorated, with rust, blight and shedding, spreading to northern counties and general over the entire southern half of the State; upland cotton seems to be suffering mostly while many correspondents report the bottom land crop as still in fair condition, the top crop is generally poor and conditions now point to a yield decidedly below the average; considerable picking was done during the week and much has been ginned and marketed. Fodder pulling still progresses and some late corn is being harvested in good condition and satisfactory yield; sorghum is being made into syrup and is of good flavor and yield; sugar cane continues very promising, and a very large hay crop has been made, rain is neded for sweet potatoes and turnips and while the second crop of irish potatoes is generally good, they have rotted badly in Gulf counties, where a third planting has been made by some farmers. Grapes are making a splendid yield and pears are yielding better than was anticipated.

RESOURCE, Screven Co., Ga.—I have been subject to attacks of bilious colic for several years. Chamberlains Colic, Cholera and Diarrhoea Remedy is the only sure relief. It acts like a charm. One dose of it gives relief when all other medicines fail.—G. D. Sharp. For sale by Dr. J. S. Johnson, Jr.

In addition to the many attractions arranged for Nashville Day, September 11, at the Centennial Exposition, special musical and fire works programmes have been prepared for the evening, and to give the thousands who expect to be on the ground that night some idea of the indescribable grandeur and beauty of these special works, the management have appropriated $1500 for fire-works alone. It is unnecessary to say that the A. L. Due Co., who with so much smaller sums of money, have given such gorgeous entertainments, will open the occasion in the presence of that mighty throng of humanity, give one of the largest and grandest pyrotechnic displays ever seen in the South. There will be many set pieces, some of which will be the portraits of the Mayor of Nashville, the Board of Public Works in one group, and Judge Bell; and the great wheel of fire.

Wasted Lives.

Some people use their energies in a way that wastes the greater part of them. Hurry, worry, irritation, vexation, determination, and foolish anxiety keeps them constantly wasting precious vitality. This is foolishness. People do not want irritation or stimulation. When anyone is tired he wants rest not stimulants. When any one's energies begin to flag recuperation, not irritation, is wanted.

"All tired out," some people say "I need a stimulant." A very mistaken idea. No doubt such a one is in need of invigoration, recuperation, but not stimulants. Stimulants draw upon the vigor which one already possesses; they produce no vigor. When one is tired out, nervous, weak and despondent Pe-ru-na is what is needed in the system. Pe-ru-na invigorates, recuperates, builds up, vitalizes, enriches, re-inforces. Unlike so many other remedies, it does not simply irritate and stimulate. Pe-ru-na is an invigorator to nerve and blood. Send for a copy of Dr. Hartman's latest book. Address The Pe-ru-na Drug Manufacturing Co., Columbus, Ohio.

Literary Note.

As the result of the development of our public school system and the cheapening of books, there has grown up a large class of men and women who seek broader education, or desire to extend their knowledge along special lines. Their duties in life, or lack of means, exclude them from the university. The Cosmopolitan Magazine has undertaken the task of bringing liberal education, in its broadest sense, within the reach of those who have the aspiration, but are deprived of the opportunity. Doctor Andrews, late of Brown University, has undertaken the Presidency of The Cosmopolitan's educational movement. The work, thus begun, is not intended to take the place of regular university work, but to supply a gap in existing educational facilities. Those who are really in search of knowledge will find direction and aid. It can do nothing for those who have not the desire to study. An intending student sends to the Cosmopolitan, New York, his name, occupation, previous courses of study, studies desired to be pursued, objects and purpose for which course is designed, and the number of hours', daily or weekly, study which can be given. No charges of any kind will be made to students.

Political Points.

People's Press Bureau, St. Louis. Mo., Sept. 8, 1897.

The commission appointed four years ago to investigate and report to the British Parliament the cause of the wide spread depression among English farmers has ready a communication which will make interesting reading if it is ever published. Ten of the sixteen commissioners concur in saying that "some general cause may be found in the great monetary changes which were made in certain countries in Europe and the United States in 1873 and 1874." It is further suggested that some "international arrangement be made for the reversal of the monetary policy of 1873." "Such action would in the opinion of the commission, check the constant and progressive fall of prices." Tariff on farm products was not considered any cure for the farmer's woes. Thus whenever men of learning study the question and render an honest verdict, they decide that the gold standard is the ruin of agriculture.

The Mayor of Prescott, Arizona, who is an enthusiastic single-taxer, has succeeded in getting a sort of single-tax ordinance passed in his town, although the council was made up of streight republicans and democrats. A tax of $2.00 is imposed on every town lot, whether occupied by a building or not, and this money is to be devoted to building and operating water and lighting plants.

The recent bankers' convention at Detroit, Michigan, passed a resolution urging that at the next session of Congress a currency commission be appointed "in order that proper financial legislation may be at once secured."

It is claimed that in ninety-six out of one hundred and five counties in Kansas arrangemens for fusion between Populists, Silver Democrats and Silver Republicans are so perfect as to insure success in the next election.

If the State of Pennsylvania is representative, the people of this country are in a fair way to be legislated to death. Governor Hastings, of that State, made free use of his veto power, but still four hundred and eight entirley new laws have gone on the statute books.

It has been given out in a semi official manner that the tactics of the administration will bring the Cuban rebellion to a close within the next sixty days. Secretary of State Sherman is at present in Washington, D. C., having cut short his vacation to return and attend to business pertaining to the Spanish-Cuban trouble.

Grand Master Workman Sovereign spoke at Houston Texas, on Labor day, to a large and enthusiastic crowd.

Attorney General Boyle and Labor Commissioner Johnson, of Kansas, both good populists, are about to begin prosecution of such coal operations of that state as have violated the anti-scrip law.

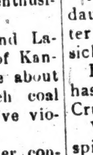
The great triangular silver convention of Populists, Democrats and Republicans, at Lincoln, Nebraska, September 1st and 2d, was attended by twenty seven hundred delegates and fifteen thousand visitors, and was in every respect the most enthusiastic convention ever held in that State. The same condidates were nominated and the same platform adopted by each convention.

The trustees of Brown University have asked President Andrews to withdraw his resignation.

The conference of Labor Leaders held at St. Louis last week, did little more that pass resolutions of sympathy for the striking miners and censure the judiciary, for "government by injunction." It was decided that in case the miners strike was not settled by September 20th that a general convention of Labor representatives should be called at Chicago on the 27th, for the purpose of considering further measures in the interest of the striking miners.

Great progress of the Socialist Labor Party in Kansas is reported by Kansas City gold-bug sheets exclusivly. Reliable parties on the ground assert that this is but another Republican strike to divide the Populists. No such growth and organization as reported exists. A. R.

Baby's Second Summer



is the time that tries all the care of the mother and all the skill of maternal management. Baby comfort comes from fat; fat babies have nothing to do but to sleep and grow.

If your baby does not seem to prosper, if he does not gain in weight, you must get more fat there. A few drops of

Scott's Emulsion

each day will put on plumpness; fat outside, life inside, baby and mother both happy.

Your baby can take and relish Scott's Emulsion as much in summer as in any other season.

For sale by all druggists at 50c. and $1.00.

CORRESPONDENCE.

[We are willing to publish our subscribers views at any time, but it must be distinctly understood we do not hold ourselves responsible for these opinions.—EDITOR.]

A Sure Thing for You.

A transaction in which you cannot lose is a sure thing. Biliousness, sick headache, furred tongue, fever, piles and a thousand other ills are caused by constipation and sluggish liver. Cascarets Candy Cathartic, the wonderful new liver stimulant and intestinal tonic are by all druggists guaranteed to cure or money refunded. C. C. C. are a sure thing. Try a box to-day; 10c., 25c., 50c. Sample and booklet free. See our big ad.

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Jemison, Sept. 7, 1897.

Editor BANNER: We are looking forward for a pleasant and profitable meeting of the State Alliance on 22nd inst. Congressman M. W. Howard has consented to be with us and deliver an address, and we also hope to have Tom Watson of Ga. The citizens have decided to come together and have an old time barbecue. We hope to have plenty of barbecued meat, and bread with it, and some good speaking, and we cordially invite the people to come and bring the women and children. Let us have a good time and honor the State Alliance, the farmers' best friend. All who are near are invited to bring baskets full of something good.

COMMITTEE.

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The True Remedy.

W. M. Repine, editor of Tiskilwa Ill., "Chief," says: "We won't keep house without Dr. King's New Discovery for Consumption, Cough and Colds. Experimented with many others, but never got the true remedy until we used Dr. King's New Discovery. No other remedy can take its place in our home, as in it we have a certain and sure cure for Colds, Whooping Cough, etc." It is idle to experiment with other remedies, even if they are urged on you as just as good as Dr. King's New Discovery. They are not as good, because this remedy has a record of cures and besides is guaranteed. It never fails to satisfy. Trial bottle free at Dr. J. S. Johnson's Drug Store.

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Maplesville Music

Mr. Heaton and Mrs. Rasberry, brother and sister of Mrs. Blalack are visiting here.

Mr. George Fox and wife have visited his nephew and name sake of this place.

Mrs. Rebecca Goodwin of Selma Mrs. Evelyn McCary and Miss Ella Dudley of Birmingham, Mrs Betsey McCary and Mrs. Garner have all been lately visiting Mrs N. A. Goodwin.

Mrs. Price is now with her daughter, Mrs. Patterson; the latter we regret to say has been very sick.

Hon. Gaston Robbins, of Selma, has been the guest of Mr. T. U. Crumpton.

We feel that many have been spiritually refreshed by the most excellent sermons delivered here by Rev. Holt of Lowndesboro and Rev. Clisaw of Plantersville.

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Don't Tobacco Spit and Smoke Your Life Away.

If you want to quit tobacco using easily and forever, be made well, strong, magnetic, full of new life and vigor, take No-To-Bac, the wonder-worker, that makes weak men strong. Many gain ten pounds in ten days. Over 400,000 cured. Buy No-To-Bac of your druggist, under guarantee to cure, 50c or $1.00. Booklet and sample mailed free. Ad. Sterling Remedy Co., Chicago or New York.

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Death of D. J. Waterswortb.

Our community was saddened on the 3rd inst. by the death of D. J. Wathersworth. We have suffered an irreparable loss. "An honest man is the noblest work of God," and this could be truly said of our friend and neighbor. His was a noble nature that ever labored with energy for the good of his fellow creatures and was often troubled that he could not do more in his Master's vineyard; he was ever a friend to the widow and orphan and in trouble and sickness was ever the most foremost. He came to this country about thirty-five years ago from England, being well-bred and of pleasing address. He married a woman with considerable fortune which she most generously gave him to do good work. Though a foreigner none did the good he did. His was a romantic life but in all his wanderings he was ever generous and unselfish. He was reared in the church of England but not being convenient here he joined the Methodist and built a beautiful church. Then he gave much assistance in building an Episcopal church he joined near him but was ever generous to the Methodist church. Our deepest sympathy is extended his family whose grief is not as those without hope meeting in that better land where parting is no more.

A TRUE FRIEND.

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"My boy came home from school one day with his hand badly lacerated and bleeding, and suffering pain," says Mr. E. J. Schall, with Meyer Bros. Drug Co., St. Louis Mo. "I dressed the wound, and applied Chamberlain's Pain Balm freely. All pain ceased and in a remarkable short time it healed without leaving a scar. For wounds, sprains, swellings, and rheumatism, I know of no medicine or prescription equal to it. I consider it a household necessity." The 25 and 50 cent size for sale by Dr. J. S. Johnson, Jr.

TAX NOTICE.

ASSESSOR'S & COLLECTOR'S FIRST ROUND.

We will attend at the following times and places for the purpose of assessing the State and County Taxes of Chilton County for the year 1898, and collecting the taxes for 1897:

		1897
Kincheon	October	1
Albert Headley's Store	"	2
Benson	"	4
Maplesville	"	5
Dixie	"	6
Valley Creek	"	7
Shoults	"	8
Maplesville until 12 m.	"	9
Macedonia Church	"	11
Hayes Mill	"	12
Providence Church, (Beat 2)	"	13
Elijah Busby's	"	14
Jemison	"	15
Strasburg	"	16
Clanton	"	18
Cane Creek Church	"	19
Mineral Springs	"	20
Jesse Maddox's Mill	"	21
Goer's School-House	"	22
Coopers	"	25
Verbena	"	26
Mountain Creek	"	27
Burwells	"	28
Calloway's Mill	"	29

A. C. MIMS, Tax Assessor.
T. J. HUBBARD, Tax Collector.

HOW TO FIND OUT.

Fill a bottle or common glass with urine and let it stand twenty-four hours; a sediment or settling indicates an unhealthy condition of the kidneys. When urine stains linen it is positive evidence of kidney trouble. Too frequent desire to urinate or pain in the back, is also convincing proof that the kidneys and bladder are out of order.

WHAT TO DO.

There is comfort in the knowledge so often expressed, that Dr. Kilmer's Swamp-Root, the great kidney remedy fulfills every wish in relieving pain in the back, kidneys, liver, bladder and every part of the urinary passages. It corrects inability to hold urine and scalding pain in passing it, or bad effects following use of liquor, wine or beer, and overcomes that unpleasant necessity of being compelled to get up many times during the night to urinate. The mild and the extraordinary effect of Swamp-Root is soon realized. It stands the highest for its wonderful cures of the most distressing cases. If you need a medicine you should have the best. Sold by druggists, price fifty cents and one dollar. You may have a sample bottle and pamphlet both sent free by mail. Mention THE BANNER and send your address to Dr. Kilmer & Co., Binghamton, N.Y. The proprietor of this paper guarantees the genuineness of this offer.

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Program Teachers' Institute.

An Institute, for the white teachers of Chilton county, will be held at Concord on Friday and Saturday Sept. 24th & 25th 1897.

FRIDAY, 9 a.m. Devotional exercises. Welcome address, J. Alex Moore. Organization.

10. Childs study. J. F. Lowery.

11. Hindrances to school work and how to prevent the same. W. S. Garner. Recess.

2 p.m. Modes for correcting errors in spoken language, Miss Jennie Wilson.

3. Best course of study for country schools, Judson Strock.

SATURDAY, 9 a.m. Devotional exercises.

9:30 Alabama in literature, essay, Miss Kate Garner.

10. The public school and how best to secure its most efficient work, C. C. Slaton.

11. Alabama's educational needs, J. Alex Moore.

2. p.m. Educational address, J. E. Zoch.

3. The work of the primary teacher, J. F. M. Thomas, Mrs. A. G. Dunlap.

Concord is located about five miles south east from Montevallo. Anyone desiring conveyance from railroad to Institute, will write Prof. J. Alex. Moore at Montevallo. If you are a teacher come to the Institute. If you are a friend to education come.

J. W. MOORE, Supt.

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Planters CUBAN RELIEF cures Colic, Neuralgia and Toothache in five minutes. Sour Stomach and Summer Complaints. Price, 25 Cents.

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Free Pills.

Send your address to H. B. Bucklen & Co., Chicago, and get a free sample box of Dr. King's New Life Pills. A trial will convince you of their merits. These pills are easy in action and are particularly effective in the cure of Constipation and Sick Headache. For Malaria and Liver troubles they have been proved invaluable. They are guaranteed to be perfectly free from every deleterious substance and to be purely vegetable. They do not weaken by their action, but by giving tone to stomach and bowels greatly invigorate the system. Regular size 25c per box. Sold by J. S. Johnson, Druggist.

TEN SILVER DOLLARS OR A $10 GOLD PIECE

we will give to the subscriber to THE BANNER who guesses nearest to the number of bales of cotton marketed at Clanton up to and including December 31, 1897. The contest will close Nov. 1, 1897. If there is more than one correct guess the amount will be divided amongst the successful guessers.

Messrs. W. L. Sampey, W. I. Mullins and W. M. Wilson have kindly consented to act as Committee of Award and their decision will be final.

The number of bales marketed at Clanton up to close of each year during the last three years has been

1894	3165.
1895	1962.
1896	3295.

Every subscriber to THE BANNER who pays a year's subscription in advance is entitled to a guess. Subscribe now, and register your guess.

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RHEUMATISM, NEURALGIA, CATARRH, ASTHMA, HEADACHE

and their marvelous cure. Science of the 19th Century looks on with amazement at the most remarkable record of cures ever known in the World's history.

Hundreds of thousands of Sufferers cured without a single failure by "FIVE DROPS."

Though so universally used and tested did you ever hear anyone speak ill of this great remedy? No you never did and never will, for if taken as directed and in the proper quantity 5 Drops cannot fail to cure any of the diseases for which it is recommended. What it has already done to relieve the suffering is told in thousands of letters of grateful praise.

Mr. J. P. Limeburner, widely known for many years as the special representative of the Populists and Free Silver Press of the United States, was kindly forwarded the following letter for publication:

Jan. 25, 1897.

DEAR SIRS:—I am anxious for the sake of the suffering and out of gratitude to you to give my personal endorsement of your wonderful remedy. On the 4th of January last, I was in Washington and was suddenly seized with an agonizing attack of inflammatory rheumatism so severe and painful in its character that I secured a bottle of 5 Drops, partially relieved and I was only able to drive with assistance. I followed using the remedy and took a dose that night, rubbing some on externally as directed. The following morning I was surprised to find myself in a measure relieved, and continuing treatment more than pleased with the result. My arm was absolutely free from pain, and all swelling and stiffness had disappeared. The quickness and complete success of your medicine was the second morning cured. My case was one of long standing and had resisted the curative properties of your medicine and staff of life for over a year of the most excruciating character. I have known for over a year of the great curative properties of 5 Drops in Neuralgia, Church and Asthma, and have several friends who have been cured by it of Neuralgia, Church and Asthma, and have several friends who have been cured by it that those similarly afflicted will at least wishing you every success, and believing that those similarly afflicted will at least give this remedy a trial. Sincerely yours, J. P. LIMEBURNER.

Bureau of Populist and Reform Papers, Old Sick Exchange Building, Chicago, Ill.

CURES THE INCURABLE.

DR. KELLEMS:—I would like to thank you for your great remedy, "5 DROPS," and tell you what it has done for me. I had Rheumatism in every joint in my body, my heart was affected, had constant pain in the region of my heart, and at times had to quit work for days at a time. I had doctored but little for it, but had concluded that it was incurable, as I was completely crippled up with it, and could not move without pain. I was recommended to try your remedy, and was told by a good doctor, that my Rheumatism was incurable. But now, after using "5 Drops" only two months, I can truly say I have not felt so well for seven years. This seems the more than I claimed for it. At this time my health is much better and I have entirely any Rheumatism at all and the heart trouble is gone. My nerves are good and my strength is much better. I have gained in flesh and can do a good day's work. It is the best medicine I ever saw to give a sound and sound sleep to both young and old. It has the same effect on the child as on the mother. It is a great Cough and cures the life of the child and causes a sound and refreshing sleep to both young and old.

Yours respectfully, W. M. KELLEMS, Atlanta, Perry Co., Ind.

Jan. 29, 1896.

We received the following letter from Mr. T. S. Wilson of Omaha, Ill. Mr. Wilson has been for many years an invalid and a sufferer from Kidney Disease. Mr. Wilson is well known in Kellems, Perry Co., Ind. and we feel he is a reliable man.

MR. J. A. WILSON.

DEAR SIR:—Your letter of recent date at hand, the testimonial you speak of is genuine. I have it to them and every word of it is true and I could swear to it and prove it by many witnesses. The company did not ask me for this letter. I sent it to them last January for publication in order that your sufferers, incurables as I thought, and as you say, might be cured. Get "5 Drops" and use it and it will cure you as it has cured me. I have received many letters like yours, and it is a pleasure to me to be able to answer all who write. Tell all your neighbors what I have written about "5 Drops." I know how to sympathize with those who are afflicted for though I suffered so long it is now 8 months since I have felt any pain. Dr. W. Kellems is my brother, uses "5 Drops" in his practice, and joins me in endorsing this great remedy. He says for a case like yours it is a positive cure.

Sept. 21, 1896. MR. W. M. AND DR. S. W. KELLEMS.

If you have not sufficient confidence after reading these letters to send for a large bottle, send for a sample bottle, which contains sufficient medicine to convince you of its merit. This wonderful curative gives almost instant relief and is a permanent cure for Rheumatism, Sciatica, Neuralgia, Dyspepsia, Backache, Asthma, Hay Fever, Catarrh, Sleeplessness, Nervousness, Nervous and Neuralgic Headaches, Heart Weakness, Toothache, Earache, Croup, "La Grippe," Malaria, Creeping Numbness, Bronchitis and Kindred Diseases.

"FIVE DROPS" is the name and dose. Large bottles (100 doses), $1.00. Six bottles for $5.00. Sample bottle prepaid by mail 25c. Not sold by druggists, but only by us and our agents. Agents appointed in new territory.

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TOWN ITEMS

Commissioners' Court meets second Monday in February, first Monday in March, second Monday in May, second Monday in July, second Monday in August, and first Monday in November.

CLANTON COTTON MARKET.

Price to-day 6¼ cents.

BALES RECEIVED TO DATE:

Sampey	91
Mullins	42
Wilson & Bro.	8
Total	141

FOR SALE 440 acres of good farming and timber land, 3 miles west of Lomax, 50 acres under cultivation. Good dwelling and outhouses.
A. A. EILAND, Lomax, Ala.

Read the particulars of our pressing contest and then subscribe for THE BANNER.

240 acres of Good Land to rent. Appl. to W. M. ADAMS, Clanton, Ala.

E. C. McMorries and Osmond Middleton went to Verbena Friday night last.

The store recently vacated by J. W. Gellstorn has been rented by Mr. H. Turnansky from Baltimore who has opened up with a fine stock of goods.

Sam Dunlap is visiting Dr. Johnson's family this week.

W. H. Foshee, W. H. Sartor and N. A. Kicker went to Birmingham Sunday.

Zonda, hypnotist, was in town Monday.

B. Y. McMorries visited Jemison Sunday.

W. T. Callen made a business trip to the capital city last Friday.

LOST, strayed, or stolen on the 3rd of last July, one red white-faced cow and small red male calf, no bell on either. Calf not marked. Any information that can be given will gladly be accepted and rewarded by.
G. R. WILLIAMS, Stanton.

Dr. G. W. Shackelford, who had been practicing in Jemison all the week, paid his Clanton patients a visit Saturday.

Miss Willie Smith, of Mississippi, music teacher in the University school, and sister, Miss Lota, who intends entering school here, arrived last week. We welcome Misses Smith to our town.

ANY person who wants to rent, lease, or buy land, call and see me at Foshee, seven miles west of Clanton.

Harry Blasingame was in town last week.

Prof. A. J. Scott of Albany Ga., and Col. J. M. Scott, jr., of Texas are among many friends here Sunday.

Services were held at the Congregational church Sunday, Rev. — instead officiating in place of Rev. L. Busby who has resigned.

Rev. Thos. F. Sessions, of New Mexico, will preach in the Methodist church on Friday the 10th inst. 7:30 p. m. This commences a series of meetings at the Methodist church.

Miss Callie Watts left last Tuesday to visit friends at Luverne, Ala.

DENTIST.

I take pleasure in announcing to the people of Maplesville and vicinity that, commencing on Monday, September 20th, I will practice at Maplesville for ten days.

Bridge work, gold and logan crowns, best sets of teeth, gold and other fillings at reasonable prices. Teeth inserted without plates. Children's teeth regulated. Teeth extracted positively without pain, no bad after effects. All work the best known to the Dental profession, and fully warranted.

Respectfully,
Dr. G. W. SHACKELFORD, D.D.S.

Notice of Dissolution.

The law firm of Adams & Martin was on the 7th day of September, 1897, by mutual agreement of the parties composing the same, dissolved. William M. Adams continuing the practice and will assume all obligations of said firm.
WM. M. ADAMS,
W. J. MARTIN.

The firm of Adams & Martin, practicing attorneys, has been dissolved. William M. Adams will continue the practice at this place and will assume charge of all business formerly managed by his former firm. His office will be over the store of W. H. Wright.

Mr. Adolph Maritz and Miss Lula Curry of Meridian, Miss., and Miss Mae Honeycutt of Jemison, were the charming guests of Judge Honeycut a few days this week.

The many friends of Mr. Smith, at Ehrman's mill, and family regret to lose them. They removed to Georgia last week.

J. W. E. Willis has moved his family into town.

Bucklen's Arnica Salve.

The best salve in the world for Cuts, Bruises, Sores, Ulcers, Salt-Rheum, Fever Sores, Tetter, Chapped Hands, Chilblains, Corns, and all Skin Eruptions, and positively cures Piles, or no pay required. It is guaranteed to give perfect satisfaction or money refunded. Price 25 cents per box. For sale by J. S. Johnson.

W. L. SAMPEY
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Suffered 20 Years.

MRS. MARY LEWIS, wife of a prominent farmer, and well known by all old residents near Belmont, N. Y., writes: "For twenty-seven years I had been a constant sufferer from nervous prostration, and paid large sums of money for doctors and advertised remedies without benefit. Three years ago my condition was alarming; the least noise would startle and unnerve me. I was unable to sleep, had a number of sinking spells and slowly grew worse. I began using Dr. Miles' Restorative Nervine and Nerve and Liver Pills. At first the medicine seemed to have no effect, but after taking a few bottles I began to notice a change; I rested better at night, my appetite began to improve and I rapidly grew better, until now I am as nearly restored to health as one of my age may expect. God bless Dr. Miles' Nervine."

Dr. Miles' Remedies are sold by all druggists under a positive guarantee, first bottle benefits or money refunded. Book on diseases of the heart and nerves free. Address, DR. MILES MEDICAL CO., Elkhart, Ind.

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Mortgage Sale.

Under and by virtue of the power of sale contained in a mortgage executed to Alabama Mineral Land Company by E. M. Cooper on the 5th day of October 1893, and recorded in Book 41 of Mortgages, page 197, in the office of the Judge of Probate of Chilton county, Alabama, and said Mortgage was transferred to me, the undersigned, by the Alabama Mineral Land Company on Nov. 11th, 1895. I will proceed to sell at public outcry in Clanton, Alabama, to the highest bidder for cash on
WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 15, 1897,
within the hours of legal sale the following described real estate, to-wit:
The North east quarter of South east quarter of Section 13, Township 21 N Range 13 E., containing forty acres land more or less, in Chilton county, State of Alabama.
W. H. MERRITT, Transferee.
Clanton, Ala., August 23, 1897.

Final Proof Notice.

Notice No. 19125.
Land Office at Montgomery, Ala., Sept. 4, 1897.

Notice is hereby given that the following-named settler has filed notice of his intention to make final proof in support of his claim, and that said proof will be made before the Clerk of the Circuit Court, at Clanton, Ala., on October 16th, 1897, viz: Nancy Cottingham, widow of Anderson Cottingham. Homestead Entry No. 26555, for the sw ¼ of ne¼ nw¼ of sec. 4, section 2, tp 22 n r 12 east.

He names the following witnesses to prove his continuous residence upon and cultivation of said land, viz: Columbus Campbell, Zachariah Jones, John Crumpton, Curtis Gentry, all of Randolph, Ala.
H. PURCELL, Register.

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For all diseases peculiar to women and girls. It Tones up the Nerves, Improves the Appetite, Enriches the Blood, and gives Life, Health and Strength. It is the

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No handling of cotton. Everything clean and free from dust. Your own seed goes into a separate hopper.

Drive your wagon up to the gin, then go and attend to your business in town, and in less than an hour we give you your bale.

Your patronage respectfully solicited,
C. J. STEWART, Clanton.

THE OLD RELIABLE GIN

Known to everyone in this section as the Bivings gin, has been thoroughly overhauled, and is now in the best running order.

Our saw mill is now ready for business.

Thanking you for past favors, and soliciting a continuance of your patronage
Respectfully,
MCKEE & STANFIELD, Clanton.

Misses Etta Matthews and Kate Roark, of Marion, are visiting the family of Dr. Matthews. Miss Roark will remain as governess of the children.

Miss Katie Graham, of Calera, was a pleasant visitor among relatives here this week.

SEAVIEW, VA.—We have a splendid sale on Chamberlain's Cough Remedy, and our customers come from far and near, speak of it in the highest terms. Many have said that their children would have died of croup if Chamberlain's Cough Remedy had not been given.—Kellam & Ourren. The 25 and 50 cent size for sale by Dr. J. S. Johnson, Jr.

Marriage licenses have been granted this week by the Probate Judge to the following persons:
Mr. Wm. J. Melton and Miss Evie Martin.

Uniforms.

I recommend uniforms for the boys. They are as cheap as any other clothing of like quality, and look much better. Coat, pants and cap guaranteed all wool, fast colors and every way honest goods for $10 a suit; small boys $9 a suit and cap. Call at W. L. Sampey's and get your measure.
E. Y. McMORRIES.

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Lomax

Our farmers are busy pulling fodder and picking cotton.

Our community was saddened last Saturday by the death of Aunt Hannah Collins. She was a good neighbor and a true friend. She was buried at this place Sunday, Rev. W. G. Riggins conducting the ceremony. We deeply sympathize with her aged husband and relatives.

The infant child of Mr. and Mrs James Caten died Saturday night.

Mrs. Ben Teel of Clanton visited Mrs. Foshee Sunday.

There was no Sunday-school at this place Sunday owing to the absence of the superintendent.

The young folks had a pleasant social at the residence of Mr. A Smith last Thursday night.

Mr. Wiley Foshee, we are sorry to say, is on the sick list this week

Mr. A. M. Attaway made a flying visit to Birmingham last Saturday.
ELLIE.

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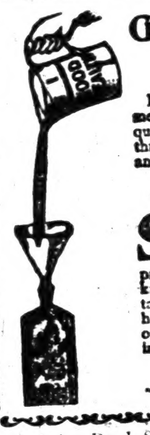

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Every bottle you take of Johnston's Sarsaparilla means better health, and every bottle contains a quart. It makes better blood—purer blood. For thirty years this famous remedy has been creating and maintaining good health.

Johnston's Sarsaparilla builds up the system, tones the nerves, and strengthens the muscles more promptly and effectually than any other remedy known. The pallor of the cheek disappears, energy takes the place of languor, and the rich color of health flows to the cheeks. Unequaled for all disorders of the stomach and liver, and for all weakening complaints of men, women, and children.

Sold everywhere. Price $1.00 per full quart bottle.
WILLIAMS, DAVIS, BROOKS & CO., Detroit, Mich.

Liverettes Cure Sick Headache and Biliousness. 25c.

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Turn-Round Topics.

Mr. William M. Pyron, one of the Turn-Round's oldest and most prominent citizens died at his residence recently. Mr. Pyron took to his bed on the evening of July 4 and was up and down until a few days before he died. He was born in North Carolina in 1821, raised in Georgia and moved to this county about 27 years ago. He has been a member of the Baptist church for sixty years and was a Christian gentleman of spotless character, loved and respected as such by all who knew him.

Tuesday night, August 24th, at 10 o'clock he breathed his last. "I care for nothing in this world, all that I want is a home in heaven." These were about the last words; he fell asleep, out of which he passed quietly and without pain into sleep eternal. The remains were carried to Deatsville the next day for interment, Rev. Mr. Colwell conducting the funeral services. Mr. Pyron leaves an aged widow and five children at home to mourn his death. The bereaved family have our most sincere and heartfelt sympathies.

A series of meetings are in progress this week at Corinth. There will also be a series of meetings at Canaan next week commencing Saturday night.

Miss Vena Pyron, a beautiful and most accomplished young lady who has been very sick, we are glad to say is now convalescent.

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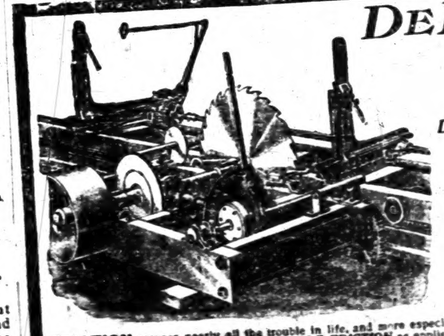

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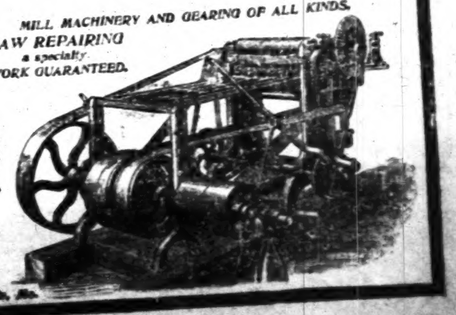

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A Baltimore paper says: "A young lady suicided yesterday in More." Perhaps she had arsoned, or bigamied, or done something of that sort.

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What Ailed Him.

"I don't think you ought to be so bitter against the president of the Busstupp bank," said the pastor. "Remember, brother, that he lost all of his own money, as well as some of yours." "That is jist what riles me," said the brother with the long upper lip and the mouth that looked as if it had been made with an ax. "To think of losin' my money to a blame fool!"—Indianapolis Journal.

Those trainloads of Greeks who left this country for the sake of fighting the tyrant Turk ought to be given rain checks good for the next war.

An ideal is not a mere imagination of what is or what may be; it is a conception of what should be—of something nobler than we have yet seen and better than we have done; and, when this conception takes form in the mind, though no external law may prescribe it, though no public opinion may espouse it, it speedily involves what may be a social law in the future, and what must be a private law for ourselves.

Actors like to play Hamlet, for then the ghost walks every night.

Where All the Trouble Started.

She—Do you think, at the rate woman is progressing, that the time will ever come when she will treat the man, instead of the man treating her?

He—I hope not. That was what got the whole human race into trouble, Eve's setting up the apples to Adam.—Cincinnati Enquirer.

Lafayette's Grant of Land.

No man was ever more highly honored in this country than Lafayette during his second visit. In 1825 he came as the guest of the nation, remained over a year, and during that time visited every one of the twenty-four States which then composed the Union, and was everywhere received with popular enthusiasm. In consideration of his services during the revolutionary war Congress voted him a grant of $200,000, and in addition to that 24,000 acres of land, to be located by him anywhere among the unappropriated lands belonging to the national government. His 68th birthday was spent at the White House. After his visit he sailed for France in the Brandywine and in 1834 died in Paris.

Miss Sibyl Sanderson.

This is the singer whom Antonio Terry, the wealthy Cuban, has frequently announced his intention to marry as soon as the divorce court released him from Mrs. Terry. As this event has come to pass in the shape of a decree issued by the French courts no legal barrier now stands in the way. Miss Sanderson has won distinction on the operatic stage, and is at present singing in St. Petersburg, where rumor says she is receiving much attention from the Czar. When she becomes Mrs. Terry she will not need to sing, as her husband to be is reputed to be worth between $4,000,000 and $5,000,000.

Unnecessary Generosity.

Jose Maria, a Spanish brigand who had received pardon of the government on condition that he renounced his exciting and unlawful profession, used to tell most entertaining stories of his past. On one occasion he said he had robbed an English gentleman and his servant of their horses and everything they possessed, save their clothes.

The Englishman was a pleasant, attractive youth, and submitted to the robbery with great good humor. This appealed to Jose Maria, and as they were forty miles from Seville, whither the traveler was going, he determined that he should not walk that distance and gave him back his servant's horse and a doubloon—sixteen dollars—out of the two hundred he had taken.

The youth thanked the robber warmly, and added that he had still a great favor to ask.

"Will you not return me my watch?" he said. "It was the parting gift of my dear father."

"Is your father alive," asked Jose Maria, "and does he love you very much?"

"Oh yes," said the youth, "he lives and loves me."

"Then," said Jose Maria, "I shall keep the watch, for if your father loves you so dearly, he is sure to give you another."

The Blue and the Gray.

Both men and women are apt to feel a little blue, when the gray hairs begin to show. It's a very natural feeling. In the normal condition of things gray hairs belong to advanced age. They have no business whitening the head of man or woman, who has not begun to go down the slope of life. As a matter of fact, the hair turns gray regardless of age, or of life's seasons; sometimes it is whitened by sickness, but more often from lack of care. When the hair fades or turns gray there's no need to resort to hair dyes. The normal color of the hair is restored and retained by the use of

Ayer's Hair Vigor.

Ayer's Curebook, "a story of cures told by the cured," 100 pages, free. J. C. Ayer Co., Lowell, Mass.

STATE TOPICS.

Late News Items of General Interest to Alabamians.

Lumber Plant Burned.

The plant of the Vine Hill Lumber Company at Vine Hill, Autauga county, was burned last Friday. All adjoining buildings and a large lot of lumber were burned. Loss, $25,000. Insurance unknown.

Engineer and Fireman Killed.

Tennessee Coal, Iron and Railway Company engine No. 14, pulling a coal train, was wrecked Tuesday afternoon about 5 o'clock at Pratt City. Engineer Ed Searson was instantly killed, and his fireman, Emanuel Wilson, received injuries from which he died shortly after aid reached him.

To Develop Kaolin Deposits.

Maj. C. O. Godfrey of Fort Payne has secured a settlement of the litigation over the old kaolin mine at Eureka, and, backed by New York capitalists, will develop the kaolin deposits therein on an extensive scale. A large force of men is at work in the old mine. This is said to be the richest and most extensive kaolin deposit in the State.

Governor's Appointments.

The Governor has appointed William K. Campbell notary public and ex-officio J. P., Jones' Switch, Dallas county.

N. H. Robeson, constable, at Russellville, Franklin county.

John A. Fulford, constable, Point Clear, Baldwin county.

John P. Melton, justice of the peace, Dallaston, Dallas county.

W. D. Thomas, justice of the peace at Blocton.

Birmingham's Cotton Receipts.

Birmingham's cotton receipts for the new cotton year will reach 100,000 bales. Five years ago Birmingham marketed but 20,000 bales of cotton. During the cotton year just closed the total receipts were 80,000. This city has one cotton factory and another large one in course of construction, which increases its importance as a cotton center. Two large cotton compresses will also be operated this season.

Rust in Cotton.

Reports have been received at the office of Commissioner of Agriculture Culver from fifty-four of the sixty-six counties in this State as to the condition of cotton. The output for the State will not exceed 70 per cent of last year's crop. There has been heavy losses during the last two weeks on account of rust. The railroad commissioners, who have been over every railroad in the State, recently estimated the crop even lower than the above.

Colored School at Normal.

There are fewer better up-to-date schools in the South than the Agricultural and Mechanical College for negroes at Normal, near Huntsville, over which President W. H. Councill presides. They have recently added to their well equipped school a large printing outfit, including a Campbell cylinder press, a large steam engine and sawmill equipments. The industrial display at the Tennessee Exposition made by this school is the subject of much favorable comment.

A Big Pacing Horse.

George M. Garth, of Courtland, Ala., the trainer of several fine pacing horses, has sold Big Ike to a Boston man for $600. His new owners had advertised him as the biggest pacing horse in the world. He is over seventeen hands high, and is 4 years old. Garth says he is a little clumsy for track service now, but when he matures more he will make a record. He was trained by Garth on his stock farm two miles from Courtland.

Lott Suspended.

Governor Johnston has suspended from office E. B. Lott, tax collector of Mobile county, because of his failure to promptly settle up with the State. It is given out at the Governor's office that Lott is at least $26,000 behind with the State, and his shortage may go to $40,000, so it is stated. The suspension is the result of the examination of Lott's books, which has been in progress under the personal direction of State Examiner Purifoy for the past two weeks. It is understood that Examiner Purifoy has not yet completed his work, but he has been reporting the progress, and the figures quoted above are taken from these reports. Tax Collector Lott was one of the oldest county officials in Alabama, having occupied the office of tax collector of Mobile county for more than twenty-five years past.

County Officers' Books.

State Examiner Cowan has handed in his report of the examination of the offices of the tax collector and the circuit clerk of Chilton county. The accounts and the methods of J. T. Hubbard were found in the main correct, his whole indebtedness to the State being only $28. Circuit Clerk Vandiver's office affairs, however, abounded in inaccuracies and improper methods. Referring to the examination of his individual fee book, Mr. Cowan says: "In nearly every case is shown some irregularity. In some instances he charges for services not rendered, allows the Sheriff credit for executing papers not served, charges up witnesses for the defendant against the State, allows witnesses too much for attendance, and various other irregularities appear." The examiner, however, found only $81 worth of errors against the clerk.

Receivers Appointed.

In New York Thursday William C. Lane and Flavel McGee were appointed receivers of the United States Car Company, which has large car building plants at Urbana, O., Hegewisch, Ill., and Decatur and Anniston, this State. This action is believed to be a friendly one in the interest of the reorganization of the company, which has been in progress for some time, as the company had no indebtedness.

Steps will now be taken towards reorganizing the company upon a basis which will permit it to meet its fixed charges and current expenses.

If this can be done the works of this company will probably resume operations. This would mean the employment of at least 1,500 men. The plant at Anniston employs 1,000 men and the Decatur works about 500. Both plants have been idle for several years, the plant at Anniston never having been operated only for a short period.

State Normal College, Troy, Alabama.

Governor Johnston has recently appointed six new Directors for the State Normal College, at Troy, Alabama, in place of six whose times have expired. The new members are as follows, to-wit: Hon. C. A. Scott (ex-M. C. from California), Mt. Pleasant, Monroe Co.; Hon. A. A. Evans, Clayton, Barbour Co.; Senator D. C. Bethune, Union Springs, Bullock Co.; Hon. C. P. Rogers, Representative from (Letohatchie) Lowndes Co.; Hon. J. E. Cobb (ex-M. C. 5th Ala. Dist.), Tuskegee, Macon, Co.; and Hon. A. O. Lane, Birmingham, Jefferson Co.

These, with Hons. Chas. Henderson, O. C. Wiley and J. B. Knox, and Governor Johnston, State Supt. of Ed. Dr. J. O. Turner, and President E. B. Eldridge of the College, ex-officio members, constitute the Board. A called meeting for Sept. 10, to take action on important measures to be submitted by the Executive Committee and Faculty, looking toward the College's extension in various ways, will be held, and everything done that can be to make the session to open Sept. 21st, for forty weeks, better than all preceding it.

Some great advances are hoped for along several lines, of which due announcement will be made. Miss Willie McMillan, sister to Congressman Benton McMillan, of Tennessee, has been selected, recently, as Art Teacher, and she comes from the best masters, according to her testimonials.

Many school officers are receiving aid in the selection of teachers for common and high schools.

Briefly Noted.

The stave factory will be rebuilt at Florence.

Dr. J. W. Hughes has assumed charge of the postoffice at Birmingham.

Mrs. Susie Phillips, postmistress at Lawrenceville, dropped dead on Monday.

A company is being formed in Birmingham to mine gold in South Africa.

Montevallo's new brick hotel, the St. George, has opened its doors to guests.

John Smith, colored, while resisting arrest near Scottsboro, was killed by Constable Woods.

The first regular train on the new Mobile, Jackson and Kansas City railroad left Mobile Wednesday.

"Uncle Jimmy" Ellenburg, aged 109 years and 10 months, died recently at the Cherokee county poor farm.

Mrs. Ihuen, of Whistler, who several weeks ago fell and broke her leg, died recently as the result of the accident.

THE UNIVERSITY OF ALABAMA.

Foot Ball and Base Ball on the Campus Only.

The ruling to this effect made by the Board of Trustees last year is still in force. Hence students will not travel over the state and country playing ball.

Some young men would prefer to have it otherwise. But it is thought that this course will meet the approbation of parents for many reasons. They believe that it will be more conducive to study, the real purpose for which they send their boys to college. Furthermore, College Athletics cost money. It is believed that confining the young men to their own campus will be in the interest of economy. These reasons will commend themselves to persons who do not object on the grounds of abuses that are likely to follow in the train.

Selma's New Railroad.

Selma is somewhat enthused over the prospects of the immediate construction of eighty miles of the Atlanta and Alabama railroad running out from Selma. Colonel Mitchell has made the following proposition to the citizens, provided they subscribe $100,000 to the capital stock: Item first provides that the company shall commence grading first at Selma, and designates the date when active construction will begin, otherwise the new subscription will not be binding.

Item second provides that the subscribers to the capital stock pay subscription as follows: Twenty-five per cent when grading commences, twenty-five per cent when twenty-five miles of road is graded, measuring from Selma in a northeasterly direction; twenty-five per cent when fifty miles of road is graded, and twenty-five per cent when the road is graded, track laid and trains running between Selma and a point on the Savannah and Western railroad.

The University of Alabama.

It will be gratifying to the friends of this institution to know that when it opens October 6th it is likely to have the largest number of new students in its history. It has been well advertised, and we all know the power of the press in such matters. It is seriously doubted if a paper in the state has failed to note in some way the signs of progress there.

Charged With Counterfeiting.

John Murphy and Clayton Milo, of Unionsport, Randolph county, Ind., were arrested in Richmoad, Ind., Saturday, charged with counterfeiting. They had purchased a forge, crucible and metals for their work. Milo confessed and told of attempts to make dollars from molds in the woods near Unionsport. Murphy is an ex-convict.

THE UNIVERSITY OF ALABAMA

Will Open Wednesday, October 6th.

Students are urged to be on hand promptly, as work will begin the first day. The Mess Hall and Dormitories will be ready for the reception of students on the 5th, and parents should instruct their sons to report to the President at the University as soon as they arrive in Tuscaloosa.

JAS. K. POSSER, President.

THE END IN SIGHT.

A 6s-Cent Rate Will be Agreed Upon Until the End of the Year.

The end of the great miners' strike is in sight. Friday afternoon the national executive board of the United Mine Workers agreed to recommend to the miners a proposition from the Pittsburg operators for a straight price of 65 cents a ton, to continue in force until the end of the year. A delegate convention of all miners who have suspended work has been called to meet in Columbus September 8, at 10 a. m., to act upon the recommendation. President Ratchford and members of the board say there is not the slightest doubt but the miners will approve the recommendation. The proposition does not involve arbitration and in effect provides for an immediate settlement of the strike. President Ratchford said that there were special reasons for the board recommending the proposition. In the first place, it concedes the miners a material advance. Had a 69-cent scale been secured he was confident it could not have been maintained for more than seventy days. As soon as the miners ratify the proposition work will be resumed in all the mines. In the second place, the proposition provides for a revival of the joint conference for the adjustment of prices. The operators are pledged to meet with the miners prior to the termination of the agreement and determine the rate for mining for the next year. Both the miners' executive board and the operators' committee are pleased over the outcome of the conference and feel that public sentiment will sustain their action.

SKIRMISHES IN CUBA

Several Small Battles Fought, the Spaniards Claiming Victories.

It was officially announced Thursday that a force of 2,000 Spaniards, commanded by Captain Cesperado Ponto at Serezo, surprised an insurgent force encamped on the heights of Joro, province of Pinar del Rio, killing twenty-six of the enemy and wounding several others. The Spaniards captured several prisoners, among them being Colonel Jose Paces, who was wounded. Thirty firearms and a medicine chest also fell into the hands of the government troops.

Another Spanish column, while reconnoitering on the hills of Rubi and Lagnau, province of Pinar del Rio, killed twenty-three insurgents, the official report says. Among the killed, it is further reported, were three insurgent officers.

The Canarais battalion, on Friday last, it is just announced, surprised an insurgent camp at Rognman, the enemy leaving thirteen killed, twenty wounded and a quantity of arms and ammunition on the field. The loss of the Spanish is alleged to have been insignificant.

Money to Move Farm Products.

A canvass of the leading banks of New York shows that large sums of money are being shipped daily to help move the crops. One of the deposit institutions has sent $100,000 since the middle of last week, and orders are still coming in. The sub-treasury at New York has not had as many currency orders as usual, but this is ascribed to the lateness of crops in the Southwest.

Altogether it is estimated that fully $5,000,000 of crop money has been shipped during the past fortnight. The Southern creditors are in better shape just now than they have been in several years, and the general outlook in this section and the Southwest is unusually bright.

Capers of a Chair.

A Methodist campmeeting at Donaldsonville, Ga., was electrified one night last week by the capers of a chair. Rev. Robert Kerr had just arisen to begin his sermon when the chair upon which he had been sitting rose to a height above the heads of those present and moved slowly around in zig zag fashion, finally returning to its place. The reverend gentleman paused in his remarks to witness the unusual sight, and E. C. Mosely, one of the pillars of the church, arose and declared that this was one of the signs foretold which indicated the coming of the judgment. Other preachers have been sent for to keep up the revival.

Mail Route to the Klondyke.

The first letter by mail to be dispatched from this country to the Klondike region under the new reciprocal arrangement with Canada, effected by establishing an international exchange between Dyea and Dawson City, will be forwarded from Skaguay by a steamer leaving there on September 15. From that time forward letter mail will go over the route regularly once a month. The last opportunity to send newspapers and reading material generally into the gold region until next spring will be afforded by the "paper mail," the last of the season, which will be forwarded by steamer leaving San Francisco September 5.

Howell Cobb Killed.

Howell Cobb, son of Capt. John A. Cobb, of Americus, Ga., and grandson of General Howell Cobb, at one time Speaker of the House of Representatives and Secretary of the Treasury in Buchanan's cabinet, was instantly killed Thursday by the explosion of an engine on his plantation near Americus, Ga.

He was 27 years old, and leaves a wife and two children.

Bailey Not a Candidate.

J. W. Bailey, congressman from the Fifth district, has authorized the announcement that he will not become a candidate for a seat in the senate to succeed Senator Mills. He has been advised to take this step and to again stand for re-election to the lower house and lead the democratic forces again. His friends over the state believe, if the congress is democratic, he will be the next speaker, as honor Texas would like to see one of her sons receive.

INCURABLE DISEASES.

THE LIST DECREASES AS THE KNOWLEDGE OF SCIENCE INCREASES.

Story of a Man Who Was Given Up to Die by Seven Physicians—He Follows the Advice of a Friend and is Now a Well Man —A Wonderful Story.

From the Leader, Morrisville, N. Y.

"Yonder is a man," said the farmer to a reporter, "who is the talk of this community."

"He is Mr. William Woodman, of South Hamilton, Madison Co., N. Y.," a well-to-do farmer, who is well known and stands high for honesty and thrift in this neighborhood.

On the following day the newspaper man called on Mr. Woodman in his comfortable, old-fashioned farm house.

"I have had serious thoughts of writing an account for the newspapers myself," said Mr. Woodman, "but as I am not accustomed to such work, I have never attempted it. Sit down and I will tell you all about it.

"I am fifty-nine years old. I contracted rheumatism when only fourteen years of age, then a severe cold from over exertion and from becoming over heated. My father was a farmer and insisted that the only way to make me strong was to do plenty of hard work. When, however, he saw me helpless in bed for six long months without being able to move except with help, he changed his mind, and forever after believed that children should not be made to do men's work. My growth was stopped by suffering, and I do not think I am an inch taller than that day, forty-five years ago. During the forty years ensuing after my misfortune, I was attended by seven doctors. I received temporary relief at times, from new forms of treatment, but always relapsed into a worse and more aggravated condition. The conclusion of all these gentlemen was that I was incurable, and all they could do was to ease my condition. After I grew to manhood I married and have been blessed with a family. My dear wife has had all the drudgery of nursing and waiting upon me, and the burden has been indeed hard to bear.

"Without hope from physicians I began to take Dr. Williams' Pink Pills, which was highly recommended by my friends. I took them and within one week began to feel better than I had since I was first afflicted. I took these pills according to directions, and when the box was nearly gone I went over to Brookfield to an old friend who was in the drug business, named Dr. Aurelius Fitch, who likewise was a great sufferer from rheumatism. The doctor and I ordered several boxes of Pink Pills in partnership, he from that time keeping them on sale. Well, I continued to take them according to directions for the next three years and steadily improved, gaining flesh and strength, until two years ago I was able to discontinue them, and now am as able bodied a man of my years as you will find. I ought to tell you that after I ordered the first box of pills the physician who was then attending me came in and I told him what I was doing. He said I was very foolish, that they would surely injure me, and it was his duty to tell me so. I told the doctor that I might as well die as to drag out a miserable existence, and so, notwithstanding his warnings, continued to take the pills. Thank God the doctor was not able to dissuade me, for to them I now ascribe all the comfort and happiness I have in this world. I have recommended them to hundreds of people since I was cured, and in every case they have been effective, not only in rheumatism but in numerous other disorders, especially impoverishment of the blood, heart trouble and kidney disease.

"I certify the above statement to be true, and if necessary will swear to the same before a Notary Public."

WILLIAM WOODMAN.

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Some idea of what it costs Great Britain to keep up some of its colonies may be had from the report on Bermuda. Bermuda contains only about 10,000 acres, and but one-quarter of this is under cultivation. It is used principally as a coaling and naval station. It has a public debt of $230,000. Its revenue was in 1896 but $150,000 and the expenses exceeded this by several thousand dollars. This was not counting the naval appropriation, amounting to $500,000. This is paying pretty dear for the honor of ruling the wave.

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THE FRAUD ENJOINED.

Report of Decree—The Famous $50,000 Trade-mark Case Decided—C. P. Simmons Medicine Company, St. Louis, Defeats J. H. Zeilin & Co., Philadelphia.

[From St. Louis Republic, July 4, 1897.]

The Supreme Court of Tennessee on June 30 decided the most important trade-mark case that has ever been tried in that State and one of the largest ever tried in the Union, affirming and enlarging the opinion of the court below. The court held:

1. That Dr. M. A. Simmons, the predecessor of complainant, by extensive advertising of his celebrated remedy known as "Simmons Liver Medicine," made it a standard remedy for liver disease long prior to the acquisition by J. H. Zeilin & Co. of any rights.

2. That the assignor of J. H. Zeilin & Co., through whom they claimed the right to make the frauds put up in packages enjoined, never derived any title from A. Q. Simmons to make the medicine or to use his name or picture, and that such use by Zeilin & Co. is a fraud upon the public, and is therefore enjoined.

3. That Zeilin & Co. purposely, fraudulently labeled their medicine in imitation of complainant's medicine to unfairly appropriate the trade of the Simmons Medicine Company, and the execution of this fraudulent purpose and act is enjoined.

4. Enjoined Zeilin & Co. from using their competitor's trade-name, trade-marks, or symbols, or any imitations thereof, to deceive the public and unfairly appropriate to themselves the trade of the C. P. Simmons Medicine Co.

5. Enjoined Zeilin & Co., from deceiving and practicing a fraud upon the public by the sale of packages thus falsely labeled, either upon orders or calls for the genuine "Simmons Liver Medicine" of complainant, or in any package thus falsely labeled.

6. The court stated that it was the purpose of the court to entirely destroy the fraudulently labeled packages above described, and cause their removal from the market, and ordered Zeilin & Co. to deliver to the clerk to be destroyed, all cuts, dies, electrotypes, engravings and other paraphernalia used in impressing either of the above names or the picture of A. Q. Simmons.

9. Decreed that Zeilin & Co. pay all the damages which have accrued to complainant by the sale of these fraudulently labeled packages. The damages claimed by complainant were $60,000.

10. Decreed that Zeilin & Co. pay all the costs, which amount to several thousand dollars, the record being one of the largest ever filed in the Supreme Court."

Cheap Medicine.

As a rule, "cheap medicine" is inert, worthless, or dangerous. In Zeilin & Co.'s answer to our bill they said the packages enjoined were designed as "cheap negro medicine for the negroes of the Mississippi Valley." Now, as Zeilin & Co.'s advertisements say, and their manager swore, that all the liver medicine which they make is made by the same formula, it is not conclusive evidence from their sworn testimony and advertisements, that all the liver medicine emanating from them is "Cheap Negro Medicine?" Question: Do the sick of America despite "Cheap Negro Medicine?" Let the sufficient answer be by their future purchases. Dr. M. A. Simmons' Liver Medicine, established in 1840, is not "cheap medicine." It is "no cure all," and is only recommended for those indisposition one caused by inactivity of the liver.

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The New York Herald has been furnished with further data concerning the tablets said to have been found at Nineveh under the ruins of the great palace of Sennacherib by Professor Smith, the distinguished English Assyriologist. These discoveries, we are told, confirm rather than contradict the statement of the Bible, and do not shake the historical foundation of the Book of Genesis. Dr. Hilprecht, of the University of Pennsylvania, who is credited with being the greatest cuneiform scholar of the day, says that no discovery has yet been made that shook his faith in any historical statement in the Bible.

Many inquiries are being made as to the possibility of getting into the Klondike country during the coming fall and winter, states the New York Tribune. The answer may be unhesitatingly given. It would be folly to attempt to get in at such times. Those who are now on their way may get in, though it is believed that not more than half of them will. To attempt the trip after this month would be almost as hazardous as a journey to the North Pole.

Bicycles are not yet very common in Spain. The authors of "Sketches Awheel in Modern Iberia" were constantly frightening animals and angering their owners; in one case a murderous assault by a drunken driver was narrowly averted. The writers comment on the noisiness of Spanish towns, the badness of country roads, the beauties of the scenery, and so forth. Postal affairs do not seem to improve at all. The writers mailed from Granada seven small articles to the post in other countries, and only one of them reached its destination, and this was but a sample of their experiences.

The New York Herald remarks: Science is at work on some difficult pattern, and up to date it has made a good record as a miracle worker. We are living in an exceptional epoch and the word impossible will very soon be expunged from the dictionary. Tesla tells us that he can telegraph without wires. He has been at work on the problem for a long while and has at last solved it. We are on the threshold of great changes, and every man who didn't die fifty years ago ought to shake hands with himself. There are two puzzles which remain. Somebody must discover the secret of the fish's sail, which puts our best propeller to shame as a sort of stage coach affair, and then we shall have rapid transit across the ocean with a vengeance. Some one else must find the secret of the bird's wing, and then we shall have airships for passengers and merchandise. When we have made these two discoveries and applied them we shall look for the millennium.

David R. Brackett, who recently returned to his old home in Portland, Me., after a residence of many years in Alaska, claims that he is the man who found the first nugget of gold in what is now known all over the world as the Klondike region. Brackett went to Alaska in 1877, and for a long time divided his energies between running a sawmill at Sitka and buying furs of the Indians. To carry on the latter industry he made long trips into the interior on foot, and in the course of them he kept open an attentive but not very hopeful eye for signs of gold. It was while on one of these journeys in 1879," he says, "that I found the nugget. I had crossed the great backbone of the Alaskan mountain range and traversed the valley where Circle City, Fort Cudahy, Dawson City and Klondike have since been built. Today I camped on the ledges above what I am sure is now called Bonanza Creek. Two of my Indian guides came with furs at 10 o'clock that night, and I traded with them. Then, as it was still light, I walked down to the mouth of the creek, and there picked up a stone which had gold in it. I looked around for more, but, not finding any, I put the stone in my pouch and did not think much more about the matter. Later, at Sitka, I showed the nugget to an old miner, who offered me $75 for it. I took the money, but wouldn't tell where I found the gold. I went up the Yukon in 1881 and tried to locate my creek again, but failed. Clarence Berry, of Fresno, Cal., went up the river in 1890, and, I suppose, located near Klondike and Bonanza Creek. He and Frank Phiscator, but I have always claimed that I picked up the first nugget on Bonanza Creek." Brackett declares that the mountains on the American side of the line are the real backbone of the range, and that all the creeks and tributaries of the Yukon River are full of gold. There, he thinks, is the real source of the gold streak that reaches down through California.

BUSINESS INTERESTS.

SHRINKING PRICES THE RUIN OF TRADE.

The Gold Standard Destroys the Average Business Man as Well as the Farmer—Free Silver Would Benefit the Vast Majority.

The greatest mystery of the age is why business men, not gold gamblers or railroad wreckers and reorganizers, desire to limit the standard money of the country to the shrinking volume of gold. All intelligent men understand that the money in circulation and the property for sale are reciprocally the supply and demand for each other, and that general prices rise or fall with the increase or decrease of the money in circulation as compared with population and business. Theoretically, everybody understands that a shrinking volume of circulating medium produces falling prices; and, in addition to the recognized theory, the practical effect of cutting off one of the money metals, and confining the print or stamp of the government to gold alone, has more than doubled the purchasing power of money and diminished general prices more than one-half.

Every merchant and business man who buys commodities to sell again is compelled to sustain a loss in the shrinkage of value or market price of his goods while on hand. More than one-half of the value of goods generally has disappeared in the last twenty years, and every man who had commodities in his possession during that time was compelled to sustain his share of the loss, says the Silver Knight-Watchman. The effect of falling prices embarrasses the business man in many ways. It destroys the capacity of his customers to buy and pay cash, and makes the extension of credit extra hazardous on account of the difficulty men have in disposing of their property or services to obtain money with which to pay their debts. The business men of the United States who have accumulated property by honest industry have been harassed, impoverished, and many of them thrown into bankruptcy, by falling prices occasioned by scarcity of money.

If the business men, who are the greatest sufferers on account of the difficulty of contending against falling prices, would examine the question of enlarging the volume of circulation by returning to the usages of all the ages previous to 1873, and unite in an effort to obtain relief, prosperity would surely follow. It is through the service which gold gamblers, bondholders, stock jobbers and railroad wreckers obtain from business men that the gold standard has been fastened upon this country. We realize how difficult it is for men engaged in enterprise of any kind to differ with the banking institutions with which they do business. They do not realize that those institutions which are not in the hands of the wreckers and extortionists, float along with or follow the bank syndicates of New York and London, which are engaged in purely speculative or wrecking operations.

Legitimate banking cannot thrive while the people suffer from falling prices. Falling prices make it unprofitable to borrow money at any rate of interest, because falling prices destroy the profits of business. Falling prices also destroy securities and make the loaning of money extra hazardous. If the legitimate bankers of the United States would rid themselves of the paramount influence of the great banking syndicate who make money by speculation and not by legitimate banking, they would find it to their interest to advocate a sufficient volume of money to enable the community in general to prosper. The banks are engaged in the loaning of money, and the loanable value of money must necessarily fall with the price of other property. In ordinarily good times the people will borrow all the money the banks have, at from six to eight per cent interest, and use the same to accumulate wealth. At the present time no man can use money to create wealth, because he must first invest in property, and the fall in the price of property will destroy all his gains; consequently the rate of interest has fallen about one-half. Choice loans on gilt-edge securities are in demand at from two and a half to four per cent, and even what is called gilt-edge security today is liable to go to the bad next year.

No legitimate bankers are as much interested in restoring the volume of money, so as to secure stability of prices and prosperity, as the balance of the community. The number of persons really interested in falling prices and wrecking fortunes is comparatively small, perhaps not one-half of one per cent of the population of the country. Take, for example, people engaged in reorganizing railroad companies, which is confiscation of property rights by railroad wrecking. A railroad is allowed by the management to become indebted for current expenses. Suit is brought, a receiver appointed, and the road sold under the order of the court requiring that the current expenses shall be first paid. This requires a lump sum of money, sometimes not very large, but large enough to make it impossible for any body outside of the pool to pay them off and get possession of the road. The pool furnishes the ready cash, pays the judgment and such of the indebtedness as is held by the pool for their friends. Outsiders, whether holding stocks or bonds, are ruled out. The reorganization committee, as it is generally called, take a commission of several millions for the reorganization, and then issue to themselves and their associates new stocks and bonds which are said to be on bed rock. The stocks and bonds are sold, and when the community has bought and paid for them the road is ready for a new reorganization.

They have reorganized out of the railroad companies in the last five years a vast amount of stocks and bonds, variously estimated at from two to four thousand millions of dollars. These stocks and bonds, thus repudiated, belonged to honest investors, many of them calling themselves business men. What interest had they in a system which contracted the volume of money, and produced the falling prices which caused the wreck of the railroads in which they were interested, and confiscated their holdings? We are aware that the trembling and terror-stricken debtors who are compelled by the great wrecking, banking syndicates, to assist in making money scarce and dear against their own interests, are not, strictly speaking, free agents. They are not responsible for the wrongs they are compelled to commit upon themselves. They are similarly situated to a convicted gentleman Japanese in former times who was given the option to commit hari kari by disemboweling himself or to be ignominiously slaughtered and his property confiscated.

But there are a vast number of bankers and business men who are not really dependent upon the smiles of these great money gambling syndicates, and who could unite with the great mass of the people, restore the money of the constitution, and secure happiness and prosperity for the American people. We appeal to them to study the question of a shrinking volume of money and falling prices; study it theoretically and study it practically. The object lessons of the results of contraction are everywhere visible, and everyone who will reflect will realize that it is not twenty years of profound peace and abundant harvests, but contraction of the money volume, which has produced universal distress.

THE POPULIST FIELD.

Congressman Sulzer, of New York, who is the only representative the real people have from the far East, introduced, during the last session of Congress, a bill for the foreclosure of the Pacific Railroad mortgages and the operation of said roads by the government. This would be a terrific blow at the railroad trust, and when Congress convenes in December the popular demand for the passage of the Sulzer bill ought to be demonstrated by long petitions.

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There is an editor up in the country, says the Grand Rapids Workman, who flaunts before his readers a prosperity sheet, by the way, a species of literary production which has had a great run since Hanna took charge of the trusts and the country. This editor is owing a number of bills payable in this city, which has been the cause of much anxiety on the part of his creditors. The letters that he has written to his creditors and the slop he has been giving his readers are as far apart as the two poles. He tells them in his letters that business is simply rotten; that there is no business and no sign of any, no money moving, not a dollar in sight, and that the country has gone to ruin, but in his paper—oh, my, what a sweet song he gives them! Just for all the world, like the Herald and Press and the rest of the jabber-wobber sheets.

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The fact is, this newly restored prosperity reaches only the wealth-appropriators and fails to benefit the wealth-producers. The Chicago Express says: "The press is filled with wonderful stories of Western prosperity and reports of mortgages paid off and canceled in the States of South Dakota, Nebraska and Kansas. There is no doubt some truth in the fact that people are working hard to get out of debt, but the thousands of people who have been crushed by the grinding processes of contraction are not taken into account in these reports. Of the millions of indebtedness canceled, most of it was done by the sheriff and the land is now occupied by tenants.

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That eighty cents for wheat is made payable in gold, too.—Pioneer Press. Aber nit. The farmers will never get one-tenth of one per cent. of it in gold. —Journal of the Knights of Labor.

And where is the farmer who is getting 80 cents per bushel (even in "40-cent" silver dollars) for his wheat? The farmer has to pay the freight, remember.

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Ignatius Donnelly used to tell a story, on the stump, about the farmer who was stopped on his way home by a highwayman, who clapped a pistol to his head and took every cent he had. As the robber was stowing away the money in his pocket he asked the farmer:

"How did you get this money?"

"I sold a load of wheat," replied the agriculturist.

"Then, my friend," replied the highwayman, "I would advise you to diversify your industry. Raise hogs. There's money in hogs."

But what assurance had the farmer that the robber would not despoil him of the money he got for his hogs?

Theft on a Large Scale.

There is today an element of theft on a gigantic scale prevalent everywhere among men, honored by the world and sanctioned by the church. This theft is the act of depriving men of the free blessings of nature. It is theft, robbery and gambling all in one. —Rev. J. S. David.

The best strength of a man is shown in his intellectual work, as that of a woman in her daily deed and character.

TELEGRAPH RATES.

ACTION ALONG STATE LINES IS ADVISABLE.

How to Reach the Oppressive Telegraph Monopoly—Work for the Establishment of a Public Postal Telegraph.

The Times-Democrat of New Orleans of recent date says: The good work has begun. The North Carolina Railroad Commission last week reduced the rates on telegraphic messages within the state to fifteen cents for ten words, the reduction to take effect September 1st. That is, a telegram can be sent, after September 1st from any point in North Carolina to any other point in the state for fifteen cents, a reduction of from 40 to 70 per cent on the present rates.

This is on the line suggested some time ago, that the best way to deal with this monopoly is to attack it through the undoubted right of the states to fix telegraph tolls within their limits. When the power of the company has thus been crippled, and its exorbitant profits cut down, it will be an easy matter to secure an act from congress providing for the Federal control of the telegraph. It was in this way that we secured the interstate commerce law. Congress would never have passed that law had not the states taken the initiative, created railroad commissions and proved that state regulation was in the interest of the public and necessary for its protection from extortion, oppression and favoritism on the part of the railroad companies. By the by, the railroad owners shouted "Populism" then as the Western Union's friends are doing to-day.

When it is shown that the states can control the telegraph and fix the rates of the telegraph tolls, and that it is to the public advantage for them to do so, preventing gross spoliation and robbery, there will be little difficulty in getting favorable action from congress, either in fixing rates, or, better still, in establishing a postal telegraph; for while a reduction in rates is one of the improvements we need in the telegraph, it is not the only one.

The action of the North Carolina Commission in reducing the telegraphic tolls in that state is all the more gratifying for the reason that the Western Union made a fight against it; but as we have frequently shown, whenever this question is brought up for discussion and action, the inevitable conclusion is reached that the present service is poor, and the rates charged exorbitant. This is why the Western Union is afraid to have the matter discussed, for the discussion always results to its disadvantage.

In the North Carolina legislature a bill was introduced at the last session fixing the telegraph rate at fifteen cents between any two points in the state. The Western Union sent its lobby down to Raleigh to watch the work, and the bill was beaten by exactly one vote, so closely did the lobby calculate its strength and use its victory. But it was a barren victory, for the State Railroad Commission has the right to fix telegraph rates, and it did so last week, making the tolls exactly what the legislature had proposed. The Western Union could not get in its work this time.

Although the reduction in the telegraph rate in North Carolina is very encouraging, being a cut of 40 to 70 per cent on existing rates, it is not oppressive; the Railroad Commission has left a very handsome margin of profit, as the following table of charges in other countries for telegrams show:

	Telegraph rate Cents.
Great Britain	12
France	10
Germany	12
Belgium	10
Switzerland	12
Austria	11

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Our short-sighted financiers have been contributing to England's hoarding by the demonetization of silver in 1873. During the twenty-four years of silver's degradation John Bull has added millions to his wealth, while the United States has been forced to vote bonds to keep her head above water. It is to be hoped that the people will come to their senses sufficiently in 1900 to vote silver back to its lawful position as a basic money.—Fort Collins Argus.

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Let the law call it what it may, the forfeiture by the Pennsylvania coal companies of the earned but unpaid wages of the striking miners is a species of theft in comparison with which the holding up of railroad trains is high-grade industry, and the men who do it are thieves with whom a sneak thief should be ashamed to associate.—Cleveland Recorder.

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Don't say it is human nature to monopolize land while thousands are denied the right of homes. There is nothing human about it; it is inhuman. It is hog nature, not yet civilized or Christianized out of humanity or its laws and institutions.—New Dispensation.

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Prosperity which is haunted by the ghosts of starved millions in other lands is not the kind of prosperity that the American people desire. Moreover, such prosperity is bound to be temporary, for even a gold champion, great though he be in promising, can scarcely give us the assurance that there will always be general crop failures in India and Argentine and short crops in Europe. But, even now, with famine abroad and plenty of tariff at home, we have nothing like genuine prosperity. Merely a temporary rise of wheat and a flurry of speculation in Wall street.—National Bimetallist, Washington, D. C.

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Direct legislation is the only hope of escape from legislation that is as objectionable as a monarchy.—Chicago Express.

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The finding of so much gold in Alaska will have the effect of loosening the grip of the Money Devil, but if the people support a continuance of the system of mortgaging and bonding the soil it will tighten again.—East Oregonian.

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"All men are equal in the sight of the law," used to be at least an ordinarily respected maxim. To-day it is a barefaced falsehood.—Duluth Labor World.

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There was a time when they (gold standard papers) fiercely contended that the value of gold was invariable, or, as they choose to put it, "a gold dollar is always worth a gold dollar," but some day it will dawn upon them that a gold dollar which will only purchase a bushel of wheat is not so near valuable as a gold dollar which will purchase two bushels. In short, when they admit that the Klondyke finds may have an effect on prices they abandon the contention that gold has fixity of value and accept the quantitative theory to which all the great economists have adhered.—Mendocino Beacon.

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Poverty is a curse which aggravates every affliction which visits mankind. In sickness, its presence makes a home a den of wretchedness; in death, a chamber of ghastly horror; in sorrow, a waste of utter desolation. It robs love of its sweetness, and tears asunder the dearest ties of humanity. It blights warm, young, joyous life, withers youth and mocks old age. In storm and cold, in heat and draught, they with whom poverty dwells must suffer a hundred-fold. When a torrid flood poured over the land, it was the children of the poor who gasped away their lives in agony, the mothers who faltered and fell at their duties, the fathers who went mad and died, all were victims of poverty. Yet it is so useless, so unnecessary. The bounteous earth never bade it come; it is but a hideous specture, conjured up by a man's inhumanity to man.—Industrial Advocate.

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A railroad detective who travels almost constantly between Chicago and Cleveland reports that the number of tramps now on the road exceeds anything he has ever seen. He says that it is not fair to call them tramps, for they appear to be mechanics and laborers out of employment. The detective in question makes the almost incredible statement that he counted 197 tramps on one freight train as it left Grand Crossing last Tuesday night.—Pueblo Courier.

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The Omaha Labor Bulletin has some valuable figures as to the vast commercial mortality of business men by comparing the directories of that city for 1887 and 1897. In 1887 there were 569 business firms in operation in eighteen lines of business, of which 446 went out of business in the ten years. Yet it is "business men" who, for supposed business reasons, are the main props of commercial and financial systems which force them by wholesale into chronic bankruptcy.—San Francisco Star.

Legislation Unnecessary.

It's getting to be government by injunction. Might as well do away with all forms of legislation and allow those occupying judicial positions to make the laws, as many of them appear to be usurping this authority at the present time.—Durango Herald.

Only he who lives a life of his own can help the lives of the other men.

JUDICIAL DESPOTISM.

A FIGHT MUST BE MADE AGAINST IT.

Government by Injunction Has Superseded Government by the People Because the People Neglected Their Interests.

It is reported that in Kansas the People's party is to make the encroachments of the judiciary upon the liberties of the people a leading issue in future campaigns. At present the judges are chiefly of plutocratic extraction, and, naturally decide cases in the interest of those of their own class.

This is not the fault of the judges; it is the fault of the people who vote for them. Our party judges would not institute a tyranny by injunction, and this fact it will certainly do well to explain to the present and future sufferers from judge-made law.

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The Twentieth Century says that the labor leaders also have reached the conclusion that government by injunction ought to be made an issue in the congressional elections of next year. In this decision they display great wisdom. If there is any political question that is vital to the welfare of labor on the American continent, and it may be said without exaggeration to the welfare of the human race, it is this one of government by injunction. The federal judiciary have, since the gigantic strike of 1894, completely changed the nature of our institutions by their usurpation of power. The most eminent heritage of the Anglo-Saxon race, that of freedom of speech and assemblage, has been reduced to a mere nullity. In no other country on the globe has liberty been converted into so monstrous a sham. It is to John P. Altgeld that we owe the first intimation of the danger we incur in this regard, and the events of the last few months have vindicated the justice of his position. The laboring classes of the country owe it to themselves to take up this question and push it to a final settlement. Until this is done it is useless to expect any true freedom for the masses.

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The plans of the labor leaders have not been made public in full as yet, says the Twentieth century, but they are known to comprise an appeal to the country against the policy of the judges in uniting to break up every strike in which a great corporation is involved. The scenes and incidents, connected with the present coal mine strike, are in themselves a sufficient argument for the men. The sympathies of the people have been aroused as they never were before, and it is safe to say that government by injunction would be abolished tomorrow if the people had a voice with reference to it. The congressional elections are the proper occasion to make the sentiment against judicial corruption felt.

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Every candidate for congress should be sounded on this issue, and if he fails to explain himself satisfactorily he ought not to get the vote of any workingman. It is true that the lower branch of congress can not do anything of any great matter. If it passes a law against government by injunction and it goes through the senate and is signed by the president, the judges can declare it null and void, and since it concerns themselves they probably will. Or the house of representatives may impeach the more grossly corrupt of the federal judiciary, but the senate is so capitalistic and monopoly ridden that it would be impossible to get the necessary two-thirds vote to convict them. Here we have another evidence of the manner in which our constitution works. Its mechanism is such that abuses cannot be corrected if they operate in favor of the rich and powerful. But, in spite of these drawbacks, a vigorous assertion in congress of the rights of the Anglo-Saxon race to freedom of speech will do much to check the usurpations of the judges.

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But the way to get at the root of the trouble is to carry the fight into every judicial election, and get the state judges on the side of the people; then elect a president who will appoint real Americans to the federal judgeships.

Elevation of Gold.

There are reports of gold strikes and discoveries all over the world. This is but the natural outcome of the policy that has prevailed during the past decade, says the Silver Knight-Watchman. The price of the great product gold, has been so advanced that brain and labor is seeking it all over the world. It will continue to be so sought as long as the return is proportionately greater in mining gold than iron, lead, coal, silver, or the raising of wheat or other produce. This is the fact. Gold is being enhanced in price by law above all other things, while the price of all other things is being reduced. All the labor and all the productions of man and the earth are being depreciated in order to elevate the commodity, gold, which commodity is owned and controlled by a few bankers and stock jobbers.

Public Spirit Waning.

Land grants which would disgrace a nation of tigers, and land laws hardly worthy of hell, put in the hands of the Northern Pacific landlords the whip to drive out several hundred settlers in Oregon, who have made extensive improvements. Public spirit has waned too much to permit of resistance to these bandits.—San Francisco Star.

ELEVATING THE MASSES.

Why the Universal Trust Will Not Be Advertised.

"We have met this evening," remarked the princely J. Pierpont Morgan, as he stretched himself out upon a divan in the luxurious cabin of the yacht Corsair, "in order to discuss measures for the uplifting of the masses."

"I am very glad to hear it," remarked John D. Rockefeller, "for the uplifting of the masses has been the aspiration of my youth and is the hope of my declining years."

"But how are we going to uplift the masses?" inquired Cornelius Vanderbilt. "They seem to think we are their natural enemies, and to look upon our colossal fortunes as a monstrous evil."

"You have touched upon the vital feature of the whole matter," said Colonel John Jacob Astor. "The masses can never be lifted up until they are taught to believe that men like ourselves can alone lift them up."

"The very thing I was going to say myself," declared George J. Gould, "and hence I have caused to be prepared a pamphlet setting forth the great advantages to the people from the present management of the Western Union Telegraph Company."

"How great minds do run in the same channel!" exclaimed John D. Rockefeller. "I have had a pamphlet prepared in which the blessings conferred upon the country by the Standard Oil Company are made as plain as day."

"Excellent!" said Cauncey M. Depew, "and I shall do the same thing with reference to the Vanderbilt railroads. I shudder to think of the awful consequences that might have ensued had not the Vanderbilt railroads been under their present management during the past two generations."

"The whole point of this matter," said the princely J. Pierpont Morgan, "is that the poor do not trust the rich."

"We'll soon be rid of that difficulty," remarked John Jacob Astor. "Thank God, there are enough Senators and Governors left to teach the people that great corporations and vast combinations of wealth are enormous advantages to the poor."

"Efforts must be made," put in John D. Rockefeller, "to create a popular demand in favor of one grand trust that shall own and operate everything."

"Good!" exclaimed Chauncey M. Depew. "How happy the masses would be if a single trust controlled all the railroads, all the oil, all the sugar, all the tobacco—in a word, the whole country."

"I would suggest," said Cornelius Vanderbilt, "that we proceed to the formation of such a trust right away."

"But who shall be members of that trust?" inquired the princely J. Pierpont Morgan.

"Ourselves!" said William C. Whitney.

"Hold on a minute," interjected the princely J. Pierpont Morgan. "Suppose we form this grand trust and try to uplift the masses by means of it. Don't you know that the blatherskites and demagogues will immediately say that all the people ought to have an equal interest in it? A movement will be started to let everybody in on the ground floor."

"That is simply horrible to think of!" said Colonel Astor.

"We can get out of that difficulty very easily," observed Doctor Depew.

"How?" asked William C. Whitney.

"We can organize the grand trust," replied Doctor Depew, "and say nothing about it."

"Just so," said John D. Rockefeller.

"Count me in," declared George J. Gould. "I am a friend of the masses, and I am for anything that will lift them up."

"Hurrah for the masses!" shouted the princely J. Pierpont Morgan.

There was a unanimous outburst of cheers and hand-clappings and the gentlemen present were so profoundly moved that it took several cases of champagne to do justice to their feelings.—Twentieth Century.

Gen. John A. Logan's Prophecy.

I, for one, can see benefit only to the money holder and those who receive interest and have fixed incomes. I can see, as a result of this legislation, our business operation crippled and wages for labor reduced to a mere pittance. I can see the beautiful prairies of my own state and of the great west, which are blooming as gardens, with cheerful homes rising like white towers along the pathway of improvement, again sinking back to idleness. I can see mortgage fiends at their hellish work. I can see the hopes of the industrious farmers blasted as they burn corn for fuel because its price will not pay the cost of transportation and dividends on millions of dollars of fictitious railway stocks and bonds. I can see our people of the west groaning and burdened under taxation to pay debts of states, counties and cities incurred when money was more abundant and bright hopes of the future were held out to lead them on. I can see the people of our western states, who are producers, reduced to the condition of serfs to pay interest on public and private debts to the money sharks of Wall street, New York, and of Threadneedle street, in London.—From a speech in the senate on withdrawal of treasury notes.

Not He!

Do you see him shaking hands with a smile as broad as the open half of a watermelon? He is a politician, he wants your vote. Will he know you after election as he knows you now? Not he! Nit!—Grand Junction Sentinel.

THE BANNER.

Let the people rule

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The New York Herald has been furnished with further data concerning the tablets said to have been found at Nineveh, under the ruins of the great palace of Sennacherib by Professor Smith, the distinguished English Assyriologist. These discoveries, we are told, confirm rather than contradict the statement of the Bible, and do not shake the historical foundation of the Book of Genesis. Dr. Hilprecht, of the University of Pennsylvania, who is credited with being the greatest cuneiform scholar of the day, says that no discovery has yet been made that shook his faith in any historical statement in the Bible.

Many inquiries are being made as to the possibility of getting into the Klondike country during the coming fall and winter, states the New York Tribune. The answer may be unhesitatingly given: It would be folly to attempt to get in at such times. Those who are now on their way may get in, though it is believed that not more than half of them will. To attempt the trip after this month would be almost as hazardous as a journey to the North Pole.

Bicycles are not yet very common in Spain. The authors of "Sketches Afoot in Modern Iberia" were constantly frightening animals and angering their owners; in one case a murderous assault by a drunken driver was narrowly averted. The writers comment on the noisiness of Spanish towns, the badness of country roads, the beauties of the scenery, and so forth. Postal affairs do not seem to improve at all. The writers mailed from Granada seven small articles to the post in other countries, and only one of them reached its destination, and this was but a sample of their experiences.

The New York Herald remarks: Science is at work on some difficult matters, and up to date it has made a good record as a miracle worker. We are living in an exceptional epoch and the word impossible will very soon be expunged from the dictionary. Tesla tells us that he can telegraph without wires. He has been at work on the problem for a long while and has at last solved it. We are on the threshold of great changes, and every man who didn't die fifty years ago ought to shake hands with himself. There are no puzzles which remain. Somebody must discover the secret of the fish's tail, which puts our best propeller to shame as a sort of stage coach affair, and then we shall have rapid transit across the ocean with a vengeance. Some one else must find the secret of the bird's wing, and then we shall have airships for passengers and merchandise. When we have made these two discoveries and applied them we shall look for the millennium.

David R. Brackett, who recently returned to his old home in Portland, Me., after a residence of many years in Alaska, claims that he is the man who found the first nugget of gold in what is now known all over the world as the Klondike region. Brackett went to Alaska in 1877, and for a long time divided his energies between running a sawmill at Sitka and buying furs of the Indians. To carry on the latter industry he made long trips into the interior on foot, and in the course of them he kept open an attentive but not very hopeful eye for signs of gold. "It was while on one of these journeys in 1879," he says, "that I found the nugget. I had crossed the great backbone of the Alaskan mountain range and traversed the valley where Circle City, Fort Cudahy, Dawson City and Fort Reliance have since been built. One day I camped on the ledges above what I am sure is now called Bonanza Creek. Two of my Indian guides came in with furs at 10 o'clock that night, and I traded with them. Then, as it was still light, I walked down to the mouth of the creek, and there picked up a stone which had gold in it. I looked around for more, but, not finding any, I put the stone in my pouch and did not think much more about the matter. Later, at Sitka, I showed the nugget to an old miner, who offered me $75 for it. I took the money, but wouldn't tell where I found the gold. I went up the Yukon in 1881 and tried to locate my creek again, but failed. Clarence Berry, of Fresno, Cal., went up the river in 1890, and, I suppose, located near Klondike and Bonanza Creek. He and Frank Phiscator, but I have always claimed that I picked up the first nugget on Bonanza Creek." Brackett declares that the mountains on the American side of the line are the real backbone of the range, and that all the creeks and tributaries of the Yukon River are full of gold. There, he thinks, is the real source of the gold streak that reaches down through California.

BUSINESS INTERESTS.

SHRINKING PRICES THE RUIN OF TRADE.

The Gold Standard Destroys the Average Business Man as Well as the Farmer—Free Silver Would Benefit the Vast Majority.

The greatest mystery of the age is why business men, not gold gamblers or railroad wreckers and reorganizers, desire to limit the standard money of the country to the shrinking volume of gold. All intelligent men understand that the money in circulation and the property for sale are reciprocally the supply and demand for each other, and that general prices rise or fall with the increase or decrease of the money in circulation as compared with population and business. Theoretically, everybody understands that a shrinking volume of circulating medium produces falling prices; and, in addition to the recognized theory, the practical effect of cutting off one of the money metals, and confining the print or stamp of the government to gold alone, has more than doubled the purchasing power of money and diminished general prices more than one-half.

Every merchant and business man who buys commodities to sell again is compelled to sustain a loss in the shrinkage of value or market price of his goods while on hand. More than one-half of the value of goods generally has disappeared in the last twenty years, and every man who had commodities in his possession during that time was compelled to sustain his share of the loss, says the Silver Knight-Watchman. The effect of falling prices embarrasses the business man in many ways. It destroys the capacity of his customers to buy and pay cash, and makes the extension of credit extra hazardous on account of the difficulty men have in disposing of their property or services to obtain money with which to pay their debts. The business men of the United States who have accumulated property by honest industry have been harassed, impoverished, and many of them thrown into bankruptcy, by falling prices occasioned by scarcity of money.

If the business men, who are the greatest sufferers on account of the difficulty of contending against falling prices, would examine the question of enlarging the volume of circulation by returning to the usages of all the ages previous to 1873, and unite in an effort to obtain relief, prosperity would surely follow. It is through the service which gold gamblers, bondholders, stock jobbers and railroad wreckers obtain from business men that the gold standard has been fastened upon this country. We realize how difficult it is for men engaged in enterprise of any kind to differ with the banking institutions with which they do business. They do not realize that those institutions which are not in the hands of the wreckers and extortionists, float along with or follow the bank syndicates of New York and London, which are engaged in purely speculative or wrecking operations.

Legitimate banking cannot thrive while the people suffer from falling prices. Falling prices make it unprofitable to borrow money at any rate of interest, because falling prices destroy the profits of business. Falling prices also destroy securities and make the loaning of money extra hazardous. If the legitimate bankers of the United States could rid themselves of the paramount influence of the great banking syndicate who make money by speculation and not by legitimate banking, they would find it to their interest to advocate a sufficient volume of money to enable the community in general to prosper. The banks are engaged in the loaning of money, and the loanable value of money must necessarily fall with the price of other property. In ordinarily good times the people will borrow all the money the banks have, at from six to eight per cent interest, and use the same to accumulate wealth. At the present time no man can use money to create wealth, because he must first invest in property, and the fall in the price of property will destroy all his gains; consequently the rate of interest has fallen about one-half. Choice loans on gilt-edge securities are in demand at from two and a half to four per cent, and even what is called gilt-edge security today is liable to go to the bad next year.

No legitimate bankers are as much interested in restoring the volume of money, so as to secure stability of prices and prosperity, as the balance of the community. The number of persons really interested in falling prices and wrecking fortunes is comparatively small, perhaps not one-half of one per cent of the population of the country. Take, for example, people engaged in reorganizing railroad companies, which is confiscation of property rights by railroad wrecking. A railroad is allowed by the management to become indebted for current expenses. Suit is brought, a receiver appointed, and the road sold under the order of the court requiring that the current expenses shall be first paid. This requires a lump sum of money, sometimes not very large, but large enough to make it impossible for anybody outside of the pool to pay them off and get possession of the road. The pool furnishes the ready cash, pays the judgment and such of the indebtedness as is held by the pool for their friends. Outsiders, whether holding stocks or bonds, are ruled out. The reorganization committee, as it is generally called, take a commission of several millions for the reorganization, and then issue to themselves and their associates new stocks and bonds which are said to be on bed rock. The stocks and bonds are sold, and when the community has bought and paid for them the road is ready for a new reorganization.

They have reorganized out of the railroad companies in the last five years a vast amount of stocks and bonds, variously estimated at from two to four thousand millions of dollars. These stocks and bonds, thus repudiated, belonged to honest investors, many of them calling themselves business men. What interest had they in a system which contracted the volume of money, and produced the falling prices which caused the wreck of the railroads in which they were interested, and confiscated their holdings? We are aware that the trembling and terror-stricken debtors who are compelled by the great wrecking, banking syndicates, to assist in making money scarce and dear against their own interests, are not, strictly speaking, free agents. They are not responsible for the wrongs they are compelled to commit upon themselves. They are similarly situated to a convicted gentleman Japanese in former times who was given the option to commit hari kari by disemboweling himself or to be ignominiously slaughtered and his property confiscated.

But there are a vast number of bankers and business men who are not really dependent upon the smiles of these great money gambling syndicates, and who could unite with the great mass of the people, restore the money of the constitution, and secure happiness and prosperity for the American people. We appeal to them to study the question of a shrinking volume of money and falling prices; study it theoretically and study it practically. The object lessons of the results of contraction are everywhere visible, and everyone who will reflect will realize that it is not twenty years of profound peace and abundant harvests, but contraction of the money volume, which has produced universal distress.

THE POPULIST FIELD.

Congressman Sulzer, of New York, who is the only representative the real people have from the far East, introduced, during the last session of Congress, a bill for the foreclosure of the Pacific Railroad mortgages and the operation of said roads by the government. This would be a terrific blow at the railroad trust, and when Congress convenes in December the popular demand for the passage of the Sulzer bill ought to be demonstrated by long petitions.

There is an editor up in the country, says the Grand Rapids Workman, who flaunts before his readers a prosperity sheet, by the way, a species of literary production which has had a great run since Hanna took charge of the trusts and the country. This editor is owing a number of bills payable in this city, which has been the cause of much anxiety on the part of his creditors. The letters that he has written to his creditors and the slop he has been giving his readers are as far apart as the two poles. He tells them in his letters that business is simply rotten; that there is no business and no sign of any, no money moving, not a dollar in sight, and that the country has gone to ruin, but in his paper—oh, my, what a sweet song he gives them! Just for all the world, like the Herald and Press and the rest of the jabber-wobber sheets.

The fact is, this newly restored prosperity reaches only the wealth-appropriators and fails to benefit the wealth-producers. The Chicago Express says: "The press is filled with wonderful stories of Western prosperity and reports of mortgages paid off and canceled in the States of South Dakota, Nebraska and Kansas. There is no doubt some truth in the fact that people are working hard to get out of debt, but the thousands of people who have been crushed by the grinding processes of contraction are not taken into account in these reports. Of the millions of indebtedness canceled, most of it was done by the sheriff and the land is now occupied by tenants.

That eighty cents for wheat is made payable in gold, too.—Pioneer Press. Aber nit. The farmers will never get one-tenth of one per cent. of it in gold. —Journal of the Knights of Labor.

And where is the farmer who is getting 80 cents per bushel (even in "40-cent" silver dollars) for his wheat? The farmer has to pay the freight, remember.

Ignatius Donnelly used to tell a story, on the stump, about the farmer who was stopped on his way home by a highwayman, who clapped a pistol to his head and took every cent he had. As the robber was stowing away the money in his pocket he asked the farmer:

"How did you get this money?"

"I sold a load of wheat," replied the agriculturist.

"Then, my friend," replied the highwayman, "I would advise you to diversify your industry. Raise hogs. There's money in hogs."

But what assurance had the farmer that the robber would not despoil him of the money he got for his hogs?

Theft on a Large Scale.

There is today an element of theft on a gigantic scale prevalent everywhere among men, honored by the world and sanctioned by the church. This theft is the act of depriving men of the free blessings of nature. It is theft, robbery and gambling all in one. —Rev. J. S. David.

The best strength of a man is shown in his intellectual work, as that of a woman in her daily deed and character.

TELEGRAPH RATES.

ACTION ALONG STATE LINES IS ADVISABLE.

How to Reach the Oppressive Telegraph Monopoly—Work for the Establishment of a Public Postal Telegraph.

The Times-Democrat of New Orleans of recent date says: The good work has begun. The North Carolina Railroad Commission last week reduced the rates on telegraphic messages within the state to fifteen cents for ten words, the reduction to take effect September 1st. That is, a telegram can be sent, after September 1st from any point in North Carolina to any other point in the state for fifteen cents, a reduction of from 40 to 70 per cent on the present rates.

This is on the line suggested some time ago, that the best way to deal with this monopoly is to attack it through the undoubted right of the states to fix telegraph tolls within their limits. When the power of the company has thus been crippled, and its exorbitant profits cut down, it will be an easy matter to secure an act from congress providing for the Federal control of the telegraph. It was in this way that we secured the interstate commerce law. Congress would never have passed that law had not the states taken the initiative, created railroad commissions and proved that state regulation was in the interest of the public and necessary for its protection from extortion, oppression and favoritism on the part of the railroad companies. By the by, the railroad owners shouted "Populism" then as the Western Union's friends are doing to-day.

When it is shown that the states can control the telegraph and fix the rates of the telegraph tolls, and that it is to the public advantage for them to do so, preventing gross spoliation and robbery, there will be little difficulty in getting favorable action from congress, either in fixing rates, or, better still, in establishing a postal telegraph; for while a reduction in rates is one of the improvements we need in the telegraph, it is not the only one.

The action of the North Carolina Commission in reducing the telegraphic tolls in that state is all the more gratifying for the reason that the Western Union made a fight against it; but as we have frequently shown, whenever this question is brought up for discussion and action, the inevitable conclusion is reached that the present service is poor, and the rates charged exorbitant. This is why the Western Union is afraid to have the matter discussed, for the discussion always results to its disadvantage.

In the North Carolina legislature a bill was introduced at the last session fixing the telegraph rate at fifteen cents between any two points in the state. The Western Union sent its lobby down to Raleigh to watch the work, and the bill was beaten by exactly one vote, so closely did the lobby calculate its strength and use its victory. But it was a barren victory, for the State Railroad Commission has the right to fix telegraph rates, and it did so last week, making the tolls exactly what the legislature had proposed. The Western Union could not get in its work this time.

Although the reduction in the telegraph rate in North Carolina is very encouraging, being a cut of 40 to 70 per cent on existing rates, it is not oppressive; the Railroad Commission has left a very handsome margin of profit, as the following table of charges in other countries for telegrams show:

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The cry of some of the New York papers against the "silver craze" is less like the roar of a lion than it was a year ago.—Silver Knight-Watchman.

POINTS FROM THE PRESS.

Our short-sighted financiers have been contributing to England's hoarding by the demonetization of silver in 1873. During the twenty-four years of silver's degradation John Bull has added millions to his wealth, while the United States has been forced to vote bonds to keep her head above water. It is to be hoped that the people will come to their senses sufficiently in 1900 to vote silver back to its lawful position as a basic money.—Fort Collins Argus.

Let the law call it what it may, the forfeiture by the Pennsylvania coal companies of the earned but unpaid wages of the striking miners is a species of theft in comparison with which the holding up of railroad trains is high-grade industry, and the men who do it are thieves with whom a sneak thief should be ashamed to associate.—Cleveland Recorder.

Don't say it is human nature to monopolize land while thousands are denied the right of homes. There is nothing human about it; it is inhuman. It is hog nature, not yet civilized or Christianized out of humanity or its laws and institutions.—New Dispensation.

Prosperity which is haunted by the ghosts of starved millions in other lands is not the kind of prosperity that the American people desire. Moreover, such prosperity is bound to be temporary, for even a gold champion, great though he be in promising, can scarcely give us the assurance that there will always be general crop failures in India and Argentine and short crops in Europe. But, even now, with famine abroad and plenty of tariff at home, we have nothing like genuine prosperity. Merely a temporary rise of wheat and a flurry of speculation in Wall street.—National Bimetallist, Washington, D. C.

Direct legislation is the only hope of escape from legislation that is as objectionable as a monarchy.—Chicago Express.

The finding of so much gold in Alaska will have the effect of loosening the grip of the Money Devil, but if the people support a continuance of the system of mortgaging and bonding the soil it will tighten again.—East Oregonian.

"All men are equal in the sight of the law," used to be at least an ordinarily respected maxim. To-day it is a barefaced falsehood.—Duluth Labor World.

There was a time when they (gold standard papers) fiercely contended that the value of gold was invariable, or, as they choose to put it, "a gold dollar is always worth a gold dollar," but some day it will dawn upon them that a gold dollar which will only purchase a bushel of wheat is not so near valuable as a gold dollar which will purchase two bushels. In short, when they admit that the Klondyke finds may have an effect on prices they abandon the contention that gold has fixity of value and accept the quantitative theory to which all the great economists have adhered.—Mendocino Beacon.

Poverty is a curse which aggravates every affliction which visits mankind. In sickness, its presence makes a home a den of wretchedness; in death, a chamber of ghastly horror; in sorrow, a waste of utter desolation. It robs love of its sweetness, and tears asunder the dearest ties of humanity. It blights warm, young, joyous life, withers youth and mocks old age. In storm and cold, in heat and draught, they with whom poverty dwells must suffer a hundred-fold. When a torrid flood poured over the land, it was the children of the poor who gasped away their lives in agony, the mothers who faltered and fell at their duties, the fathers who went mad and died, all were victims of poverty. Yet it is so useless, so unnecessary. The bounteous earth never bade it come; it is but a hideous spectre, conjured up by a man's inhumanity to man.—Industrial Advocate.

A railroad detective who travels almost constantly between Chicago and Cleveland reports that the number of tramps now on the road exceeds anything he has ever seen. He says that it is not fair to call them tramps, for they appear to be mechanics and laborers out of employment. The detective in question makes the almost incredible statement that he counted 197 tramps on one freight train as it left Grand Crossing last Tuesday night.—Pueblo Courier.

The Omaha Labor Bulletin has some valuable figures as to the vast commercial mortality of business men by comparing the directories of that city for 1887 and 1897. In 1887 there were 569 business firms in operation in eighteen lines of business, of which 446 went out of business in the ten years. Yet it is "business men" who, for supposed business reasons, are the main props of commercial and financial systems which force them by wholesale into chronic bankruptcy.—San Francisco Star.

Legislation Unnecessary.

It's getting to be government by injunction. Might as well do away with all forms of legislation and allow those occupying judicial positions to make the laws, as many of them appear to be usurping this authority at the present time.—Durango Herald.

Only he who lives a life of his own can help the lives of the other men.

JUDICIAL DESPOTISM.

A FIGHT MUST BE MADE AGAINST IT.

Government by Injunction Has Superseded Government by the People Because the People Neglected Their Interests.

It is reported that in Kansas the People's party is to make the encroachments of the judiciary upon the liberties of the people a leading issue in future campaigns. At present the judges are chiefly of plutocratic extraction, and, naturally decide cases in the interest of those of their own class.

This is not the fault of the judges; it is the fault of the people who vote for them. Our party judges would not institute a tyranny by injunction, and this fact it will certainly be well to explain to the present and future sufferers from judge-made law.

The Twentieth Century says that the labor leaders also have reached the conclusion that government by injunction ought to be made an issue in the congressional elections of next year. In this decision they display great wisdom. If there is any political question that is vital to the welfare of labor on the American continent, and it may be said without exaggeration to the welfare of the human race, it is this one of government by injunction. The federal judiciary have, since the gigantic strike of 1894, completely changed the nature of our institutions by their usurpation of power. The most eminent heritage of the Anglo-Saxon race, that of freedom of speech and assemblage, has been reduced to a mere nullity. In no other country on the globe has liberty been converted into so monstrous a sham. It is to John P. Altgeld that we owe the first intimation of the danger we incur in this regard, and the events of the last few months have vindicated the justice of his position. The laboring classes of the country owe it to themselves to take up this question and push it to a final settlement. Until this is done it is useless to expect any true freedom for the masses.

The plans of the labor leaders have not been made public in full as yet, says the Twentieth century, but they are known to comprise an appeal to the country against the policy of the judges in uniting to break up every strike in which a great corporation is involved. The scenes and incidents connected with the present coal mine strike, are in themselves a sufficient argument for the men. The sympathies of the people have been aroused as they never were before, and it is safe to say that government by injunction would be abolished tomorrow if the people had a voice with reference to it. The congressional elections are the proper occasion to make the sentiment against judicial corruption felt.

Every candidate for congress should be sounded on this issue, and if he fails to explain himself satisfactorily he ought not to get the vote of any workingman. It is true that the lower branch of congress can not do anything of any great matter. If it passes a law against government by injunction and it goes through the senate and is signed by the president, the judges can declare it null and void, and since it concerns themselves they probably will. Or the house of representatives may impeach the more grossly corrupt of the federal judiciary, but the senate is so capitalistic and monopoly ridden that it would be impossible to get the necessary two-thirds vote to convict them. Here we have another evidence of the manner in which our constitution works. Its mechanism is such that abuses cannot be corrected if they operate in favor of the rich and powerful. But, in spite of these drawbacks, a vigorous assertion in congress of the rights of the Anglo-Saxon race to freedom of speech will do much to check the usurpations of the judges.

But the way to get at the root of the trouble is to carry the fight into every judicial election, and get the state judges on the side of the people; then elect a president who will appoint real Americans to the federal judgeships.

Elevation of Gold.

There are reports of gold strikes and discoveries all over the world. This is but the natural outcome of the policy that has prevailed during the past decade, says the Silver Knight-Watchman. The price of the great product gold, has been so advanced that brain and labor is seeking it all over the world. It will continue to be so sought as long as the return is proportionately greater in mining gold than iron, lead, coal, silver, or the raising of wheat or other produce. This is the fact. Gold is being enhanced in price by law above all other things, while the price of all other things is being reduced. All the labor and all the productions of man and the earth are being depreciated in order to elevate the commodity, gold, which commodity is owned and controlled by a few bankers and stock jobbers.

Public Spirit Waning.

Land grants which would disgrace a nation of tigers, and land laws hardly worthy of hell, put in the hands of the Northern Pacific landlords the whip to drive out several hundred settlers in Oregon, who have made extensive improvements. Public spirit has waned too much to permit of resistance to these bandits.—San Francisco Star.

ELEVATING THE MASSES.

Why the Universal Trust Will Not Be Advertised.

"We have met this evening," remarked the princely J. Pierpont Morgan, as he stretched himself out upon a divan in the luxurious cabin of the yacht Corsair, "in order to discuss measures for the uplifting of the masses."

"I am very glad to hear it," remarked John D. Rockefeller, "for the uplifting of the masses has been the aspiration of my youth and is the hope of my declining years."

"But how are we going to uplift the masses?" inquired Cornelius Vanderbilt. "They seem to think we are their natural enemies, and to look upon our colossal fortunes as a monstrous evil."

"You have touched upon the vital feature of the whole matter," said Colonel John Jacob Astor. "The masses can never be lifted up until they are taught to believe that men like ourselves can alone lift them up."

"The very thing I was going to say myself," declared George J. Gould, "and hence I have caused to be prepared a pamphlet setting forth the great advantages to the people from the present management of the Western Union Telegraph Company."

"How great minds do run in the same channel!" exclaimed John D. Rockefeller. "I have had a pamphlet prepared in which the blessings conferred upon the country by the Standard Oil Company are made as plain as day."

"Excellent!" said Cauncey M. Depew, "and I shall do the same thing with reference to the Vanderbilt railroads. I shudder to think of the awful consequences that might have ensued had not the Vanderbilt railroads been under their present management during the past two generations."

"The whole point of this matter," said the princely J. Pierpont Morgan, "is that the poor do not trust the rich."

"We'll soon be rid of that difficulty," remarked John Jacob Astor. "Thank God, there are enough Senators and Governors left to teach the people that great corporations and vast combinations of wealth are enormous advantages to the poor."

"Efforts must be made," put in John D. Rockefeller, "to create a popular demand in favor of one grand trust that shall own and operate everything."

"Good!" exclaimed Chauncey M. Depew. "How happy the masses would be if a single trust controlled all the railroads, all the oil, all the sugar, all the tobacco—in a word, the whole country."

"I would suggest," said Cornelius Vanderbilt, "that we proceed to the formation of such a trust right away."

"But who shall be members of that trust?" inquired the princely J. Pierpont Morgan.

"Ourselves!" said William C. Whitney.

"Hold on a minute," interjected the princely J. Pierpont Morgan. "Suppose we form this grand trust and try to uplift the masses by means of it. Don't you know that the blatherskites and demagogues will immediately say that all the people ought to have an equal interest in it? A movement will be started to let everybody in on the ground floor."

"That is simply horrible to think of!" said Colonel Astor.

"We can get out of that difficulty very easily," observed Doctor Depew.

"How?" asked William C. Whitney.

"We can organize the grand trust," replied Doctor Depew, "and say nothing about it."

"Just so," said John D. Rockefeller.

"Count me in," declared George J. Gould. "I am a friend of the masses, and I am for anything that will lift them up."

"Hurrah for the masses!" shouted the princely J. Pierpont Morgan.

There was a unanimous outburst of cheers and hand-clappings and the gentlemen present were so profoundly moved that it took several cases of champagne to do justice to their feelings.—Twentieth Century.

Gen. John A. Logan's Prophecy.

I, for one, can see benefit only to the money holder and those who receive interest and have fixed incomes. I can see, as a result of this legislation, our business operation crippled and wages for labor reduced to a mere pittance. I can see the beautiful prairies of my own state and of the great west, which are blooming as gardens, with cheerful homes rising like white towers along the pathway of improvement, again sinking back to idleness. I can see mortgage fiends at their hellish work. I can see the hopes of the industrious farmers blasted as they burn corn for fuel because its price will not pay the cost of transportation and dividends on millions of dollars of fictitious railway stocks and bonds. I can see our people of the west groaning and burdened under taxation to pay debts of states, counties and cities incurred when money was more abundant and bright hopes of the future were held out to lead them on. I can see the people of our western states, who are producers, reduced to the condition of serfs to pay interest on public and private debts to the money sharks of Wall street, New York, and of Threadneedle street, in London.—From a speech in the senate on withdrawal of treasury notes.

Not He!

Do you see him shaking hands with a smile as broad as the open half of a watermelon? He is a politician, he wants your vote. Will he know you after election as he knows you now? Not he! Nit!—Grand Junction Sentinel.

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J. O. PINCKARD, President.

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Papers friendly to the Alliance please copy.

Clanton Alliance No. 1.

A special meeting of the Clanton Alliance is hereby called to meet on Saturday September 18th at 2:30 o'clock. All old Alliancemen who desire to again connect themselves with the Alliance are invited to attend and put themselves in good standing. This will afford them the privilege of attending the State Alliance at Jemison on Sept. 22 & 23.

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NOT a vacant house in Clanton. Two are in course of erection, and tenants waiting to go into them; while, to our knowledge, three other responsible families are vainly seeking houses to rent. Who will build a few dwelling houses in Clanton?

THE low price of cotton at the present time seems scarcely to be justified, if the latest reports concerning the crop are correct. From all sections of the cotton belt the crop now is reported not nearly so good as was anticipated a short time ago, and the indications are for certainly not more than a nine million bale crop. With no old cotton in stock we are of the opinion the price should certainly be higher, but the manipulations of the cotton market are such as not to warrant anyone venturing to predict an advance.

WHILE the Republican paper at Thorsby, The Call, last week was expatiating upon its knowledge of "business law," a representative of a printers' supply warehouse was at Thorsby boxing up, to return to the warehouse, a press, &c., which had been bought but not paid for. For the benefit of the Call, which seems to be enjoying McKinley prosperity, we give the information that the elementary principle of "business law" is to pay for what you buy. When the Call has learned this its opinions on "business law" may be of greater value.

THE Farmers' Alliance of Alabama, which meets at Jemison in its twelfth annual session next Wednesday and Thursday, deserves more from our farmers than any other organization. Although during the last year or two interest in the Alliance appeared to be on the wane, it now looks as if the principles of the order were too deeply imbedded in the hearts of the people to allow of its dissolution—the interest was not dead, only dormant. A considerable revival of Alliance affairs has been steadily going on for some time, and the meeting at Jemison promises to be replete with enthusiasm. The citizens of Jemison are determined that nothing shall be wanting on their part to make the visiting brethren comfortable during their stay and take away with them a kindly remembrance of the twelfth annual session. Hon. M. W. Howard has promised to deliver an address, and those of our home people who have previously heard this distinguished speaker are anxious to hear him again. Every Allianceman in the county should not miss this meeting, and from all we can learn there will be a good crowd in attendance. We extend a cordial welcome to the delegates and hope for the meeting the greatest success.

"And Freedom shrieked when Kosciusko fell."

AND again Freedom shrieked last Friday when in free America a number of men peaceably marching along the public highway, unarmed, and attending to their own business, were ruthlessly shot down by a band of deputy sheriffs acting under the orders of Sheriff Martin at Latimer, Pennsylvania. The great strike of the coal miners in the North for living wages has been marked throughout by two conspicuous features—forbearance, and keeping strictly within their legal rights, on the part of the men; and provocation, by the prostitution of legal injunctions, etc., on the part of their employers. Every lawful effort of the men to improve their position has been met by the operators with a construction of the law favorable to their ends. Injunction after injunction has been granted, forbidding the strikers to assemble to discuss in a peaceable, law abiding manner their own affairs; their own speakers were prohibited from addressing them; they were not even allowed the use of the public roads. And as a climax last Friday when a body of about one hundred and fifty men were marching along the road they were met by a band of one hundred and two deputy sheriffs who almost immediately began firing into them. Twenty-one of the strikers were killed and about forty wounded. Not a solitary deputy sheriff was hurt. No weapons were found on the bodies of the dead miners, excepting one small pistol. Warrants have been issued for the arrest of Sheriff Martin and his deputies, but have not been executed. The military are called out, and the situation is critical. It is to be hoped after the excitement has calmed down that the sheriff and his deputies will be put on trial, but whatever punishment, if any, is meted out to them will not be any compensation to the relatives and friends of the murdered miners.

No sooner was the small-pox scare beginning to subside than a visitation of the dreaded yellow fever comes upon us. Apparently it has been prevalent at Ocean Springs, Miss., for several weeks, but it was not publicly made known A number of cases are under treatment at New Orleans and in various town in Mississippi. At Mobile there are four cases. Quarantine is being rigidly enforced against all infected places and every precaution taken. In this section there is no cause for alarm, but it will be advisable for everyone to attend to the sanitation of their premises.

UPON the authority of two such prominent Democrats as W. H. Merritt and John Garner we are proud to be able to say Chilton county is one of the most prosperous and progressive counties in the State. We have long been of this opinion, but are glad to have it confirmed by our Democratic friends. In all parts of the county we see improvement is the order of the day, and at the same time the vacant places are rapidly filling up. The most notable case is that of Thorsby, the colony of immigrants from the North-west. But there are other movements tending to increase our population. We understand Mr. Merritt, who has plenty of land to dispose of, has recently sold several tracts to parties from Chambers and other counties in this State. We cordially welcome all thrifty newcomers and will gladly aid in helping them to find happy homes here. But, referring to a communication from Mrs. Ira Campbell, published a few weeks ago in THE BANNER, advising our home folks to secure homes of their own, we would like to see every Chiltonian owner of his own place. And now is the time to purchase land in this county before it is all settled and the price advanced, as it naturally soon will be. Every man of family owes it to himself and his dependants to become the possessor of a home for himself and a heritage for his children.

WE attribute the chief cause of Chilton's prosperity to the fact of its being a Populist county. Our county officers, elected by the people, have diligently looked after their constituents interests. Under their administration the county is free from debt, taxation has been reduced, an elegant new court house built, crime is at a minimum, and everyone happy and prosperous. Let the good work go on. Long live the Populists!

Political Points.

People's Press Bureau, St. Louis, Mo., Sept. 15, 1897.

The observance of Labor Day, September 6, by parades, picnics and speech-making was widespread. The parades showed a large number of men who were willing to sacrifice an infrequent holiday to walking over miles of hot street pavements in order to demonstrate their allegiance and attract attention to the Labor Union as a means of bettering the condition of the workingman. The picnics were attended by unprecedented crowds who in almost every instance listened to lengthy orations along economic lines. The suffering miners were not forgotten; a per cent of the receipts from sale of tickets, Labor Day buttons or badges and in many instances direct collections were devoted to helping them. Ex-Governor Altgeld spoke to a tremendous crowd at Philadelphia. His subject was "Municipal and Government ownership and Government by injunction." He strongly favored the first, considering it the best way to bring relief to the American people. He advocated impeachment of such members of the judiciary as have shown by their decisions that they are under the control of the money power. He referred to the government ownership of mines, as the cure for coal strikes.

W. J. Bryan spoke to a vast assembly composed chiefly of working men, at St. Louis on Labor Day and was tendered a reception by the Jefferson Club at night which called together a tremendous and enthusiastic crowd. Mr. Bryan will speak at Sedalia, Mo., September 17.

The last and most startling injunction has been issued by Federal Judge J. M. Hagan at Morganstown, West Va., enjoining Rev. J. W. Wiley from preaching to the strikers. It is asserted by those whose veracity cannot be doubted that the minister who had preached to the idle miners in the open air, while sympathizing with the strikers always urged peaceable and law abiding methods.

Non-partisan Tax Societies, which are made up chiefly of Populists, Single Taxers and Socialists are attracting attention to the tremendous amount of tax dodging going on among the very rich. George W. Pullman, of Chicago, is at present under heavy fire, having reported his entire property at a valuation of $1,500,000 which is about 6 per cent of its real value.

Hon. David Overmeyer, of Kansas, in a recent article in the Arena, answers David B. Hill's previously published article on the Democracy, in a masterly manner. Mr. Hill's fallacies and rash assertions are proven to be such, and Mr. Overmeyer draws the lines of Jeffersonian Democracy so as to exclude all gold democrats and include all believers in free speech, a free press and a rational money system. He outlines for his regenerate party a policy of taxation "not only of income but of undue accumulations and amendment of the constitution if necessary." It must make railways, public highways in fact, as they are in name." So mote it be.

The strikers continue to hold out and in spite of serious aggravation in many cases, have so far all remained peaceable and law abiding. The operators begin to talk settlement but it is thought no terms will be made until after the Labor Conference called to meet at Chicago, September 27.

Samuel P. Gompers, President of the Federation of Labor is under fire from those who censure him for not having taken part in the recent St. Louis Labor meeting. Mr. Gompers gives as his reason for not having done so, the irregularity of the call and the fact that persons in no way connected with organized labor could take part in the deliberations of that body and commit blunders for which labor must suffer.

Fred White, fusion candidate for Governor in Iowa, is going into the campaign with a fire and vigor that presages victory. The Republicans, fearing discussion of state politics, are deferring the operation of their campaign and instructing speakers to stick to National issues. A. R.

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Turn-Round Topics.

The series of meetings at Corinth closed Friday with eleven accessions, two by letter, nine by experience; they were baptised during the week.

Owing to the busy time with the farmers here, the expected week's meeting at Canaan was put off until the second Sunday in October, when, as Rev. Mr. Colwell says, "every body is invited to come."

Mr. Bud Hawes, of Deatsville, came up Sunday to see his sister, Mrs. W. H. Johnson, who is down on a visit from Birmingham.

Miss Vena Pyron, we are glad to say, is up, and spent Sunday with Miss Annie Pinson, of Mountain Creek.

Six bales of cotton have already been ginned at Pattillo's gin—but a big run is expected this week.

Ha, ha! We are sorry for Walter K., it seems he got left Sunday p.m. Cheer up Mr. Walker and don't get disheartened.

We had a nice little shower here Monday evening and cotton haulers got their cotton sprinkled.

OLD STONEWALL.

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Something to Depend On.

Mr. James Jones, of the drug firm of Jones & Son, Cowden, Ill., in speaking of Dr. King's New Discovery says, that last winter his wife was attacked with La Grippe and her case grew so serious that physicians at Cowden and Pana could do nothing for her. It seemed to develop into Hasty Consumption. Having Dr. King's New Discovery in store, and selling lots of it, he took a bottle home, and to the surprise of all she began to get better from first dose, and half dozen dollar bottles cured her sound and well. Dr. King's New Discovery for Consumption, Coughs and Colds is guaranteed to do this good work. Try it. Free trial bottle at Dr. J. S. Johnson's Drug Store.

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Gold Versus Life.

Men are at present risking their lives for gold. There is a stampede of eager, willing martyrs to the inhospitable country of the Klonkyke. Many will perish from cold and hunger. Not one quarter of the people who go there will ever return. Not one half of those who do return will return any richer than they went. They will not only endanger their health, but their lives, for sake of gold. And yet everybody says that health is more precious than gold. The thing, therefore, that restores health is more precious than gold. Pe-ru-na restores health, cures all forms of weakness, all forms and stages of catarrh, builds up broken down constitutions, brings new life back to all those who have become prematurely old. The latest and best book ever written on the subject of female diseases will be sent free, to women only, for a time. Address The Pe-ru-na Drug Manufacturing Co., Columbus, Ohio.

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Coopers.

With sorrow we announce the death last Friday, of David Wells, eldest son of Ben H. Wells, aged about 18. The funeral took place Saturday at Poplar Springs, Revs. B. Vickers and J. M. Dykes officiating at the burial.

Mr. Ben Wells, as well as his wife and family are having a bad time with sickness, and we deeply sympathize with them in the loss of their eldest son.

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"My boy came home from school one day with his hand badly lacerated and bleeding, and suffering pain," says Mr. E. J. Schalk, with Meyer Bros.' Drug Co., St. Louis Mo. "I dressed the wound, and applied Chamberlain's Pain Balm freely. All pain ceased and in a remarkable short time it healed without leaving a scar. For wounds, sprains, swellings, and rheumatism, I know of no medicine or prescription equal to it. I consider it a household necessity." The 25 and 50 cent size for sale by Dr. J. S. Johnson, Jr.

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We will attend at the following times and places for the purpose of assessing the State and County Taxes of Chilton County for the year 1898, and collecting the taxes for 1897:

		1897
Kincheon	October	1
Albert Headley's Store	"	2
Benson	"	4
Maplesville	"	5
Dixie	"	6
Valley Creek	"	7
Shoults	"	8
Maplesville until 12 m.	"	9
Macedonia Church	"	11
Hayes Mill	"	12
Providence Church (Beat 2)	"	13
Elijah Busby's	"	14
Jemison	"	15
Strasburg	"	16
Clanton	"	18
Cane Creek Church	"	19
Mineral Springs	"	20
Jesse Maddox's Mill	"	21
Goer's School-House	"	22
Coopers	"	25
Verbena	"	26
Mountain Creek	"	27
Burwells	"	28
Calloway's Mill	"	29

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Old People.

Old people who require medicine to regulate the bowels and kidneys will find the true remedy in Electric Bitters. This medicine does not stimulate and contains no whiskey nor other intoxicant, but acts as a tonic and alterative. It acts mildly on the stomach and bowels, adding strength and giving tone to the organs, thereby aiding Nature in the performance of the functions. Electric Bitters is an excellent appetizer and aids digestion. Old People find it just exactly what they need. Prices 50 cents and $1.00.

Alabama Day at the Nashville Exposition.

Inasmuch as the management of the Tennessee Centennial and International Exposition has complimented Alabama by setting apart September 29th as Alabama Day, the ex-Alabamians residents in Nashville, actuated by a pardonable pride in the honor and glory of their natal state, desire to see Alabama Day crowned with a success greater than has attended or may attend any other state occasion.

Interesting and representative exhibits are displayed in the minerals and forestry, agricultural, transportation, terminal, and negro buildings, and a delightfully cozy State Building, emblazoned with "Here We Rest," is situated at the head of Capitol Avenue, on the borders of Lake Watauga, and near to the center of the White City. The State Building is all the motto of the state, in its literal sense, implies. A more delightfully refreshing place in which to rest is not to be found on the grounds.

In the times that tried men's souls and put to the severest test the devotion of women, Alabama never faltered. When a changed condition confronted them they proved themselves worthy scions of noble progenitors, and reared for themselves and their posterity enduring monuments by the development of latent resources which have crowned Alabama the most progressive in material development and the richest of Southern States.

Alabama will be the observed of all observers on the 29th of September, and the crown of glory to which we believe her to be entitled can easily be secured by the proper co-operation of her gallant sons and fair daughters. Gov. Johnston will be present with his staff, and pride of State should fill the great Auditorium to overflowing with Alabamians.

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HOW TO FIND OUT.

Fill a bottle or common glass with urine and let it stand twenty-four hours; a sediment or settling indicates an unhealthy condition of the kidneys. When urine stains linen it is positive evidence of kidney trouble Too frequent desire to urinate or pain in the back, is also convincing proof that the kidneys and bladder are out of order.

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TEN SILVER DOLLARS OR A $10 GOLD PIECE

we will give to the subscriber to THE BANNER who guesses nearest to the number of bales of cotton marketed at Clanton up to and including December 31, 1897. The contest will close Nov. 1, 1897. If there is more than one correct guess the amount will be divided amongst the successful guessers.

Messrs. W. L. Sampey, W. I. Mullins and W. M. Wilson have kindly consented to act as Committee of Award and their decision will be final.

The number of bales marketed at Clanton up to Dec. 31, of each year during the last three years has been

1894	3165.
1895	1962.
1896	3295.

Every subscriber to THE BANNER who pays a year's subscription in advance is entitled to a guess. Subscribe now, and register your guess.

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TOWN ITEMS

Commissioners' Court meets second Monday in February, first Monday in April, second Monday in May, second Monday in July, second Monday in August, and first Monday in November.

CLANTON COTTON MARKET.

Price to-day 6¾ cents.

BALES RECEIVED TO DATE:

Sampey	300
Mullins	155
Wilson & Bro.	34
Total	489

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Read the particulars of our guessing contest and then subscribe for THE BANNER.

240 acres of Good Land to rent. Apply to W. M. ADAMS, Clanton, Ala.

LOST, strayed, or stolen on the 3rd of last July, one red white-faced cow and small red male calf. No bell on either. Calf not marked. Any information that can be given will gladly be accepted and rewarded by,

G. R. WILLIAMS, Stanton.

ANY person who wants to rent, or lease, or buy land, call and see Lee Foshee, seven miles west of Clanton.

Rev. T. F. Sessions, who assisted Bro. Dennis in his meeting, gave quite an instructive and impressive talk to the Senior and Junior Epworth Leagues on Sunday afternoon.

Miss Blanche Foshee left on Tuesday morning for Athens, Ala., where she will complete her education at the Athens Female College. Mr. Foshee escorted her, returning Wednesday.

Miss Guessie Allen, after enlivening our town for several weeks, has returned to her home in Birmingham to the regret of her many friends here.

Planters CUBAN OIL cures Cuts, Burns, Bruises, Rheumatism and Sores. Price, 25 cents.

G. H. Green went to Montgomery Friday last.

W. J. Martin has returned from a trip to Six Mile, Ala.

Mrs O. A. Duke, after visiting the Nashville Exposition, is among friends in Clanton again.

Clanton was brightened a few days last week by a visit from several of Jemison's fairest young ladies.

Rev. Mr. Hamilton, of Verbena, is assisting Rev. W. B. Dennis in a protracted meeting now in progress.

Chancery Court was in session from Monday to Wednesday, Chancellor Dowdell presiding.

Mr. G. Higgins has taken charge of the depot. He is a pleasant and affable gentleman, and we are pleased to have him with us.

Born to Rev. L. B. and Mrs. Pounds a bouncing baby boy. Long life to the young Pop.

While plowing the other day Moses Kilgore turned up an old coin dated 1781, with the inscription "Hispa," "Dei Gratia Carroll 111."

SEAVIEW, VA.—We have a splendid sale on Chamberlain's Cough Remedy, and our customers come from far and near, speak of it in the highest terms. Many have said that their children would have died of croup if Chamberlain's Cough Remedy had not been given.—Kelham & Ourrer. The 25 and 50 cent size for sale by Dr. J. S. Johnson, Jr.

Marriage licenses have been granted this week by the Probate Judge to the following persons:

Mr. S. P. Franklin and Miss Lily Davenport; Mr. G. C. Lockhart and Miss Charity Miner.

THE CROSS AND CROWN

is the title of a treatise on the doctrine of perfection or sanctification, by A. L. Patillo, of Verbena, now in the press. It is written in a plain, homely fashion by one deeply impressed with the necessity of Christians living a perfect life, who desires to see all professing religion imbued with the same spirit. The Author, who is also a poet, has written several poems, all on religious subjects. The whole, when complete, will make a book of nearly 300 pages, bound in a stiff board cover, which at the small charge of 50 cents should speedily exhaust the first edition.

This book has a double claim on the people of Chilton county and should find a place in every home in the county, from the fact that it is entirely a home production, being the first book ever written, printed, bound and published in Chilton. It will be ready early in October. Price only 50 cents. Orders can be sent to THE BANNER, Clanton, or to A. L. Patillo, Verbena.

Bucklen's Arnica Salve.

The best salve in the world for Cuts, Bruises, Sores, Ulcers, Salt-Rheum, Fever Sores, Tetter, Chapped Hands, Chilblains, Corns, and all Skin Eruptions, and positively cures Piles, or no pay required. It is guaranteed to give perfect satisfaction or money refunded. Price 25 cents per box. For sale by J. S. Johnson, Jr.

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Final Proof Notice.

Notice No. 19125.

Land Office at Montgomery, Ala., Sept. 4, 1897.

Notice is hereby given that the following-named settler has filed notice of his intention to make final proof in support of his claim, and that said proof will be made before the Clerk of the Circuit Court, at Clanton, Ala., on October 16th, 1897, viz.: Nancy Cottingham, widow of Anderson Cottingham. Homestead Entry No. 26555, for the sw ¼ of ne¼, nw¼ of se¼, section 2, tp 22 r 12 east.

He names the following witnesses to prove his continuous residence upon and cultivation of said land, viz: Columbus Campbell, Zachariah Jones, John Crumpton, Curtis Gentry, all of Randolph, Ala.

H. PURCELL, Register.

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Executor's Notice to Creditors

In the matter of the will and estate of K. Wells, deceased.

In Probate Court of Chilton County.

Notice is hereby given to all whom it may concern, that letters testamentary upon the estate and will of the said K. Wells were granted to the undersigned on the 1st day of September, 1897, out of the said court by the Hon. R. M. Honeycutt, Judge of said court, and that all persons having claims against said estate must present the same within the time allowed by law, or the same will be barred.

W. L. WELLS, Executor.
MARY ANN MULLINS, Executrix.

The Weekly Crop Bulletin says: Warm dry winds were the prevailing conditions over this entire section, during the week ending September 13th, except fairly well distributed rains during last two days, which is injurious to open cotton. Nearly all the fodder has been saved in good condition and late corn is ready to be housed, though nearly all the labor is being worked in picking cotton, which is opening very fast and being picked rapidly, and promises to be an early crop; it is grading rather low and reports of rust and rot are still very general; it is being damaged by white mould in Barbour county; it is now estimated that two-thirds of the cotton is open in southern and middle counties and about one half of it open in northern counties; the prospect for a top crop of any importance is poor, and some correspondents report that cotton has stopped making fruit; the yield is now very generally estimated as far below an average one. Cain is maturing nicely and promises a fairly good yield and considerable hay is still being made; sorghum has turned out good; field peas are ripening and being gathered with good yield; sweet potatoes are doing well, but late irish potatoes are not so good as at last report. Turnips are promising and the woods are full of acorns and nuts. Grapes have yielded well.

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R. W. Massey, President:

DEAR SIR—Five years ago I was working on a farm, getting $100.00 per year. I took a course in Telegraphy at your College on *borrowed money*. Immediately upon graduating, you secured for me a situation as telegrapher and station agent on the Ala. Gt. So. R. R. From that day to this my success has been onward and upward. To day I am train dispatcher at a salary of $1,00.00 per year. J. E. COLE.

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For advice, in cases requiring special directions, address, giving symptoms, the "Ladies' Advisory Department," The Chattanooga Medicine Co., Chattanooga, Tenn.

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TOWN ITEMS.

Clanton's two ginners are on the warpath, with the result that the farmer is getting his cotton ginned for $1.00 per bale.

Napoleon Johnson left Tuesday for Virginia to enter college.

The University School opened with over 70 pupils—best opening in its history.

Abe Kanter made a trip to Cincinnati this week to purchase new goods.

RESOURCE, Screven Co., Ga.—I have been subject to attacks of bilious colic for several years. Chamberlains Colic, Cholera and Diarrhoea Remedy is the only sure relief. It acts like a charm. One dose of it gives relief when all other medicines fail.—G. D. Sharp. For sale by Dr. J. S. Johnson, Jr.

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Planters CUBAN RELIEF cures Colic, Neuralgia and Toothache in five minutes. Sour Stomach and Summer Complaints. Price, 25 Cents.

Program Teachers' Institute.

An Institute for the white teachers of Chilton county, will be held at Concord on Friday and Saturday Sept. 24th & 25th 1897.

FRIDAY, 9 a.m. Devotional exercises. Welcome address, J. Alex Moore. Organization.

10. Childs study, J. F. Lowery.

11. Hindrances to school work and how to prevent the same. W. S. Garner. Recess.

2 p.m. Modes for correcting errors in spoken language, Miss Jennie Wilson.

3. Best course of study for country schools, Judson Strock.

SATURDAY, 9 a.m. Devotional exercises.

9:30 Alabama in literature, essay, Miss Kate Garner.

10. The public school and how best to secure its most efficient work, C. C. Slaton.

11. Alabama's educational needs, J. Alex Moore.

2. p.m. Educational address, T. E. Zoch.

3. The work of the primary teacher, J. F. M. Thomas, Mrs. A. G. Dunlap.

Concord is located about five miles south east from Montevallo. Anyone desiring conveyance from railroad to Institute, will write Prof. J. Alex. Moore at Montevallo. If you are a teacher come to the Institute. If you are a friend to education come. J. W. MOORE, Supt.

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Men's Suits from $3.45.	Ladies hose from 7½ cents.
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Negligee shirts from 29 to 69 cents. Hats, shoes, etc.

I am here to please you and and am going to do it. Everyone is respectfully invited to come and inspect my stock.

H TURNANSKY, Clanton

5 DROPS — 49 YEARS OF SUFFERING FROM RHEUMATISM.

Read carefully this testimonial found below, also letters from those who have been cured of other diseases, and remember that "5 Drops" has and can never fail to quickly relieve and permanently cure. Book, 9, free.

DEAR SIR:—Your bottle of "5 Drops" received. It was for an old friend, Mr. Wm. Edwards, of Martinstown Wis. He has had Neuralgia in his chest, suffering a great deal of pain, so much so that it affected his heart and he could not sleep on account of a smothered feeling. He has been under the care of the most eminent physicians, but found no relief until I gave him a dose of "5 Drops." The very first night he rested well, and has ever since, and is gaining daily. I myself am 67 years old and began taking your medicine last April for Rheumatism, which I have had for 49 years, also for a weak heart. Since taking "5 Drops" the Rheumatism has all disappeared, the stiffness is gone from my joints, and my heart never misses a beat. I am to-day a well, strong woman, and I owe it to "5 Drops." I only wish I could sound my bugle of praise loud enough to be heard all over the world, and could convince every one that "5 Drops" is all you claim it to be and more.

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I shall be glad to answer any questions regarding my case from anyone enclosing a two cent stamp. Gratefully yours,

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I find the bottle of "5 DROPS" to be very good and just what you claim. My wife has been suffering with Catarrh and Hay Fever over 16 years. She has tried everything and doctored much, but no cure until she tried "5 DROPS" which completely cured her.

Yours truly REV. L. VON WALD,
March 31, 1896. Milbank, S. D.

NEURALGIA AND SCIATICA.

For twenty long years my wife suffered untold tortures from Sciatica and Neuralgia, and I thank God for the day that your benevolent remedy fell into my hands, for it completely cured her. I am a minister of the Gospel, and when I find any who suffer, cannot help but recommend "5 DROPS", for I know it will do more than you claim for it.

REV. P. M. COOPER, Washington Center, Mo.

PARALYSIS AND RHEUMATISM

NOVEMBER 5, 1896.

DEAR SIRS: It is with pleasure I speak of your priceless remedy and of the good it has done me. For the last eight years I have been an incurable cripple from paralysis and rheumatism. Just think, for eight years a total cripple not able to earn a penny nor able to walk or step on the ground without the aid of something to lean on. Heaven bless the man who discovered this remedy, say I. Thanks to him and to God, I am able to walk and able to work. I have only taken two-thirds of a bottle, but have not had any pain in my back since I took the first dose, and after the second I walked across the floor, which I have not done in years. I have thrown away my cane and shall never need it again. To any one sending me a two-cent stamp I will send my affidavit. I have another bottle of "5 DROPS" and value it at $1.00 per drop.

Thankfully yours, EDWARD CASTLE,
1005 Wall Street. Sioux City, Iowa.

INFLAMMATORY RHEUMATISM

DEAR SIRS: Savannah, Ga., 1896.

I wish to tell you and suffering humanity how much good "5 DROPS" has done me. On the beginning of this year I took down bedfast with Inflammatory Rheumatism, and I was doctored by as good physicians as this country has, but they could not cure me. On August 4, I began to take "5 DROPS." At that time every joint in my body and my limbs were stiff, so that I could not be moved. Even my tongue was getting so that I could hardly speak so any one could understand me, but to-day, only seven weeks from that time, I am absolutely cured, and thank you and God for my recovery.

Gratefully yours,

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Camphor Industry.

Secretary Wilson of the agricultural department says that arrangements will be made by the department for the thorough introduction of the camphor tree in Florida. He added that there was no doubt that the tree would be a success there, as it had already passed the experimental stage.

The department will give all possible encouragement in the way of supplying seed and young trees, and Mr. Wilson predicts that the country will soon be producing a sufficient supply of camphor for its own needs. He also announced his purpose to adopt a policy for the encouragement of the growth of the English walnut, which, he thinks, will do well anywhere south of Washington.

The little daughter of Squire W. A. Newton, at Pulaski, Tenn., was burned to death Wednesday evening, her clothing catching fire from matches.

Postponed to September 28.

For several reasons that indicated best, the State Normal College at Troy, Ala., has postponed its opening to September 28. This will suit many students who could not enter at an earlier date. Troy is a remarkably healthy place, being 600 feet above the gulf, and no such thing as yellow fever has ever been known there. The college authorities anticipate a grand year's work.

A New York clergyman thinks he has found a Biblical rebuke to flirting in Proverbs x., 10: "He that winketh with the eyes causes sorrow." But how about "she" that winketh? And what proof is there that this text wasn't aimed at the soda fountain?

It is announced that Minister Woodford will wear full military uniform while in Spain. This evidently is done for the purpose of overawing the Duke of Veragua in case he should make trouble about Tom Palmer's relief fund of $1.67.

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The Emporia (Kan.) Republican threatens an erring contemporary right: "We deny the allegation made by an envious exchange that the Emporia fire department was burned out while the firemen were playing 'seven-up.' The game was 'high-five.'" Let the truth of history be preserved.

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GENERAL NEWS

Current Events of the Day Epitomized.

BELLE OF MEMPHIS SINKS.

Insurgents Capture an Important Town in Cuba.—Bryan at the Centennial Oct. 8.—Nitro-Glycerine Explosion.—Ravages of Fire.—Other News Notes.

Japan has placed contracts in this country for the construction of thirty locomotives.

R. T. Bray hung himself in a room at Danville, Va. Business trouble caused the deed.

Julius Dexter of Cincinnati has been nominated for Governor of Ohio by the National Democrats.

It is announced at Colon that a concession to complete the Panama canal has been given to England.

Athens, Ga., has a negro who strikes ladies on the streets at will. Efforts to locate him have failed.

United States Senator Morgan of Alabama sailed Tuesday on the steamer Australia for Honolulu.

President Andrews has formally declined to withdraw his resignation as president of Brown University.

The steamship Cleveland arrived at Seattle Friday morning, bringing about $400,000 from Klondyke.

By the explosion of a boiler at a brewery at Hoenstaedt, Germany, eleven persons were killed and many were injured.

Hon. William J. Bryan will be at the Exposition on October 8. Extensive preparations will be made at once to receive him.

The Cuban insurgents have captured Victoria de las Tunis, an important garrisoned town in the province of Santiago de Cuba.

The large carbon paper factory of Mittage & Volger, at Parkside, N. J., was totally destroyed by fire Saturday. The loss is estimated at $50,000.

An explosion of nitro-glycerine occurred at Cygnet, O., last Tuesday, which resulted in the death of six people. Eight buildings were wrecked.

The contract has been let to build a fine new depot at Rome, Ga., for the Nashville, Chattanooga and St. Louis Railway Company at a cost of $20,000.

Jimmie Michael, Eddie McDuffie and Lucien Lesna, the three fastest wheelmen in the world, have been matched to ride a 25-mile race on September 18 for a purse of $5,000.

The Belle of Memphis, a Mississippi river steamer, sank Thursday. There were 100 passengers on board, all of whom escaped without accident. The steamer was valued at $60,000.

Miss Sarah Alred, who lived with her mother six miles from Lexington, N. C., suicided by taking two spoonsful of medicine which her physician had ordered her to take one drop at a time.

The church, also used as a school building, on Pike's Prairie, eleven miles east of Kaufman, Tex., was stolen bodily and moved some ten miles. The neighborhood is much incensed over the matter and money is being raised to prosecute the thieves.

The Southern Railway Company's barge line is ready for the business of transporting coal down the Mississippi river. Alabama coal will be carried on the Southern to Greenville and from there to New Orleans on the barges.

The preliminary arrangements towards marking the graves of Confederate soldiers who are buried from Northern prisons have been made by a joint committee from Lee Camp, Daughters of the Confederacy and the Sons of Veterans, Richmond, Va.

Alfred H. Mason has been appointed vice and deputy United States consul at Cape Town, South Africa, to succeed Clifford H. Knight. Mr. Mason was born in Rockford, Ill., and lived many years in Michigan. He removed to Cape Town in 1893.

The trustees of Furman Baptist University, at Greenville, S. C., have elected Prof. Andrew Montague of the Columbian University, at Washington, president to succeed Dr. Manley, who resigned because the trustees did not wish him to fill a pulpit and the office of president at the same time.

Gen. Pando, in a letter to the Cuban senators and deputies, requests them to hold a meeting and come to a decision regarding the Cuban situation, declaring that the time has come to speak out and fix the responsibility for the present policy upon its promoters.

The corporation of Brown University will meet in adjourned session on September 22 to consider the renewed resignation of President Benjamin Andrews, and to take action on the election of his successor, unless something unexpected intervenes.

A startling attempt to revise the French constitution is contemplated. The national assembly is to be convoked at Versailles to consider a plan for the modification of the office of the president of the republic.

Information received at Jacksonville, Fla., from Carrabelle announces that a filibustering expedition left there on a schooner at daybreak Friday, carrying thirty Cubans, besides arms and ammunition. It is believed that a transfer will be made outside to some other vessel.

Allen Stephen Perry was hanged at Decatur, Ga., last week for the murder of Bely Lanier six months ago.

Ex-Senator Slaughter of Tennessee died suddenly at Nashville last week.

Gen. James M. Longstreet, a major-general in the Confederate army, former United States minister to Turkey, and prospective commissioner of railroads to succeed Gen. Wade Hampton, was married in Atlanta last week to Miss Ellen Dortch, assistant librarian of the State of Georgia.

Ex-Champion James J. Corbett has just received a telegram from Chicago informing him that the Northern Tulane Club of New Orleans, offers $20,000 for a contest between Corbett and Fitzsimmons. Corbett authorized the Associated Press to say that he accepts the offer and will await Fitzsimmons' decision.

The Spanish Official Gazette at Madrid publishes the new customs tariff of Cuba. Nearly all American goods are subjected to lower duties. The tariff prohibits the entry into Cuba of arms, projectiles, munitions of war, dynamite, sugar (except Spanish sugar), honey, molasses, silver or bronze coins, tobacco (including snuffs), chemical tobacco and artificial wines.

The naval board appointed to inquire into the question of establishing a government factory for the manufacture of armor metal for the navy department met Wednesday, and with reference to the many offers of plants and sites, decided that its orders gave it nothing whatever to do with the selection of a site or the purchase of a plant.

A stranger, supposed to be J. B. Packett of Louisiana, was found at the edge of the city of Vicksburg, Miss., dead Thursday. He had several knife wounds in his body and the authorities there are not determined whether it was murder or suicide. If murder, the object of the attack could not have been robbery, as $178 was found on his person.

GENERAL LEE RETURNS.

No Business Improvement in Cuba Until the War Is Ended.

Consul-General Fitzhugh Lee arrived from Havana on board the Seguranca Tuesday. When asked as to whether he would return to Cuba or not, the general shook his head and said:

"I cannot answer that, and I would rather not talk on Cuban affairs until I make my report in Washington."

In speaking of the case of Evangelina Cosslo Cisneros, the general said:

"The young woman is now confined in Casa Recohidas. She has never been tried, and I do not think it was ever intended that she should be banished. The stories of her ill treatment are very much exaggerated, and were it not for the hubbub which has been raised about her, the girl would probably have been released long ago. In fact, I was given to understand that her name was on the pardon list. She has comfortable quarters, and is treated as well as possible under the conditions. There is a good deal of suffering in Cuba, but the Americans, numbering about 1,400, are being cared for from the fund of $50,000 which was appropriated for that purpose. They receive relief daily and up to the present time about $15,000 has been expended."

"Is there any sign of business improving or a change for the better in Cuba?" asked the reporter.

"No, I'm sorry to say that there is not," replied the general, "and there will not be any improvement until the war is ended."

"When will that be, general?"

To this last question General Lee replied in Spanish, a free translation of which is: "That is too much for me; I can't say."

Gen. Lee's Intentions.

Speaking of the report that Gen. Fitz Lee might be coming to Virginia to look after his interests in the contest for Senator Martin's seat or to confer with the members of the board of visitors of the university with reference to accepting the presidency of that institution, a gentleman said there was no doubt that Lee was written to and urged to return to Virginia for conference with his friends regarding both of these matters. As a rule, it is those who are Lee's warmest supporters for the senatorship who are desirous of seeing him made president of the university. They wish to talk the situation over with him, persuade him, if possible, to take the presidency, and failing in that, they will go to work for him for the senatorship.

Monetary Commissioners.

H. H. Hanna, chairman of the executive committee of the monetary convention that met in Indianapolis in January last, announces that nine of the eleven members of the monetary commission that were to be chosen have accepted, and authorize the publication of their names. The following are the names of those who have accepted:

George F. Edmunds, Vermont; Chas. S. Fairchild, New York; Stewart Patterson, Pennsylvania; T. G. Bush, Alabama; J. W. Fries, North Carolina; W. B. Dean, Minnesota; George E. Leighton, Missouri; Robert S. Taylor,

Another Railway Scheme.

Judge J. W. Eldridge of Memphis has been in Humboldt for some days working up a railroad from New Madrid, Mo., via Dyersburg and New Berne, Wells and Humboldt and Florence, Ala. The proposed new road is styled "Tennessee and Alabama Air Line Railway," and if built will traverse the finest agricultural and timber lands in the State, running by Gibson Wells, the health resort of West Tennessee. Some of the rich men are joining in the enterprise.

An Englishman's Optimism.

A. J. R. Landauer of the big Liverpool cotton importing house, who is making a trip of inspection over the cotton states, returned to Dallas Saturday. He is optimistic on the conditions, not only in Texas, but in the entire country. He declared it to be his opinion that the Texas crop will reach 3,000,000 bales of excellent quality. The crop in the country at large he estimates at from 9,500,000 to 10,000,000 bales.

STATE TOPICS.

Late News Items of General Interest to Alabamians.

Coal Output.

The coal output in the Birmingham district is now 25,000 tons per diem. That means, reckoning six days a week as the working time, a monthly output of about 650,000 tons, a yearly output of over 7,000,000.

Sworn in as State Troops.

Col. James M. Cox, of Mobile, administered the oath of allegiance to the sixty-two members of the Eufaula Rifles the past week. The measures for their uniforms have been taken, and they will soon receive them. J. R. Barr was elected captain, and Hamiter Graves first lieutenant.

Praising Alabama Wheat.

The operators of the Boyd flouring mill in Huntsville, in an interview, state that Madison county wheat is superior to wheat raised in Tennessee and Kentucky, and equal to that of Indiana and other wheat-growing States. Previous to this year the farmers of the county have planted very little wheat, having doubts of its quality. However, this year the grain forms a great part of the farmers' product.

Dummy Line Sold.

The Birmingham Railway and Electric Company have bought the Powderly dummy line. The arrangements are complete, but there are a few minor details in regard to the transaction yet to be arranged. It is said that the Birmingham Railway and Electric Company will equip the road with electricity and make a loop over its present division and the Powderly line.

Lands for Settlement.

Uncle Sam's lands, the titles to which have recently been perfected in the Perdido decision, are being rapidly disposed of under the settlement laws at the land office. These lands were claimed by the Perdido Land Company, but in view of an adverse decision of the government recently, the lands became a part of the public domain, and are being disposed of to settlers. The lands are located in Baldwin and Monroe counties, and are worth something over two hundred thousand dollars.

Committee to Go to Washington.

It is probable that the special committee appointed by the Birmingham Commercial Club to look after the matter of endeavoring to secure the government armor plate plant for Birmingham will visit Washington in a few days for the purpose of appearing before the special naval Board that have the matter in hand and urging them to visit this city and investigate its claims. Congressman Underwood of this city, Congressman Gaines of Tennessee and Congressman Livingston of Georgia are expected to accompany the committee to Washington. The committee will meet Monday to take steps on the subject.

Big Deal in Coal Lands.

A big deal in coal lands has just been consummated. The parties were L. B. Musgrove and Maj. G. D. Fitzhugh and associates on one side, and wealthy New York parties on the other. The New Yorkers have bought fifteen thousand acres of coal lands in northwest Walker and Marion counties. Mr. Musgrove put in about eight thousand acres and Fitzhugh and associates the rest.

The purchasers will at once set to work to develop the lands by opening up large mines. Another town will spring up in the corner of Walker county and another field of development be opened.

Two Important Raids.

The revenue officers in Northern Alabama have made two important raids this week. At Rockway, in Limestone county, Deputy Collector Logwood and Deputy Marshal Charles Logwood captured and destroyed a 250-gallon copper still, together with all appurtenances, and 2,000 gallons of beer. The still was owned and operated by W. T. Harrison and James Robinson, who were arrested and carried to Huntsville.

Near Milan, in Jackson county, Deputy Marshals Skelton and Arnold captured and destroyed a moonshine establishment that has been running for several years past. It consisted of a fine copper still with a capacity of 120 gallons and a copper worm. This was owned by Walker Matthews, one of the wealthiest men in Paint Rock valley, who has made whisky for two years past in open defiance of the revenue men, who have never been able to locate his place of business.

Surveying the Warrior Canal.

United States Engineer Joseph Ripley, accompanied by Assistants Barnes and Swift, left Birmingham with a corps of men on the official survey of the proposed Warrior river canal. The surveyors will probably set stakes at a convenient point and work both ways. Mr. Ripley has spent the greater part of the past week on the route, with City Engineer Kendrick, and has his plans mapped out for the work. The route of the proposed canal is as follows: Beginning on Five Mile creek, about eight miles above Birmingham, it will pass through North Birmingham, thence to Bessemer and Valley Creek, continue along Valley Creek to Lock No. 3, on the Warrior river, thence to Tuskaloosa. From there the route extends along to the Tombigbee river, thence to Mobile along the Alabama and Mobile rivers. Valley creek will have to be locked, dammed and considerably deepened at points, and it is estimated that eight locks will have to be erected along the Warrior river between the mouth of Valley Creek and Tuskaloosa.

State Treasury Statement.

The fiscal year with the Alabama State Treasury concludes on September 30, but it is already evident that the receipts for this year will be between $50,000 and $60,000 in excess of those of last year, whereas the increase in the disbursements will reach probably $200,000.

This increase in disbursements is due to the expense of the last legislature, which cost the State $53,000; an additional interest of $70,000 on the bonded indebtedness of the State, by reason of the increase of the contract rate on the graduated bonds; an additional appropriation of $15,000 by the last legislature to the Girls' Industrial School at Montevallo; an increase in the appropriation to the Deaf, Dumb and Blind Institute at Talladega of $11,000, and an increase in payments from the school fund of $33,000 for public school purposes; the appropriation for codifying the laws, $12,000.

These several appropriations consumed $194,000 of the increase in disbursements and the balance represents the increase that is natural in the expense account of a growing State. Had it been possible to avoid these several extraordinary expenses, and had it not been for the Lott shortage, the treasury would have shown a profit this year of considerably over $60,000.

Briefly Noted.

A school building will be erected at Marshall.

Electric cars have superseded steam dummies on the Ensley line.

Montgomery's new cotton mill started last week with a full force of operatives.

The State Board of Health has closed Captain Amerine State quarantine manager.

Jesse Claxton, colored, shot and killed Richard Ford, colored, in Birmingham Friday night.

C. D. Summerlin was shot through the stomach by C. M. Barksdale at Brantley Wednesday, and will probably die.

Sixty skilled rolling mill men arrived in Birmingham Thursday from Pittsburg to accept positions in the rolling mills.

Temple Taylor, a negro woman, said to have reached the remarkable age of 115 years, died in Birmingham last week.

Wes Roane, colored, shot and killed Carrie Brown, colored, at Smythe's Mines, Jefferson county, Friday, the murder being the termination of a quarrel.

S. Carstenson, the man who fell into a vat of hot water at the Alabama Brewing Company's plant at Birmingham, died Saturday morning at 7 o'clock from his injuries.

Governor Johnston has appointed John Case, of Mobile, as tax collector of that county, to succeed Elisha B. Lott, who was recently removed from that office because of his heavy shortage.

In a drunken row Saturday afternoon Riley Fincher and Acker Hicks, cousins and farmers of the White Plains community, Calhoun county, Hicks fatally stabbed Fincher. Fincher died and Hicks is at large.

William Manning was shot and killed at Guntersville last Thursday by his son-in-law, John Rollins. Both were drinking at the time. They became enraged at one another, and engaged in a rough and tumble fight before the shooting.

The citizens of Jemison have appointed a committee of arrangements who are preparing for a big barbecue at the meeting of the State Alliance to be held September 22 and 23. Hon. M. W. Howard will be present, and deliver an address.

MISERY AND DEATH.

Gloomy Outlook for People Who Have Rushed to Alaska.

The steamer Cleveland has arrived from St. Michael's, bringing with her from the Yukon gold fields a story of distress and disaster.

The miners she has on board and officers in charge of the ship tell the story of the sufferings at Dawson. The winter has set in at the mining city of the frozen North and two great stores of the place have closed their doors, for they have nothing to sell. Those who have been seeking gold now must seek food or starve.

While there may be a tendency to exaggerate the actual condition of affairs, there can be no question that famine threatens the adventurous men and women who made their way to the Klondyke. Hundreds of unruly spirits are flocking to Dawson. Threats of violence are being made on every side. The first signs of winter are apparent on the River Yukon, which is beginning to freeze and in a few weeks will be closed. Enormous prices are now being paid for food at Dawson, and it is impossible that more than seven vessels with provisions can reach Dawson before the river is a mass of ice.

Drunkenness, gambling and disorder were rampant, and conservative observers predict the most serious consequences. There is gold everywhere, but the people of Dawson want food more than they want gold now.

Negress Lawyer.

Lottie Lyle, a 23-year-old negress, has pressed her claims for the privilege of practicing law in the courts of Tennessee. She was admitted to the bar without a question. She is the first representative of her sex of any color to be admitted to the bar of Tennessee. She is the only colored woman in the South licensed to practice law, and it is said she is the only colored woman in the United States who is a member of the bar.

The Old Howard to the Front.

The new department of Civil and Mining Engineering added to the course of Howard College, at East Lake, Ala., completes one of the most desirable courses of study offered by any college in the country. The college curriculum now includes all regular collegiate courses, a professional course in Philosophy and Pedagogy, and a professional course in Civil and Mining Engineering.

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The cessation of the menses usually occurs between the ages of forty and fifty. Great irregularity takes place in the periodic discharges for some time before the final cessation, the female usually experiencing sudden flashes of heat, fullness in the head, headache and other evidences of considerable disturbance. The nervous system sympathetically responds, and there is great irritability and melancholy, the patient is discouraged and has a sense of fullness or suffocation.

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GENERAL NEWS

Current Events of the Day Epitomized.

FATHER SHOOTS HIS SON.

Peace Has Not Declared Between Greece and Turkey—A Kaplat Meets Summary Death—Revolution Rife in the Nicaraguan Republic.

[illegible] was hanged at [illegible] Thursday for rape.

[illegible] crop will aggregate [illegible] for the present year.

[illegible] Kentucky and Tennessee colonies last Tuesday.

[illegible] a refugee from Mobile [illegible] of yellow fever.

[illegible] island hotel, near [illegible] has been destroyed by fire of a stroke of lightning.

[illegible] to in the Nicaraguan [illegible] government is using troops to suppress the revolution.

[illegible] business portion of [illegible] was destroyed by fire. The loss was about [illegible]

[illegible] ville, Fla., Wednesday [illegible] dropped to 40 degrees, previous records for Sept[illegible]

[illegible] upset by the name of [illegible] at Crawfordville, Fla., [illegible] found and thrown into [illegible]

[illegible] Good man lying at [illegible] drunk, fell into a [illegible] steam and was drowned in [illegible] of water.

[illegible] Ga., the Southern railroad [illegible] depot and the sash, door [illegible] factory of Butts & Cooper were [illegible] by fire. The loss aggregates [illegible]

[illegible] General of Police Velasco [illegible] City committed suicide [illegible] where he had been [illegible] killing Arroyo, the assassinator [illegible] Diaz.

[illegible] officially announced Monday [illegible] between Greece and Turkey [illegible] signed, and the ministers [illegible] and marine have so notified all [illegible] military and naval commanders.

[illegible] C. Stephens, of Baltimore, [illegible] years, shot and dangerously [illegible] Robert J., aged 23, over the latter's intended [illegible] which was to have taken [illegible] Sunday night.

[illegible] bankers of London have made a [illegible] against the policy of [illegible] of the Bank of England [illegible] its willingness to [illegible] $1 million in gold.

[illegible] has been made to Surgeon-General Wyman to order Dr. [illegible] Vessey immediately [illegible] suspicious fever now prevailing in Galveston, Houston, Dallas [illegible]

[illegible] Williams, colored, was waylaid near Blackshear, Ga., by parties as he was leaving [illegible] and was not seriously hurt. Suspicion rests upon Marshall Good[illegible] Morgan Bailey.

[illegible] Clark, a resident for the past [illegible] years of Linton, Fla., a [illegible] north east of Lake Worth, [illegible] himself in one of the fresh [illegible] on the edge of the Everglades [illegible] that place last week.

[illegible] organization of the Central [illegible] M. Egan, now vice [illegible] will be elected president. [illegible] another step in J. Pierpont [illegible] project to secure control of [illegible] way and steamship lines [illegible] United States.

[illegible] from Cuba reports that [illegible] filibustering expedition for [illegible] was captured, and that [illegible] on the vessel were slain [illegible] Spaniards. He adds that Ha[illegible] is suffering from a beef [illegible]

[illegible] bridge over the Tennessee river at [illegible]ska was badly damaged by fire Wednesday. The actual loss was [illegible] $35,000, with no insurance. The bridge was built in 1889.

[illegible] house of the John Gund Brewing Company at La Crosse, Wis., was destroyed by fire Thursday. The loss [illegible] $300,000, insurance covers about one half of the value.

[illegible] Wilson, president of the Washington and Lee University, received a check for $1,000 from H. [illegible] Whitney, of New York, to be applied to the fund for the erection of the Tucker Memorial Hall at the University of Virginia.

At Palos, province of Havana, the rebel leaders, Louis Bellano and Jose Pracher, have surrendered, together with a lieutenant and twenty other armed insurgents.

[illegible] B. Johnson shot and killed Carl [illegible]man at Columbus, Miss., Wednesday. The latter had been too assiduous in his attentions to a sister of Johnson's, and had been warned that his life would pay the forfeit unless he ceased. He disregarded the warning, and his death is the result.

A feud of long standing between James Reeves and Lawrence Austin, brothers-in-law, had a bloody termination near Roby, Chester county, Tenn. The two men met in the public road and Reeves shot Austin in the head with a double-barreled shotgun. Austin died, and Reeves escaped. Both are well-known planters.

Frank Short, a well known country merchant, a few miles south of Abingdon, Va., was killed in a runaway late Tuesday evening while on his way home from Abingdon in a cart. A peculiar feature which connects itself with his death is the fact that his lifeless body was picked up on the very spot where some three years ago his brother, Burt Short, shot and killed two men, Lee Simmons and Henderson Dinkens.

JUDGE KILGORE DEAD.

The Well-Known Ex-Congressman From Texas Passes Away.

Judge Kilgore, ex Congressman from Texas, died at Ardmore, I. T., Thursday.

As a member of Congress from Texas, Judge Kilgore was one of the best known men in public life. He was called "Buck" by his intimate friends, and attracted wide public attention in the Fifty-first Congress by kicking in a green baize door which had been locked by order of Speaker Reed during one of the filibustering scenes that made the first "quorum counting" Congress memorable. He supported President Cleveland ardently, and after he was retired from congress the President appointed him one of the judges of the Indian Territory.

Mr. Kilgore was born in Newnan, Ga., February 20, 1835. In 1846 he removed with his parents to Rusk county, Texas, where he received a common school education. He served in the Confederate army, first as private and by successive promotions reached the grade of adjutant general, serving as such in Ector's brigade, Army of the Tennessee. He was wounded at Chickamauga and in 1864 was confined as a prisoner in Fort Delaware. He was admitted to the bar after the war and in 1875 was a member of the Texas constitutional convention. He was a presidential elector in 1880 on the Hancock and English ticket and in 1884 was elected to the State Senate for four years and in the following year was chosen president of that body for two years. He was elected to the Fiftieth, Fifty-first and Fifty second Congresses as a Democrat.

BANISH A KING.

Drunami, of Benin, Sent to a Penal Settlement.

Lagos, West Coast of Africa.—Drunami, the king of Benin, who has been on trial at Benin City since August last, with a number of his leading chiefs, charged with being concerned with the massacre of the unarmed expedition under British Consul Phillips, has been condemned to be transported to Calabar, a slave settlement of British West Africa. Three of the king's chiefs were previously sentenced. Two of them were shot and their bodies displayed hanging in the streets for twenty four hours. The third of these chiefs escaped a similar fate by committing suicide.

FATAL MINE EXPLOSION.

Several Miners Were Killed and Others Entombed.

An explosion, terrible in its effects occurred in the Williamson Company's coal mine, three miles north of Marion, Ill. Fifteen wounded miners, two of whom have since died, have been rescued, one was found dead when the rescuing party went down the shaft. Several are severely crushed, and may die. They say there are five or six miners imprisoned in the burning mine, but they cannot be reached on account of smoke and fire. These men are no doubt killed. The explosion was caused by natural gas.

BIG SHIPMENT OF SPONGES.

W. P. K. Decker, the leading sponge dealer of Anclote, Fla., has shipped all the sponge he had ready to Philadelphia, in response to an urgent telegram. The value of the three hundred bales he sent there is estimated at $5000.

DON CARLOS ONCE MORE.

Says 100,000 Volunteers Are Ready to Back Him.

Don Carlos, the pretender, has written a letter denying emphatically that he has abandoned his claim to the throne of Spain. He declares after the sacrifice which has been made in his behalf he would be a coward to renounce his rights.

He says 100,000 volunteers are ready to take up arms in his cause.

He says Spain must abandon Cuba, and the loss of that island will emphasize the existing deep discontent. It is expected that the pretender will shortly issue a manifesto.

DAMAGE IS GREAT.

Later reports from Kentucky indicate that the damage done tobacco by the recent frosts was not in the least overestimated. There will not be half a crop, but prices will undoubtedly rule high. The loss is heaviest, and will be more keenly felt by the poor tenants and croppers, many of whom lost their entire crop by the frost. Farmers are very blue over their misfortune, but are making the best of it.

SURPRISED.

United States' Attitude Causes a Sensation in Madrid.

OVER-CONFIDENCE IN WEYLER

The General Impression at Madrid is That the Spanish Government Will Try to Drag Negotiations Along, Unless It Rejects Uncle Sam's Good Offices.

The attitude of the United States has caused a great sensation at Madrid because opinion has been lured on by the optimistic communications of the Spanish minister at Washington upon the character and duration of the correct attitude of the United States government, and that, too, despite several warnings from Mr. Olney and Mr. Cleveland's message.

The official bulletins of Captain General Weyler have also received too much confidence, when the United States every month was receiving from its consuls and special envoys totally different news.

The general impression at San Sebastian and Madrid is that the Spanish government will try to drag negotiations along, unless it rejects purely and simply the good offices of the United States, on the ground of public opinion and on the further ground that the opposition would not permit it to tolerate foreign intervention, even though amicable.

The government organs roundly deny that Minister Woodford has mentioned an ultimatum, but the public mind is not altogether relieved thereby. The policy of the government in denying and suppressing news and directly denying the truth of almost everything in any way unpalatable must always tend to increase public uneasiness.

The use of the word ultimatum is exaggerated. General Woodford doubtless expressed himself energetically, but between this and fixing a period of six weeks to end a widespread insurrection under pain of taking up the cause of the insurgents against a friendly power, there is a very wide distinction, and more especially so in the present political situation, when a change of government more or less radical cannot be distant.

YELLOW FEVER SITUATION.

Grows More Alarming at Infected Points as the Days Go By.

New Orleans.—Eminent physicians believe that the work of the Board of Health is productive of good results, and that the fever is not spreading, but on the contrary, is being confined to localities. Up to Friday there have been a few less than 100 cases and fifteen deaths. The death rate is in the neighborhood of 15 per cent. It was in 1878 16 per cent, so that up to the present time the disease is about as virulent as it was in the last great epidemic that visited New Orleans.

Mobile.—Up to and including Friday there have been forty-one cases, six deaths, nineteen discharged and sixteen under treatment. With one or two exceptions, the sick are doing well. The board have still the satisfaction of reporting very slow progress of the fever toward an epidemic visitation. Much active work of a sanitary nature is being done by the city authorities, and new methods of quarantine and disinfection are about to be put in practice under the advice of the board.

At Edwards, Miss., the situation is still growing worse. There have been 133 cases reported up to Friday, with only four deaths; 44 are convalescent and 85 under treatment.

At Biloxi the spread of the fever is not so rapid, though there are new cases reported daily. There have been fifty-eight cases to date.

The situation in other infected towns along the coast remains unchanged, with a small number of cases developing daily.

The second case of yellow fever to develop in Louisville, Ky., was announced by Health Officer White last Thursday. The first case was that of Frank DeRumsey, who died in an infirmary in that city on August 16.

ALASKA APPOINTMENTS.

Three Men Are Now Inspectors—Assistant Surgeon at Mobile.

The secretary of the treasury has appointed Thomas S. Luke, T. A. Marquam, Emanuel Herrmann and Charles I. Roth as customs inspectors at Sitka, Alaska, at $5 per day. These appointments were made necessary by the exodus to the Klondyke region. The secretary also has appointed Ira W. Porter as assistant surgeon of the Marine Hospital service at Mobile, Ala., to assist in the care of yellow fever.

APPLIED THE TORCH.

A Mob Fires a Proposed Yellow Fever Hospital.

The Beauregard school building, which it was proposed to use as a fever hospital, and which a mob threatened to burn down, was destroyed by fire Thursday night, although it was guarded by police. It was formerly a fine residence, occupying a square of ground out on Canal street near the cemeteries.

THE CUBAN LEAGUE.

President Allen Sees Freedom for the Cuban Patriots.

President Ethan Allen, of the Cuban League of the United States, on Thursday issued the following address to the membership of the League:

A year of patriotic work is about to end in grandest results. Last spring nearly every governor of this republic, at our request, backed by the legislature of his State, spoke for Cuban independence. Many hundreds of thousands of citizens, responding to the appeal of this League, have made it manifest that public opinion is on the side of the Cuban insurgents and hostile to their oppressors. Now the hour of emancipation for Cuba is at hand. The commanding voice of the nation has at last reached the executive. Though the delay has been much too long, still the retribution at hand will excuse past delinquencies. Our minister in Spain, with a patriotic president behind him, will do that which shall end the murder, plunder and medieval tyranny in Cuba, allowing its entry into sovereign states. The nation is ready with guns, if necessary. Every member of this League should be alert to uphold the president in such policy. Let all, when the moment comes, say to him: "All divisions end at the water's edge."

WHAT WAR COSTS SPAIN.

Statement of Number of Men and Munitions of War Furnished.

An official statement has been issued showing the number of men and the quantities of the munitions of war sent to Cuba and the Philippine islands during the insurrections now in progress in those quarters.

Between November, 1895, and May, 1897, the Spanish government sent to Cuba 181,738 soldiers, 6,261 officers, of whom forty were generals, 212,542 guns, 320,406 kilograms of powder, 92,088,670 cartridges, 160,712 swords, 91 cannons, 12 mitrailleuses and 29,500 shells.

Since the outbreak of the present revolution in the Philippines the government has sent 27,706 soldiers, 881 officers, of whom nine were generals, 43,100 guns, 24 cannons, 24,910 kilograms of powder, 21,726,585 cartridges and 30,604 shells.

ELECTION IN CUBA.

Bartolome Masso Vice President of the Republic.

According to advices from Puerto Principe, Senor Bartolome Masso has been elected vice president of the Cuban republic, Gen. Maximo Gomez has been appointed minister of war and Calixto Garcia major general, General Gomez remaining commander-in-chief of the Army of Liberation.

Word comes from Santa Clara that General Gomez has ordered a new invasion of Western Cuba, with a view of profiting by the rainy season.

It may be safely estimated that more than 150,000 native Cubans have disappeared from various causes. In certain towns entire families have been wiped out. Sickness continues at a high rate among the troops, probably about 37,000 soldiers being on the sick list, most of them victims of fever.

TERRIBLE CYCLONE.

A cyclone swept over Sava, Oria and Latiano, all in the province of Lecce, in Italy, Wednesday evening. Forty persons were killed, seventy people were wounded and twenty houses were destroyed and telegraphic communication with the scene of the disaster was cut off.

At Oriakora the railway depot was demolished, and all the railway men engaged there were killed. Two chateaux and thirty houses were destroyed in a neighboring village, where [illegible] were killed and 24 injured. At Mesagne, a province of Lecce, fifteen were killed and five injured. A great tract of country has been devastated by the hurricane.

GOLD COMING.

La Touraine, of the French steamship line, which sails from Havre on Saturday next, will bring to New York port $1,000,000 in gold consigned to the Hanover National Bank of New York.

WOMEN TURN GOLD HUNTERS.

Six Oakland women have returned from a search for gold mines in the mountains of Shasta county, California. For two weeks they tramped in bloomers over hills, through canons, fording creeks and braving all the hardships incidental to a prospector's life. They are back with a record of seven placer and quartz mines located.

They left Oakland, each one fully equipped with a miner's outfit. They returned with hundreds of pounds of ore samples and gold they had panned from placer claims.

AN ENTIRE SQUARE BURNED.

An entire square in the village of Bainbridge, O., containing most of the business houses, several handsome residences and the Methodist church, was entirely destroyed by fire last Thursday afternoon, and two prominent business men lost their lives in an explosion that occurred in a drug store. The bodies of T. H. Higgins and W. P. Beardsley were burned to death. The loss is estimated to be $50,000.

TRADE CHECKED.

The Demand for Staples is Noticeably Decreasing.

SHARP ADVANCE IN IRON.

The Yellow Fever Quarantine, Which Extends from Texas to Georgia, has Brought Wholesale Trade to a Standstill in the Gulf States.

Bradstreet's review of trade for the past week says:

There is a check to the sweeping demand in staples noticeable throughout the country for the past six weeks. The yellow fever quarantine, which extends from Texas to Georgia, has brought wholesale business to a practical standstill throughout the greater portion of the region embraced by the Gulf States. At centers of distribution in Eastern, Middle and Central Western States the recent activity in dry goods, hats and hardware has fallen off, but at the Northwest and on the Pacific coast buying by interior merchants and the free distribution of merchandise continue to be features. Demand for heavy textile fabrics has been stimulated by colder weather, and St. Louis merchants say the yellow fever scare will have no effect upon trade at that city, as Southern merchants had supplied themselves there before the quarantine was enforced. The outlook for business in parts of Texas, Arkansas, Tennessee and Georgia is for a much duller season than had been expected.

Favorable features of the week are found in sharp advances in prices for iron and steel, heavy sales of Bessemer pig iron, steel billets and rails and a prospect that iron and steel prices will go higher in the near future. Wool is also higher and woolen goods for 1898 delivery are up 10 to 15 per cent, with the outlook favoring a further advance. The increased volume of general trade is also stimulated by the continued heavy movement of cereals to tide water, the almost unprecedently large quantities exported each week and the increased number of people finding employment in industrial and commercial lines as compared with a year ago, together with the tendency of gold to come here from abroad.

Exports of wheat (flour included as wheat) from both coasts of the United States and from Montreal this week amount to 9,623,493 bushels, compared with 6,269,948 bushels last week, 3,930,000 bushels in the week a year ago, 3,151,000 bushels two years ago, 2,562,000 bushels three years ago, and as compared with 3,490,000 bushels in the corresponding week of 1893.

Exports of Indian corn aggregated 4,027,142 in the week one year ago, 1,360,000 bushels two years ago, 1,040,000 bushels three years ago and as contrasted with 813,000 bushels in the like week of 1893.

There are 237 business failures reported throughout the United States this week, compared with 280 last week, 321 in the third week in September, 1896, 198 in 1895, 204 in the like week in 1894, and as contrasted with 232 in the corresponding period in 1893.

There are 35 business failures reported throughout the Canadian Dominion this week, against 36 last week, 34 in the week a year ago and 35 in the corresponding week of 1895.

UNION WITH UNCLE SAM.

The Hawaiian Senate Ratifies the American Treaty.

The Hawaiian Senate, in session on September 8, adopted the following resolution by unanimous vote:

"Be it resolved by the Senate of the Republic of Hawaii, That the Senate hereby ratifies and advises and consents to the ratification by the President of the treaty between the Republic of Hawaii and the United States of America on the subject of the annexation of the Hawaiian Islands to the United States of America, concluded in Washington, June 16, 1897, which treaty is word for word as follows:"

The text of the treaty then follows.

DEATH IN A WRECK.

John D. Young met his death in a head-end collision on the Georgia and Alabama road Tuesday morning. The colored fireman, whose name has not been ascertained, was also killed. Conductor R. G. Boyd was dangerously wounded, and may also die. The occasion was the attempt of an extra freight, laden with cotton, to make one more station before the westbound local freight train was due.

Owing to the heavy freight, it failed to make the time, and at 4:20 a. m. came in collision. The two engines were a total wreck, together with twelve box cars.

THREE KILLED, TEN INJURED.

Terrible Result of the Explosion of a Saw Mill Boiler.

The saw mill boiler of E. G. Dox, three miles from Livermore, Ky., blew up Thursday morning. Three men were killed and ten injured. Cold water run into the boiler caused the accident. John Goodwin and Henry Sales are the names of two of the men killed, but the other names could not be learned.

NEARING COMPLETION.

The M. & O. Railroad Extension Will Take on Finishing Touches.

A big lot of contracts will be let in the city of Tuskaloosa on Thursday, October 7, by the Hanover Construction Company. Following is an outline of contracts to be let:

At Tuskaloosa one passenger depot building, one freight depot building, one sand house, one oil house, one coal bin, one engine house.

At Montgomery one freight depot, one engine house, one sand house, one oil house.

There is also to be built one shop building, which is scheduled for Montgomery, but may be transferred to Tuskaloosa.

There will also be let the contract for sixteen depot buildings at way stations, also contracts for twenty sets of section houses with tool houses for each and the placing of nine water tanks, consisting of tanks with pumping engines and boilers, etc.

This means that the Mobile & Ohio railroad is nearing the point, when trains will be operating between Montgomery and Columbus, Miss., via Tuskaloosa. The grading has been going on for months and track laying has been completed over a large portion of the extension. Trains will probably be operating early next year, if not in December. The management of the work can be well understood when it is known that $4,000,000 of bonds were floated by the Mobile & Ohio for that purpose.

LATEST FEVER REPORTS.

Following shows the yellow fever situation at infected points up to Monday night:

At Edwards 11 new cases; total cases to date, 168; deaths, 6.

Mobile reports 3 new cases for Monday and 2 deaths. Total cases to date, 54; total deaths, 8.

At New Orleans there were 22 cases Saturday, 17 Sunday and 22 Monday, with 5 deaths for the three days. Total cases, 158; deaths, 19.

Private advices say that the situation in New Orleans is considerably worse than the dispatches sent out would indicate. They are face to face with an epidemic, and it gets worse and worse every day.

One new case is reported at Ocean Springs.

At Biloxi 10 new cases are reported and 1 death. Total cases to date 97, total deaths, 4.

A case has developed at California, La.

SAVED THE WOMAN.

At Bertig, a little station on the Paragould Southeastern railroad, nine miles east of Paragould, Ark., W. R. Worthy shot and instantly killed A. C. Hopkins, a prominent citizen of that place. Hopkins and his wife recently separated. Hopkins returned and assaulted his wife with a knife. Worthy interfered to save the woman's life, and drawing a pistol shot Hopkins as he was about to plunge the knife into his wife's body.

SHOT WITH A WINCHESTER.

Joe Hughes shot and instantly killed Will Henderson Monday near Morris, Ala. Hughes took a Winchester rifle and went to Henderson's farm, several miles east of Morris station. Henderson was picking cotton in his field when Hughes came upon him. The slayer fired one shot at his enemy from the rifle. Henderson sank to the ground and died in a short time. The ball struck him in the left side, passing through his abdomen and came out on the rear right side. Both parties were white and well known at Morris. Hughes is still at large.

FELL FIFTY FEET.

Walter Cox, an old and respected resident of Pickensville, Ala., went to Vienna, Ala., last Friday night to transact some business. While there he met some friends. They had a few drinks together. Cox left his friends early in the night, however, and went to the country tavern and retired. At a late hour he awoke and arose from the bed, and, being very thirsty, went in search of a drink of water. Instead of going into the hall as he intended doing, he stepped out of the window and fell fifty feet to the ground. One side of his body was crushed into a pulp. He died within fifteen minutes after the fall.

RECOVERING THE BODIES.

Three bodies have been taken from Slope No. 2 at Belle Ellen, Ala., which caught fire last week. The bodies were those of Hubbard Foley and Herman Kramer, white, and Henry Reeves, colored. It was thought two or three other bodies would be taken out later. The fire is not out, but it is believed that it is under control.

SPANISH VICTORY REPORTED.

The declaration is made and is being generally circulated that the Spanish troops in Cuba have recaptured Victoria de las Tunas, which was taken by the insurgents under Calixto Garcia and Jesus Rabi on September 5.

WEYLER WANTS MORE HELP.

Captain-General Weyler has cabled a request to the government to send 115 additional administrative officials to Cuba.

HANGED.

A Negro Rape Fiend Meets Death at the Hands of a Mob

IN THE BROAD DAYLIGHT.

The Citizens of Pawsville, Ky., Rise Up and Deal Summary Punishment to the Perpetrator of a Heinous Crime—The Mob Did Its Work on Sunday.

At Hawesville, Ky., in the broad opening glare of a Sunday sun, in the midst of a protracted revival, not a mask to be seen, and in the presence of 800 infuriated people, Raymond Bushred, at 5 o'clock last Sunday was made to pay the penalty of an assault on the person of 14-year-old Maggie Roberts. He was swung from a limb in the court house yard.

The story of the crime is as follows: Three miles below town, near Petri Station, he encountered Maggie Roberts, daughter of Ben Roberts, a prominent farmer. He ran her down, assaulted her, and accomplished his sensual purpose.

In addition to this, he beat and bruised her with an iron coupling pin and left her to die.

The news of the outrage spread and searching parties were sent in every direction, and he was captured in hiding at Falcon, a mining town four miles below the scene of the crime.

EMBARGO MODIFIED.

The State Board of Health Takes Action on Freight Traffic.

The embargo on passenger travel from Atlanta and the restrictions on freight traffic from all yellow fever infected points has been greatly modified by the State Committee of Health's suggestions, approved by the Governor. The Committee of Health, at their meeting in Montgomery Saturday afternoon, presented to the Governor the following recommendations:

Passengers from points beyond Atlanta will be permitted to come into this state, if, upon arrival at Atlanta, between sunrise and sunset, they are required to remain in the car, or are immediately transferred to another car, and not permitted to remain in the station more than fifteen minutes, nor outside the car; but no passenger car from Atlanta will be permitted to enter the state.

We make the following recommendations as to freights:

The following goods may be shipped from infected places in cars that have been thoroughly disinfected, under supervision of the officials of the Marine Hospital Service, at these places, and certified by said officials:

Class 1. New machinery, brick, bar and sheet iron, tin, steel, agricultural implements, iron ties, wagons, hardware without packing, lime and cement.

Class 2. All goods in original wooden or metal packages, not packed or broken in infected cities, shall be disinfected without breaking package.

Class 3. Goods packed in textile material, and kept perfectly dry, shall be disinfected without breaking package.

All meats, whether packed or unpacked, except in tin, are excluded.

WILL USE SOUTHERN COAL.

Big Mississippi Packet Company Contracts for Alabama Fuel.

The West Alabama Coal association, composed of the leading coal mining companies in Walker county, Alabama, has begun to encroach upon the business of the Pittsburg operators on the Mississippi river. Within the past few days this association has closed a contract with the Memphis, New Orleans & Cincinnati Packet company to supply the company with all the coal it uses between November of this year and January 1899, amounting to about 20,000 tons per year. It is reliably stated that the same association will very soon close similar contracts with the Anchor line of steamers on the Mississippi and the St. Louis and Mississippi River Transportation company. The aggregate of these contracts will be in the neighborhood of 100,000 tons a year. These companies have heretofore secured their coal in the North. The Alabama coal will be delivered to them at Greenville, Miss.

TIRED OF LIFE.

The dead body of Charles J. Floyd was found in the edge of a branch near his house, about twelve miles from Elba, Ala. Floyd was a man of family and some means, and was for a long time prior to his death in ill-health; He had often times said to his friends and family that he intended killing himself. He left his house a few nights ago, and his whereabouts remained a mystery until a searching party discovered his remains in the mud and water, and it appeared that he had been dead for a day or more. From the statements of the dead man while in life it seems that there is no doubt that he committed suicide.

TEN YEARS IN THE PEN.

Thomas N. Lowe, one of the parties who robbed the Southern Express Company's train near Calera, Ala., and who was recently captured in Indiana, was sentenced at Columbiana Monday to ten years in the penitentiary.

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Unawed by influence, and unbribed by gain.
Here patriot truth her glorious precepts draw,
Pledged to religion, liberty and law."

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Clanton, Ala.

NOTICE TO CLANTON TAX-PAYERS.

The assessment of Clanton Town Taxes for 1897 has been made and is now ready for inspection in the hands of the Town Clerk.

On Friday evening, October, 8, the Town Council will meet in the Court House for the purpose of hearing any objections that may be made to said assessment and passing upon the same.

W. L. SAMPEY, Mayor.

You need your county paper, and Ten Dollars will come in handy for new years. So subscribe for THE BANNER and make your guess.

ALABAMA Day at the Tennessee Centennial Exposition has been changed from September 29th to October 22nd. Nashville has now no quarantine in force against any section.

YELLOW fever continues to spread in New Orleans, and is also reported in Houston, Texas. Mobile is making a gallant fight against the plague, and so far as Alabama is concerned the fever is confined to that city. Nothing would be more welcome to the fever-stricken towns than a visit from Jack Frost.

A CHANGE of government in Spain possibly means the end of the Cuban trouble. The new premier, Senor Sagasta, is believed to favor superceding Gen. Weyler and granting autonomy to Cuba. As President McKinley is also bestirring himself there is good reason to hope the Cubans are approaching the goal of their patriotic desires—freedom.

THE public school teachers who expect to draw their pay on Oct. 1 will be disappointed. On account of a lack of available cash the pay day has been postponed until Nov. 1. For years past the teachers have been forced to wait for their fall quarter salaries. Last year they were not paid until the middle of December. They will all be paid, however, within the month of October, the Governor states, and the payments for the succeeding quarters of the fiscal year will be met promptly.

WITHOUT any wish to precipitate a discussion on next year's campaign we think it advisable to say to any and all prospective candidates that it will be essential for every aspirant to definitely state his position, both as to his standing in the party and his intentions for the future. A growing sentiment in favor of every candidate pledging himself absolutely to whatever cause he purposes to follow, is steadily making itself felt, and no half-hearted declarations or prevarications will be tolerated by the people. "He who is not for us is against us" about sizes up the position of candidates in next year's campaign.

A READING of the brief of the contestant in the Aldrich vs. Plowman case is highly interesting and impresses the reader with the certainty of Mr. Aldrich taking the seat in Congress to which he was elected. That result is alright and proper in its way, but this constituency has been deprived of the services of its representative in congress and the country put to the expense of paying a salary to a man who had no right to the seat he unlawfully occupied. It would seem to the ordinary mind that the first thing congress should do would be to ascertain who are its duly elected members, and not wait the greater part of a session before "turning the rascals out."

$10 and THE BANNER one year for One Dollar.

COTTON AND WHEAT.

The cotton situation is hardly less remarkable than the wheat situation in the earlier months of 1897. July 1, this year, the world's available supplies of wheat were the smallest in eight year; the world's available supplies of cotton, September 1, were the smallest since 1890. The visible supply of wheat on July 1, here and abroad was 30 per cent. below the aggregate twelve months before; today's visible home and foreign stock of cotton is less by 23 per cent. than in September, 1896. As in wheat, so in cotton. It is the American supply in storehouse which has been most heavily reduced. At the opening of July, wheat in sight in the United States was only 17,583,000 bushels, against 47,198,000 in July, 1896; cotton left over in this country at the end of August is only 77,105 bales, against 242,678 a year before. This is a rather curious analogy. It does not prove that cotton will rise as violently as wheat has risen; the two markets differ radically in that foreign consumers must have wheat and must, on occurance of a foreign shortage, have it immediately, to avert the possibility of a famine. Foreign demand for cotton on the other hand, can often wait; it sometimes happens that when supplies of raw cotton are deficient, the stock of unsold manufactured goods is ample. Our own conntry shows the truth of this supposition; which, perhaps, sufficiently explains the fact that spot cotton sells to-day in the face of a short supply, one cent a pound under a year ago. Nevertheless, the situation is extremely interesting; not less so because of the lateness of this season's cotton crop, and the existing doubt over its prospects.

POSTAL SAVINGS BANKS.

In establishing postal savings banks a nation carries its people forward a step in civilization, inasmuch as it is giving to them an additional security against misfortune. A person who puts his savings into the postoffice bank will know that when hardship and want overtake him, whether because of misfortune or declining years, his money will be forthcoming. The fact that there is such a safe place of deposit provided will induce many to make provision against future want who otherwise would permit themselves to become charges upon society when misfortune overtakes them or when old age finds them unprepared to earn a support by their labor. To the persons for whom the postal savings bank is intended the rate of interest paid on deposits is of minor importance. What such persons want above everything else is absolute security against loss. They want to eliminate from life the danger that in their declining years they may find themselves without the means of sustaining existence. Congress should establish a system of postal savings banks for the people of the United States without further unnecessary delay—Chicago Record.

A WOMAN'S LETTER

Concerning Dr. Hartman's Free Treatment for Women.

I received your book on Gynæcology and commenced the use of your medicine at once. I took five bottles of Pe-ru-na and two of Ma-na-lin. I feel like a new woman. When I commenced taking Pe-ru-na I could hardly walk across my room; now I am doing my own work, can walk a mile and a half to church. I shall never cease to thank you for prescribing for me. I had been under the treatment of two doctors, but never received any benefit until I commenced taking your medicine. I am now well and doing my own work. I wish every woman who was suffering as I was would send for one of your books on Gynæcology. It is a God-send to suffering women. May God bless you and spare you many years to relieve women who are suffering as I was. I am anxious for every woman who is suffering as I was to know what your medicine did for me.

MRS. H. D. AMOSS,
Greenesboro, Ga.

A free book, written expressly for women by Dr. Hartman, will be sent to any address by The Pe-ru-na Drug Manufacturing Co., Columbus, Ohio.

The recent decision of Judge Foster, of the Federal Court, declaring the Kansas Live Stock Exchange, a trust, is a great surprise to the public, who had been led to believe that such concerns were not amenable to law. The decision will have a blighting affect on Boards of Trades and similar combinations, unless reversed.

The Chairman of the Kansas Populist State committee has requested each Populist State official to contribute an article on some live political question, for publication in the reform Press of the State, during the present campaign.

The Populists of Massachusetts held a State convention at Boston, September 19, with over sixty delegates in attendance. The convention re affirmed the St. Louis platform and condemed government by injunction.

Mr. B. H. Chesnutt this week removed his family to Birmingham.

Political Points.

People's Press Bureau, St. Louis, Mo., Sept. 29, 1897.

The municipal campaign in Greater New York which is of surprising significance to the entire nation, presents an unusual spectacle. Two Republican and two Democratic candidates are in the field. All efforts to fight it out along the lines of the last campaign failed. Henry George is proposed as the silver candidate.

The Silver Republicans in Kansas have issued an address to the members of the party in that State which shows that they are not calculating on returning to the G. O. P. but are going to hold their organization and act in union with the other reform parties.

The Kansas farmers are being confronted by a hitherto forgotten clause in their mortgages which forbids the payment of said debt till a fixed time, or the borrowing of money from other sources to secure release.

Senators Dubois, Cannon and Pettigrew have arrived safely in Japan and secured the promise of a speedy interview with the emperor and his minister of finance in regard to silver.

The message sent to President Diaz, of Mexico, to the recently assembled congress shows that country to be in a most prosperous condition. Money seeking investment has never flowed so freely into that region as during the last year.

Charles W. Bryan, brother of W. J. Bryan, has been appointed to a position on the staff of Gov. Holcomb, of Nebraska.

One million of silver dollars were turned out by the United States Mint during this month. The secretary of the Treasury admits that they are badly needed in the west and south.

A street railway strike is eminent in Cleveland, Ohio, and since such an event would militate against the interest of the Hanna campaign the Republican papers are denouncing it as a populist scheme.

Wharton Barker, of Philadelphia, is spoken of by many Populist papers, as the man to unify the voters who will in the next campaign demand something more than the silver question.

Glass, zinc and malt are the latest trusts to be formed.

Eugene V. Debs has expressed himself as opposed to the incendiary utterance of many of his followers.

The Dingley Bill has been in froce two months and still we have a deficit of $28,000,000.

Broker shops and banking establishments on Wall street are reported as working a double force of clerks, so great is the volume of business that the recently awakened mania for speculation has brought about.

On "Simpson Day" at the fair at Sedalia, Mo., the Kansas Congressman predicted that within six months this country would see the greatest panic ever yet experienced.

The price of silver bullion is on the rise, owing to English purchases and the rumor in London that coinage will soon be reasumed in India.

Banker Henry Crews announces great activity in Wall street. Prosperity for that gamblers' roost usually means poverty and destitution elsewhere.

Ex-Lieutenant Governor Percy Daniels, of Kansas, proposes a scheme to tap the Missouri river in Montana and run its waters into a canal, to empty into the Red river of Texas, as a means of irrigation and to prevent overflows. The cost is estimated at $350,000,000.

The official records in the Coroners office, of Cook county, Illinois, shows 257 suicides in the city of Chicago during the past eight months. The piercing times caused by the greed of the gold power has had much to do with this appalling record.

The great coal strike has ended practically in a "draw" and most of the men have returned to work with a slight increase in wages. The great lesson in the strike is that ballots are more potent than bullets in righting the wrongs of labor.

A. R.

Nourish Him.

That's the whole secret in a word. We can cure no disease unless we can keep up the patient's strength. And there's only one way to do that—feed him. But if the system refuses food? Then use SCOTT'S EMULSION of Cod-liver Oil with Hypophosphites. It goes STRAIGHT TO THE BLOOD, stops the wasting, rekindles the vital fire, makes new flesh and so renders a hopeful fight possible against ANY disease.

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[We are willing to publish our subscribers views at any time, but it must be distinctly understood we do not hold ourselves responsible for these opinions.—EDITOR.]

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Rockymount.

The Annual camp meeting will embrace the third Sunday in October, beginning Friday night before. All Christian workers are invited to come. Among many ministers expected to attend are Revs. J. A. Webb, G. W. Hullett and C. C. Burson.

ONE OF THE BOYS.

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Unity Baptist Association.

The Unity Baptist Association will meet with Beth Salem church church on Tuesday, Oct. 5, 1897, at 10 o'clock a.m.

W. J. RUDDICK, Clerk.

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SUNDAY SCHOOL CONVENTION

Will meet with Collins Chapel church on the fifth Sunday and Saturday before in October, 1897.

Program:

Saturday—9 a.m. Devotional service conducted by Rev. J. E. Champion. Welcome address by J. D. Collins.

9:30. Organization.

1st. Subject. What kind of literature should be used in our Baptist Sunday-schools? Opened by Rev. L B. Pounds, followed by Z. J. Jones.

2. Should those who are not members of the church teach in our Sunday schools? Discussed by Rev. F. M. Woods, G. W Truman and others.

Sunday—9 a.m. Sunday-school mass-meeting, conducted by G. W. Gothard.

11. Preaching by Rev. Sutton Smitherman.

Committee: S. M. Adams, J. P. Gentry and A. Mims.

JOHN T. MARTIN, Sec.

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Timely Warning.

Have you tried "Electric Bitters," for Malaria or Chills and Fever? If taken in time Yellow Fever may be averted. Try it at once and you may save a fatal sickness. For sale at all drug stores.

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Preachers' Institute

Will convene with Collins Chapel church on Friday before the fifth Sunday in October, 1897.

Program:

9 a.m. Devotional exercises conducted by Rev. J. E. Champion.

10. Organization.

11. Preaching, by Rev. F. M. Woods.

Subjects for discussion—1. What is the evidence of a call to the work of a gospel ministry? Opened by G. W. Truman.

2. Who should partake of the Lord's Supper? Discussed by A. L. Foshee and others.

Committee: S. M. Adams, Sutton Smitherman and F. M. Woods.

JOHN T. MARTIN, Sec.

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Teachers' Institute.

Montevallo, Ala., Sept. 28, 1897

The final Institute for the teachers of Chilton county for the scholastic year ending Sept. 30, 1897, was held at Concord, Supt. J. W Moore presided. Twelve teachers registered during the two days. Very few teachers who had been given a place on the program attended. The teachers present discussed all of the subjects as published. Miss Kate Garner's essay, "Alabama in Literature," was very interesting, it showed time and thought in its preparation. Mr. J. F. M. Thomas discussed several subjects. His discussions were suggestive to young teachers and profitable to all.

J. ALEX MOORE, Sec.

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"My boy came home from school one day with his hand badly lacerated and bleeding, and suffering pain," says Mr. E. J. Schall, with Meyer Bros.' Drug Co., St. Louis Mo. "I dressed the wound, and applied Chamberlain's Pain Balm freely. All pain ceased and in a remarkable short time it healed without leaving a scar. For wounds, sprains, swellings, and rheumatism, I know of no medicine or prescription equal to it. I consider it a household necessity." The 25 and 50 cent size for sale by Dr. J. S. Johnson, Jr.

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Mulberry Missionary Baptist As'sn.

The annual session of this Association will be held with Antioch church five miles west of Randolph, in Bibb county, on Wednesday, Oct. 6, 1897

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Electric Bitters is a medicine suited for any season, but perhaps more generally needed, when the languid exhausted feeling prevails, when the liver is torpid and sluggish and the need of a tonic and alterative is felt. A prompt use of this medicine has often averted long and perhaps fatal bilious fevers. No medicine will act more surely in counteracting and freeing the system from the malarial poison. Headache, Indigestion, Constipation, Dizziness yield to Electric Bitters. 50c and $100 per bottle

TAX NOTICE.

ASSESSOR'S & COLLECTOR'S FIRST ROUND.

We will attend at the following times and places for the purpose of assessing the State and County Taxes of Chilton County for the year 1898, and collecting the taxes for 1897:

		1897
Kincheon	October	1
Albert Headley's Store	"	2
Benson	"	4
Maplesville	"	5
Dixie	"	6
Valley Creek	"	7
Shoults	"	8
Maplesville until 12 m.	"	9
Macedonia Church	"	11
Hayes Mill	"	12
Providence Church, (Beat 2)	"	13
Elijah Busby's	"	14
Jemison	"	15
Strasburg	"	16
Clanton	"	18
Cane Creek Church	"	19
Mineral Springs	"	20
Jesse Maddox's Mill	"	21
Goer's School-House	"	22
Coopers	"	25
Verbena	"	26
Mountain Creek	"	27
Burwells	"	28
Calloway's Mill	"	29

A. C. MIMS, Tax Assessor.
T. J. HUBBARD, Tax Collector.

RESOURCE, Screven Co., Ga.—I have been subject to attacks of bilious colic for several years. Chamberlains Colic, Cholera and Diarrhoea Remedy is the only sure relief. It acts like a charm. One dose of it gives relief when all other medicines fail.—G. D. Sharp. For sale by Dr. J. S. Johnson, Jr.

ASSESSOR'S & COLLECTOR'S SECOND ROUND.

We will attend at the following times and places for the purpose of assessing the State and County taxes of Chilton county for the year 1898 and collecting the taxes for the year 1897:

		1897
Kincheon	November	8
Pletcher's Mill 8 to 11 a.m.	"	9
Clanton Ford 12 to 4 p.m.	"	9
Stanton	"	10
Dixie	"	11
Shoults	"	12
Maplesville	"	13
Benson	"	15
Macedonia	"	16
Providence (Beat 2)	"	17
Smith's School House	"	18
Mineral Springs	"	19
Strasburg	"	20
James Maddox's Mill	"	22
Providence (Beat 5)	"	23
Calloway's Mill	"	24
Burwell	"	25
Coopers	"	26
Davis & Rollins' Gin	"	27
Jemison	Dec'r	1 & 2
Verbena	"	3 & 4
Clanton	"	6 & 7

A. C. MIMS, Tax Assessor.
T. J. HUBBARD, Tax Collector.

I will also attend at Clanton from January 1 to January 31, 1898.

A. C. MIMS, Tax Assessor.

I will also attend at Clanton from December 21 to Dec. 31, 1897.

T. J. HUBBARD, Tax Collector.

HOW TO FIND OUT.

Fill a bottle or common glass with urine and let it stand twenty-four hours; a sediment or settling indicates an unhealthy condition of the kidneys. When urine stains linen it is positive evidence of kidney trouble Too frequent desire to urinate or pain in the back, is also convincing proof that the kidneys and bladder are out of order.

WHAT TO DO.

There is comfort in the knowledge so often expressed, that Dr. Kilmer's Swamp-Root, the great kidney remedy fulfills every wish in relieving pain in the back, kidneys, liver, bladder and every part of the urinary passages. It corrects inability to hold urine and scalding pain in passing it, or bad effects following use of liquor, wine or beer, and overcomes that unpleasant necessity of being compelled to get up many times during the night to urinate. The mild and the extraordinary effect of Swamp-Root is soon realized. It stands the highest for its wonderful cures of the most distressing cases. If you need a medicine you should have the best. Sold by druggists, price fifty cents and one dollar. You may have a sample bottle and pamphlet both sent free by mail Mention THE BANNER and send your address to Dr. Kilmer & Co., Binghamton, N.Y. The proprietor of this paper guarantees the genuineness of this offer.

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TEN SILVER DOLLARS OR A $10 GOLD PIECE

we will give to the subscriber to THE BANNER who guesses nearest to the number of bales of cotton marketed at Clanton up to and including December 31, 1897. The contest will close Nov. 1, 1897. If there is more than one correct guess the amount will be divided amongst the successful guessers.

Messrs. W. L. Sampey, W. I. Mullins and W. M. Wilson have kindly consented to act as Committee of Award and their decision will be final.

The number of bales marketed at Clanton up to Dec. 31, of each year during the last three years has been

1894	3165.
1895	1962.
1896	3295.

Every subscriber to THE BANNER who pays a year's subscription in advance is entitled to a guess. Subscribe now, and register your guess.

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ALL THE LATEST FALL AND WINTER STYLES IN

DRY GOODS, SHOES, HATS, CLOTHING, ETC.,

We also handle Pure and Wholesame Groceries, Hardware, and everything kept in a General Store.

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When in town call and examine our stock before purchasing elsewhere; we are bound to please you.

No trouble to show goods, and they are good goods and worth inspection.

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COTTON ONLY 6 CENTS

Means you must lay out your money to the best advantage. Don't throw your money away. Save all you can, and the best way to save money is by trading at the best and cheapest Store in Clanton, I have just laid in a big new Stock of Goods; just look at these prices:

Men's Top Shirts	15 cents.
Men's Undershirts	18 "
Men's Socks	4 "
Men's Handkerchiefs	1½ "
Men's Caps	18 "
Shoes	from 35 " up.
Brogan Shoes	95 "
Macintoshes	$2.25 each
Worsteds	9c per yd.
Sheeting	5c "
Bed Ticking	10c " up
Best Calico	5c "
Tablecloths	from 50c " up
Towels	5c each
Toweling	5c " yd.
Single Coats	$1.60 each
Good Boy's Suits	from $1.00 up

Best Groceries. Green Coffee 9 lbs. for $1.00.
Furniture, Tin and Glass ware, Good valises.

Make no mistake. Call at the old Court House Store for the Biggest Bargains in Town.

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And the World's most friendly smile are always ready for the well-dressed man. There's no mistake about this. Energy may miss its mark. Talent may go a-begging. Virtue itself may die of neglect. But there is always a welcome and measure of success for good clothes. If you wish to test this bit of Philosophy, just order one of the elegant suits of

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Whose productions are noted everywhere for choice material, neat fit and finish, and perfect up-to-date style. A "BORN" suit of clothes is a passport to the World's friendship!

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TOWN ITEMS

Commissioners' Court meets second Monday in February, first Monday in April, second Monday in May, second Monday in June, second Monday in August, and first Monday in November.

CLANTON COTTON MARKET.

Price to-day 5 11-16 cents.

BALES RECEIVED TO DATE:

Sampey	767
Mullins	409
Wilson & Bro.	143
Total	1319

Read the particulars of our guessing contest and then subscribe for THE BANNER.

[illegible] acres of Good Land to sell; 240 acres to rent. Apply to
W. M. ADAMS,
Clanton, Ala.

Buckner Harris, of Stanton, was among our welcome visitors Friday.

J. N. Billingsley, of Billingsley, gave us a call Friday and reported frost in the cotton field on Wednesday morning 22d inst.

Dr. A. J. Massey was in Clanton last Saturday.

Mr. Lon Taylor, of Montgomery came up on a visit to friends here Sunday.

Mr. Russell McDaniel, of Montgomery, visited his parents here Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. W. W. Dunkin, of Prattville, came up Saturday evening to visit parents; Mr. Dunkin returning Monday and Mrs. Dunkin remained for a few days.

There were no services at the Methodist church Sunday morning owing to the absence of the pastor: Rev. T. B. Haynie preached an excellent sermon to a large congregation Sunday evening.

SEAVIEW, VA.—We have a splendid sale on Chamberlain's Cough Remedy, and our customers come from far and near, speak of it in the highest terms. Many have said that their children would have died of croup if Chamberlain's Cough Remedy had not been given.—Kellam & Quinn. The 25 and 50 cent size for sale by Dr. J. S. Johnson, Jr.

Miss Pearl Woolsey after staying among friends here for some time, returned to her home at Montevallo Sunday.

When you are in town call at Saltor & Kicker's Store and examine our fine high arm Singer Sewing machines. They will take pleasure in making you prices and terms for me. Respectfully,
C. R. MULLINS,
For The Singer Mfg. Co.

Mrs. J. R. Paget and Mrs. Andrews, of Bozeman, are visiting friends here this week.

Miss Bender, of Wilcox county, arrived Tuesday afternoon and took charge of the intermediate grade in the University School.

Abe Kanter and H. Turnansky went to Birmingham this week.

W. H. Foshee paid Birmingham a visit this week.

Judge Honeycutt has rented the Chesnutt place and is moving into it to-day.

Miss Leila Williamson, of Verbena, is visiting Miss Bettie Mullins this week.

Col. Collier was in town Tuesday.

Dr. A. J. Massey, the well known dentist of Birmingham, will visit the following places within the next 30 days: Stanton, Maplesville Randolph, Ashby, Brierfield and Montevallo, prepared to do fine dental work in all the branches. Thanking the people for their patronage.

Marriage licenses have been granted this week by the Probate Judge to the following persons.

Mr. H. H. Gragg and Miss Martha J. Smitherman; Mr. Wm. M. Kinman and Miss Lula B. Broadhead.

Colored. Fate Williams and Martha Love; Calvin McKay and Jennie Cotton.

Lew Parsons, of Birmingham, was in town on professional business Tuesday.

J. M. Langston, of Centreville, was in town Tuesday.

Mr. Cooper, of Maplesville was in town Tuesday.

Yellow Jack Killed.

Cascarets, Candy Cathartic kills Yellow Jack wherever they find him. No one who takes Cascarets regularly and systematically is in danger from the dreadful disease. Cascarets kill Yellow fever germs in the bowels and prevent new ones from breeding. 10c, 25c, 50c, all druggists.

Any one having an old sewing machine that they would like to exchange for the latest improved high armed Singer; or any one wishing to purchase our fine machines for cash or on time will please drop me a card and I will call and make them prices and terms. Address,
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The best salve in the world for Cuts, Bruises, Sores, Ulcers, Salt-Rheum, Fever Sores, Tetter, Chapped Hands, Chilblains, Corns, and all Skin Eruptions, and positively cures Piles, or no pay required. It is guaranteed to give perfect satisfaction or money refunded. Price 25 cents per box. For sale by J. S. Johnson Jr.

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Executor's Notice to Creditors

In the matter of the will and estate of K. Wells, deceased.
In Probate Court of Chilton County.

Notice is hereby given to all whom it may concern, that letters testamentary upon the estate and will of the said K. Wells were granted to the undersigned on the 1st day of September, 1897, out of the said court by the Hon. R. M. Honeycutt, Judge of said court, and that all persons having claims against said estate must present the same within the time allowed by law, or the same will be barred.

W. L. WELLS, Executor.
MARY ANN MULLINS, Executrix.
Tipton Mullins,
Attorney for Executors.

Notice of Administration.

Letters of administration upon the estate of D. J. Waterswortb having been this day granted to me by the Hon. R. M. Honeycutt, Judge of the Probate Court of Chilton county, all parties having claims against said estate, are hereby notified to present the same within the time prescribed by law or they will be barred.

Sept. 20, 1897.
NANCY WATERSWORTH,
Administratrix.

Non-Resident Notice.

Alabama Mineral Land Company vs. Jemison Lumber Company.
In the Circuit Court of Chilton County.

Whereas, it has been shown by the affidavit of W. A. Davis, General Agent of the Alabama Mineral Land Company, that the President or other head, the Secretary, Cashier and Managing Agent of the Jemison Lumber Company, a corporation under the laws of Alabama, are absent from the State, and that in the belief of affiant there is no person in the employment of said corporation or doing business for it in this State:

It is therefore ordered that advertisement be made for such corporation, the said Jemison Lumber Company in The Banner, a newspaper published in Chilton County, Alabama, once a week for four successive weeks, commanding said Jemison Lumber Company to appear and plead, answer or demur to said complaint.

Witness my hand this the 23rd day of September, 1897.
J. P. VANDERVEER,
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The Weekly Crop Bulletin says: The week ending September 27, was a generally favorable one for maturing and harvesting of crops, though high may temperatures caused continued premature opening of cotton; there was practically no rain over this section during the week; light frost (the first of the season) reported on low lands of Cullman county on the 22nd; and the temperature was as low as 40 in Jackson county on 22nd and 23rd. Late crops are suffering for moisture and in northern and western counties water for stock is scarce.

Cotton is opening very rapidly; our correspondent in Greene county reports bolls the size of hickory-nuts popping open and that there will not be 25 pounds to the acre left in field in that section by October 1st; rust and shedding have decreased decidedly and while a few correspondents anticipate nearly an average yield, they are in localities which have had especially favorable conditions, and former estimates of a decidedly short and early crop are confirmed by recent reports; about three-fourths of the cotton is open and the bulk of the crop will certainly be gathered by middle of October. Corn continues to be housed in good condition, but confirms former estimates of light yield; field peas and peanuts show a fairly good yield, but potatoes, both irish and sweet, will be light; much pea vine hay being saved; sugar cane falling short for want of rain; pasturage good; grapes excellent.

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Aug. J. Bogel, the leading druggist of Shreveport, La., says: "Dr. King's New Discovery is the only thing that cured my cough, and it is the best seller I have." J. F. Campbell, merchant of Safford, Ariz., writes: "Dr. King's New Discovery is all that is claimed for it; it never fails, and is a sure cure for Consumption, Coughs and Colds. I can not say enough for its merits." Dr. Kings New Discovery for Consumption, Coughs and Colds is not an experiment. It has been tried for a quarter of a century, and to-day stands at the head. It never disappoints. Free trial bottle at Dr. J. S. Johnson's Drug Store.

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Final Proof Notice.

Notice No. 19125.
Land Office at Montgomery, Ala., Sept. 4, 1897.

Notice is hereby given that the following-named settler has filed notice of his intention to make final proof in support of his claim, and that said proof will be made before the Clerk of the Circuit Court, at Clanton, Ala., on October 16th, 1897, viz.: Nancy Cottingham, widow of Anderson Cottingham Homestead Entry No 26555, for the sw ¼ of ne¼ nw¼ of se¼, section 2, tp 22 n r 12 east.

He names the following witnesses to prove his continuous residence upon and cultivation of said land, viz: Columbus Campbell, Zachariah Jones, John Crampton, Curtis Gentry, all of Randolph, Ala.
H. PURCELL,
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Thankfully yours, EDWARD CASTLE,
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Among the novel means by which some people of London subsist is that of giving away brides at the altar. The custom has grown to considerable proportions of late, and a member of a firm of fashionable costumers, in speaking of it recently, said: "You, of course, recognize the fact that in this great city are scores of hard-working girls who are miles away from their relations and who have always been too busy to cultivate many friends. Well, when these girls are about to marry young fellows who are similarly circumstanced the question arises as to who shall give away the bride.

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STATE TOPICS.

Late News Items of General Interest to Alabamians.

RECOMMEND IMPEACHMENT.

At Florence the grand jury rendered a sensational report Friday evening, recommending the impeachment of Sheriff Carson for drunkenness in office, and giving a gentle warning to the road commissioners for several beats that the roads must be worked better.

BIG FIRE AT EAST LAKE.

College Station, near East Lake, is in ashes. The entire business portion was destroyed by fire Thursday afternoon. Twenty-one frame buildings went up in the flames in the remarkably short time of a few minutes. The total loss is estimated at more than $20,000, largely covered by insurance.

PUT UP THE BARS.

The existence of a case of yellow fever in Atlanta caused Captain M. H. Amerine, State quarantine officer, to institute a rigid quarantine against that city Friday. The order went into effect at sunrise, and the regulations are the same as those applied to New Orleans and other infected districts.

IN SEARCH OF GOLD.

Col. I. B. Stone, Greer Mason, John Freeman, Schuyler Harris, J. F. Walker, P. B. Laldlow and George Ragsdale compose a party that has left Athens for Arizona, where they will seek gold. The party had made considerable preparation for the trip, and has ample equipments for prospecting.

ROASTED.

A negro woman named Duncan locked her three small children in her dwelling near Coosada last Friday night and went to a party. Fire broke out at midnight and burned the house to the ground. The children were roasted under the bed, where they had crawled, seeking protection. The woman is guilty of murder under the law of Alabama.

SHORTAGE PROMPTLY PAID.

In the examination of Commissioner Culver's books last week a shortage of $5,000 was discovered, which was promptly paid by Mr. Culver. The commissioner explains that the shortage was due to errors appearing in his vouchers, caused by the continued illness of his chief clerk, Donald Sessions, who died last month, his assistant not being able to keep up with all the work.

PRESIDENTIAL APPOINTMENTS.

The presilent has made the following appointments for this State:

Leander Bryson, marshal for the Middle district of Alabama; James C. Leftwitch, colored, receiver of public money at Montgomery; Robert Barbour, register of the land office at Montgomery; Judge Steele, register at Huntsville, and H. V. Cashin, colored, receiver of public money at Huntsville.

DEMAND FOR PIG IRON.

It is given out that Alabama furnaces have sold pig iron up to January 1 next year.

As a result a number of orders are being accepted for delivery after that date. Such conditions have not prevailed in this section in many months, and the activity of the pig iron market is the subject of much comment.

Fifteen furnaces are in blast in the Birmingham district, and two others are ready for the torch. Heavy shipments of pig iron are reported.

TAX ASSESSOR SHORT.

Assistant Examiner Foster has found another former tax assessor almost $3,400 short in his settlements with the State and county. Mr. Hugh J. Stephenson, of Colbert, is the unfortunate, but, according to the special report, his delinquency appears to be the result of an accident rather than of a deliberate intention to wrong the State. He is now arranging to pay the State the full amount he is due. It will take his home and all that he possesses to pay up, it is stated, but he promises that the State shall not lose a cent by him.

FIVE MINERS ENTOMBED.

Slope No. 2 of the mines at Belle Ellen is on fire, and considerable damage has already been done. Five men are beyond the flames, and are thought to be dead. They are miners who were cut off by the flames before they could be rescued. They are: Hubbard Foley and Herman Garner, white; Frank James, Henry Reeves and William Fairfax, colored. There may be others, but these are known to be cut off. The men are undoubtedly dead, as the fire has been raging some time. One of the State mine inspectors went to the scene, and at his advice the entrance was closed to prevent the ingress of air to feed the flames. It is the intention of the fire fighters to pump water into the slope.

NEW COUNTY SUPERINTENDENTS.

Hon. John O. Turner, State Superintendent of Education, has officially announced the following appointments of county superintendents, which will take effect on December 1:

Barbour county, Charles S. McDowell, Jr., Clayton; Chambers county, W. G. Jarrel, LaFayette; Choctaw county, O. L. Gray, Butler; Greene county, John G. Apsey, Eutaw; Hale county, J. A. Ellerbee, Greensboro; Jefferson county, I. W. McAdory, Birmingham; Macon county, A. B. Paine, Tuskegee; Madison county, J. D. Humphrey, Huntsville; Montgomery county, John J. Hunter, Montgomery; Perry county, J. D. Cross, Marion; Pickens county, O. A. Chappell, Dillburg; Talladega county, J. B. Graham, Talladega; Washington county, T. G. Bowline, Leroy.

A CONTRACTOR KILLED.

J. G. Lallande was shot and killed by A. Stoneking at Tuskaloosa Friday. The cause of the shooting seems to have been over a very trivial matter, the two men having had a quarrel over treating a crowd to cigars. There was nothing thought of the matter until shortly afterwards, when they met again in a saloon and Stoneking offered to treat to drinks. Lallande refused, saying he would not drink with one who was not a gentleman. Stoneking then left the bar and went to a hardware store, where he purchased a 38-calibre Colt's pistol. Returning in a short time and entering the front door of the saloon, he saw Lallande standing at the cigar case. Stoneking began cursing and abusing Lallande, and as Lallande turned to face him Stoneking drew his pistol and fired once, the ball striking Lallande in the abdomen, who immediately sank to the floor in a dying condition. Stoneking was immediately arrested and taken to jail. Lallande was junior member of the contracting firm of Dunn & Lallande of Birmingham, who are grading the Mobile and Ohio Railroad. Stoneking was also a contractor.

QUARANTINE ROLL.

The following places are now being strictly quarantined against by Alabama in general and Birmingham in particular:

Atlanta, Ga., Cairo, Ill., Jackson, Miss., Vicksburg, Miss., New Orleans, La., Mobile, Ala., Edwards, Miss., Scranton, Moss Point, Perkiston, Barclay, Brantley, Mississippi City, Ocean Springs, West Pascagoula, Beauvoir, Chef Mentor, Lookout, Rigolets, Waverly, Pontchartrain Junction, Michaud, Pass Christian and other places.

There is a strict quarantine on each and every place, Atlanta not excepted. No passengers are allowed to come from any of the places except they have been absent from said places more than ten days.

No baggage, mail or express matter, or freight, is allowed to enter the State in general and Birmingham in particular, except they have been subjected to a thorough fumigation.

The officers in and around Birmingham have received instructions not to relax efforts in stopping people from Atlanta from entering the State. The newspapers of Atlanta will not be allowed to enter Birmingham without first having been well fumigated.

Briefly Noted.

Gaino is a new postoffice established in Barbour county.

The armor plate board will visit Alabama about November 1.

Alabama Day at the Centennial has been postponed until October 22.

The Berney National Bank of Birmingham has become the United States depository.

Rev. Daniel Murray died at Mobile Friday morning of yellow fever after five days sickness.

A. J. Estes was knocked down and robbed of $400 near Stillman, Jefferson county, last Monday.

Mrs. Alice Jones shot her uncle, George Patrick, a farmer, at Selma, Thursday for an alleged insult.

The tax values of Jefferson county for 1897 have been fixed at $29,099,862, a falling off from 1896 of $1,291,504.

Fire destroyed the lumber plant of the Foshee Lumber Company at Hammac. Loss, $20,000, with $8,000 insurance.

The altitude of Birmingham will be placed in figures on all the public buildings in that city by the government.

Since a case of yellow fever has developed in Atlanta a strict quarantine has been inaugurated by Alabama authorities.

No passengers south of Flomaton, on the Louisville and Nashville railroad, are allowed to travel to other parts of the State on account of the quarantine regulations.

The Illinois Car and Equipment Company has been organized, and has purchased the properties of the United States Car Company at Anniston. The plant is now partially in operation, and in a short time the entire plant will be busy, with a force of 1,000 employes.

The prisoners in the Colbert county jail had almost sawed their way to liberty last Monday morning when discovered by Ed Grisham, the son of the sheriff. Two of the iron bars were nearly severed. The instrument used was a small steel spring used in the bottom of shoes.

J. J. Motley, tax commissioner for Lee county, has found that the Eagle and Phenix factory owns thirty-seven houses and lots at Phenix City, in Lee county, that have escaped taxation entirely, not being on the books. The assessment on them amounts to $160,000 for six years, and the company will have it to pay.

WILL NOT INTERFERE.

Senator J. K. Jones of Arkansas, chairman of the Democratic National Committee, says that the national committee will not interfere in the coming mayoralty contest in New York. He says: "The Democratic party believes in local self-government, and that means also local party government. The national committee thinks the Democratic organization in New York knows best how to run the campaign in New York, and it will not presume to give any advice."

KNOCKED OUT

Is Section 22 of the New Tariff Law.

Attorney-General McKenna has announced his opinion in the matter of section 22 of the new tariff. He holds in effect that goods coming directly into the United States from foreign countries through Canadian ports are not subject to the discriminating duty of 10 per cent, and also holds that foreign goods shipped from countries other than the British possessions in British vessels are not subject to such a discriminating duty.

Letters of patent have just been issued covering the manufacture of yeast foam from Rocky mountain sage brush.

NOTES AND COMMENTS.

According to the statistics of the United States Bureau of Labor, there are 27,000 married men in New York city who are supported by their wives.

To be "full of prunes" is an expression meant to convey reproach, but California owns up this year to thousands of tons of the crop, and doesn't care who knows it.

The Louisville Times reports that "a frog in Graves County has got into an ordinary jug and cannot be got out." Probably a closer examination will prove that that jug contains a snake instead of a frog.

Travelers in the wilds of Africa will do well to take a plentiful supply of umbrellas with them, according to Prof. Pechuel-Loesche, the German explorer. He says they are the best protection against the wild beasts—tigers and lions especially being afraid of them when suddenly opened.

A plan for connecting South and West Australia by railroad is under consideration. The distance between the ends of their railroad systems is only 553 miles, but the country to be traversed is an arid desert, and reservoirs must be built at twenty-five-mile intervals along the whole line. The cost will be about $10,000,000.

The Boyden Premium of the Franklin Institute, Philadelphia, is to be awarded at the beginning of next year. The premium is $1,000, and it will be given to "any resident of North America who shall determine by experiment whether all rays of light and other physical rays are or are not transmitted with the same velocity."

An English paper carries an advertisement reading: "We hereby publish our intention to repudiate any demands for payment of moneys obtained under any pretense whatsoever by any person whomsoever." Then follows the firm name and address. If debt-paying can be avoided in England by merely inserting an advertisement like that in a paper, conscienceless financiers ought to flourish over there.

The tide of immigration is now at the lowest point since 1882, when the General Government assumed control of the subject. The number of arrivals from all countries for the fiscal year was 230,832, a decrease of one-third from the previous year. Italy still furnishes the largest quota of immigrants, her contribution being over 54,000; Germany supplied 22,500; Austria, 33,000; England, 10,000; Ireland, 28,500; Cuba, 3,500; Armenia, 4,700.

For some years the Government has been bringing over to Alaska from Siberia reindeer for breeding purposes, the idea being to extensively introduce this useful animal throughout our northern territory, both for food and transportation purposes. The herds have thrived, and Commissioner of Education Harris, who has charge of the matter, reports that there should now be 500 deer trained to harness and ready for practical work. The purpose is to furnish the deer for transporting miners' supplies on the Yukon. A reindeer will go three times as far in a day as the mongrel dogs now in use, and they live easily on the moss that grows so abundantly in Alaska, whereas to find feed for the dogs or horses is in itself a serious problem.

There is general interest in the proposed sample road-building by the United States Government at the New York State Agricultural Experiment Station at Geneva. The sample road will be more than 7,000 feet long. About 800 feet will be macadamized in the centre to the width of eight feet, with rolled dirt on either side, this being designed as an improved country road. The remainder, something over a mile, will be macadamized in the centre fourteen feet, with dirt roads on either side. It is now proposed also to lay at least 200 feet of the steel track, which is now attracting so much attention as a possibly efficient and economical road, in sections where stone is scarce and costly. Visitors are cordially invited to witness the operations on Wednesday and Thursday of each week by Gen. Roy Stone, who is in charge.

The shortage this year in the European crop of rye, the cereal largely used abroad for bread and at home for whiskey, is estimated as 300,000,000 bushels, and there is already a considerable demand for American rye for export. Fortunately for American farmers, this year's rye crop is considerably in advance of what it has been, and the crop will exceed, it is computed, 30,000,000 bushels, breaking the record, which was 29,960,000 bushels in 1882. Rye is used extensively in many European countries, particularly in Russia, about half the total rye used in Europe and America being raised in Russia. An enormous quantity of rye, too, is raised in Germany, and a considerable, though smaller, amount in Hungary. Sweden and France are two other European countries which produce a considerable quantity of rye, it being used for bread more extensively there than in the United States.

While Peary, Nansen and Andree have been striving for laurels at the North, the South Pole is not being neglected. A large scientific expedition for the Antarctic Sea has been fitted out in Belgium. Lieut. De Gerlache is its commander. His vessel is a steam whaler, bark-rigged, named the Belgica. The Belgica is a small craft, registering 250 tons, and capable of making seven knots under steam alone. She does not go out for exploration purposes primarily; she is a whaler, and will attend to business as such; but she will convey the Antarctic expedition, land it, succor it if necessary, and bring it home—if all goes well. Her hull is sheathed with ironwood, and she carries a powerful steel ram, or spur, for cutting through ice-floes. The expedition will be provided with the choicest of modern scientific instruments, with suitable clothing, food, snow-shoes and other necessaries for extended journeys over the ice-clad Southern continent. The outfit is modest, but effective. Valuable geographical information concerning this unknown polar region is confidently expected.

Preparations for the exodus to the Klondike are being made by systematically organizing parties in many sections of the country. One of the most notable is a syndicate which has chartered a steamship to make the trip to the Yukon by way of Cape [illegible]. The fare for this route will cost [illegible], and each passenger can take 1,000 pounds of baggage. Three of the crew of the United States revenue cutter Perry, in Alaskan waters, deserted and started on the 700 mile journey by open sea to St. Michael's. The gold fever is attracting every one within reach of the Yukon country, and it is almost impossible to keep hold of enough men to conduct routine business. Skaguay, a few miles from Dye, is becoming the headquarters of the gold-seekers en route, instead of Dyea. The mountain route from Skaguay to the Upper Yukon is now impassable, but 1,000 men are working to open it. Small numbers of travelers continue to make their difficult way over the pass from Dyea. There are over 5,000 people at Skaguay and Dyea waiting for a chance to move, and there are 5,000 more on the way. Many are returning to Juneau to winter there, having given up getting to Dawson before things are frozen solid.

Eskimo Bows and Arrows.

As every one knows, the Eskimos, with very few exceptions, inhabit a region which is perfectly treeless, or, at any rate, where nothing grows but pines and spruces, whose soft inelastic wood is entirely useless for making bows. They have overcome this difficulty very effectively by fastening along the back of the bow twisted cords of reindeer sinew in such a way that each cord is stretched when the bowstring is released. As far as we know, no other race of savages makes use of this ingenious contrivance. Some tribes of Indians are in the habit of stiffening their bows by "backing" them with strips of sinew, glued on, but the Eskimo backing is made of cords and tied on. As old Martin Frobisher, the first Englishman who ever saw the Eskimos (in 1557), tells us, "Their bowes are of wood of a yard long, sinewed on the back with strong sinewes, not glued too, but fast girded and tyed on."

In some regions the Eskimos, when first visited by white men, were still using bows with a very simple backing, merely twenty or thirty strands of twine running from one end of the bow to the other, twisted together tightly from the middle and tied down to the bow in two or three places. My friends at Point Barrow and along the adjacent coast, however, had gone on improving the bow until it was the best made by Eskimos anywhere.—Appleton'sPopular Science Monthly.

Cold in Philadelphia.

The report says: "In order to calculate, with some accuracy, the value of this body of wealth, we cut out blocks of the clay and found, on an average, a cubic foot, as it lies in the ground, weighs 120 pounds, as near as may be. The assay gives seventenths grain, say three cents' worth, to the cubic foot. Assuming the data already given, we get four thousand one hundred and eighty million cubic feet of clay under our streets and houses, in which securely lie one hundred and twenty-six million dollars. And if, as is pretty certain, the corporate limits of the city would afford eight times this bulk of clay, we have more gold than has been brought, according to the statistics, from California and Australia."

Other calculations show that every time a load of clay is hauled out of a cellar enough gold goes with it to pay for the carting, and if the bricks which front our houses could have brought to their surface, in the form of gold leaf, the amount of gold which they contain, we should have a glittering show of two square inches on each brick. A single specimen of zinc proved to be absolutely free from gold.

These investigations proved that, while gold is justly considered one of the rarest metals, it is also one of the most widely diffused, and there are many philosophical reasons to be found in explanation of this apparent paradox.—Appleton's Popular Science Monthly.

A Few Facts About Garlic.

About three-quarters of the garlic used in this country is imported from Italy. It comes in hampers containing about 110 pounds each. Garlic is raised in this country in Connecticut, in Louisiana, in Texas and in New Mexico. All garlic, both imported and American, is put up in strings or bunches, something like the bunches in which onions were once commonly sold in this country, but much longer. American garlic is shipped in crates and barrels; some from the far Southwest comes in long cylindrical baskets.

Garlic is sold by the pound, or by the single bulb, which is sold for a penny. In its commercial form, whole or dry, garlic does not yield the strong smell for which it is famous. In a wholesale produce establishment, where garlic was stacked up in quantities, there was no noticeable odor from it. But if one of the several smaller bulbs of which each root is composed, and which are called cloves of garlic, be broken off and broken in two, the powerful odor becomes perceptible.

The aggregate consumption of garlic in this country is large, and our exports of it to South American countries, which include American garlic and imported garlic reshipped, amount to enough to be reckoned in tons.—New York Sun.

Peasants Broke a Drought.

In the village of Apraximo, in the Orel district of Russia, the peasants addressed the volost (the oldest land owner, who is made chief by reason of his age), asking what should be done to break the long spell of drought, no rain having fallen since the beginning of April. The volost called a meeting of all the peasants of the district and advised them in the meeting to resort to an old custom, dating back to the days of Czar Ivan the Terrible. This proposition was carried, and the next day all the women of the village were compelled to take a bath in the stream running by, while the men had to sing litanies to soften the heart of the deity. Curiously enough, rain set in on the following day, and the old custom will hereafter have a large number of believers.

Duck farming has increased greatly in the last few years because it is profitable.

Papa Crumley—"I judge a man, sir, by the company he keeps." Mr. Suitor—"Yes, sir. I hope you will bear in mind that I've been keeping company with your daughter for over two years."—Philadelphia North American.

Pokeleigh—"I met an old scientist today who claims to be able to square a circle." Brokeleigh—"Pshaw, I can do that myself! Just loan me a pound dollar and see how quick I'll turn it into a square meal."—New York Journal.

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NEWS SUMMARY.

Current Events of the Day Epitomized.

THE POPE EXTREMELY ILL.

Shipping Cattle to Cuba—A Favorite Actor Dead—Famous Mines Sold to an English Syndicate—Boneo Shaken by an Earthquake—Death by Asphyxiation.

Washington City had a $1,000,000 fire last Wednesday night.

King George of Greece has invited M. Zanis to form a new cabinet.

Gen. Baquedano, commander-in-chief of the Chilean army, is dead.

Atlanta is to have another sky scraper in the shape of a ten-story office building.

Mrs. Caroline Rivinius and her four children were found dead by asphyxiation from gas last week.

Henry George has been nominated for mayor of Greater New York by the democratic alliance.

J. P. Gurr, a farmer living at Snow, three miles from Unadilla, Ga., was mysteriously shot and killed on last Friday.

Earthquakes are reported to have shaken many places on the northeast coast of Borneo and a new island has been thrown up near Memphkaul.

Advices received tend to confirm the reported deal for the sale of an English syndicate of the famous Rossland mine and the Leroy, in Idaho, for $5,000,000.

It is said that the Pope's weakness is increasing and that the church dignitaries are afraid he will not rally from the extreme feebleness and exhaustion he now betrays.

Hosea Townsend of Colorado has been appointed to succeed the late Judge Kilgore as judge of the United States District Court for the Southern District of Indian Territory.

Reports that Colonel Baldermero Acosta, of the Cuban army, had been captured by the Spaniards is untrue. He has safely landed in Vera Cruz, but is seriously wounded.

Harry Clifford, once a favorite actor, and who had been leading man of Lester Wallack and Ada Rehan, died in Bellevue Hospital, New York, the past week, aged 35 years.

Otto Boehlin, a prominent cattle buyer of San Antonio, Tex., has a contract with the Spanish government to ship 10,000 head of cattle a month for several months to Cuba.

John R. McLean has withdrawn from the race for United States Senator in Ohio. A. J. Warner has announced his candidacy at the hands of the Legislature to be elected this fall.

Fire at Willow Springs, sixteen miles from Chicago on the drainage canal destroyed nearly half of the town and made fifty families homeless. The loss is $50,000, with little insurance.

Officers have arrived at Deadwood, S. D., from the Hole-in-the-Wall country having in their custody the three missing Belle Fourche bank robbers. The capture was only effected after a lively fight.

Willis Collins was shot and killed by Z. A. Leggett near Mayo, Fla., on Friday. Both men were prominent, Leggett being chairman of the democratic legislative committee. They quarreled over a pasture.

The Virginia Coal and Coke Company, operating at Stonega, Va., has awarded to J. A. L. Minor & Co. the contract to build an additional 150 coke ovens at Stonega, Va. The work will be commenced at once.

James T. Drummond, a prominent and wealthy citizen, and president of the Drummond Tobacco Company, of St. Louis, died Thursday. Mr. Drummond's wealth, aside from his tobacco plant, is estimated at $3,000,000.

The friends of John Y. McKane, who was convicted several years ago of political frauds, are making very determined efforts to bring about his release and have succeeded in obtaining promises of assistance from Senator Platt.

Isaac Bell, the principal owner of the Old Dominion Steamship line, died of pneumonia at his home in New York the past week, aged 83 years.

Miss Viola Monday, the 16-year-old daughter of a well-to-do farmer, living five miles from Knoxville, Tenn., on the Union pike, was criminally assaulted last Friday by an unknown negro, who was caught the following day and landed in the Knoxville jail.

Senator A. O. Bacon has prepared a deed to seventy acres of beautiful wooded land in North Macon to be given to the city of Macon, Ga., to be used for park purposes, the only condition being that the city agree to maintain it as such.

The official declaration of Health Officer Sewaringen that the suspicious case at Houston, Tex., was not yellow fever has been almost immediately followed by the raising of the extreme quarantine measures which have been in force.

The citizens of Rayne, Miss., are using shotguns as a means of quarantine. A few days ago a train carrying Dr. Guiteras, the yellow fever expert, and several other physicians was fired upon outside of the town and turned backward at the point of guns.

J. M. Moore and Charles Rich, wanted at Marshall, N. C., where they are under sentence to be hanged for burglary, which is a capital offense in that State, if committed after midnight, were captured in Montana last week and will be taken back to North Carolina to pay the penalty of their crime.

Several hunters found the body of Peb Falls, a notorious white woman, dangling at the end of the rope, fastened to the limb of a tree, in Rockingham county, Virginia, last week. When discovered the body was in the first stage of decomposition. It is supposed that the woman was hanged by negroes, who had been her companions lately.

Macon, Ga., is in the midst of the greatest religious revival she has ever known. An immense tent capable of holding 3000 people has been spread on the English lot opposite the city hall, and night after night it is crowded with people drawn thither to hear the preaching of Dr. H. M. Wharton of Baltimore, who is conducting the revival.

CRUELTY TO WOMEN

And Outrage on Americans Charged Against Dictator Barrios.

The steamer San Blas arrived from Central American ports the past week with authentic details of the revolution in Guatemala: Barrios, needing money, applied to Don Juan Apricio, a well-known capitalist, through the medium of Gen. Roque Morales, who is noted for his cruelty. Knowing that the loan would mean his financial ruin, Apricio hesitated, and was taken promptly to the castle and strung up by the thumbs. Upon refusal to accede to the demands made upon him, Apricio was lashed until he fainted from the torture, and still being obdurate when he recovered from his lost senses, Morales cursed and shot him dead. His many friends, however, had their revenge shortly afterward, for when the city of Quegaltenago was taken General Morales was shot without the courtesy of a trial.

Grave accusations of cruelty to women, the wives and daughters of men who had joined the revolutionists, are made against Dictator Barrios.

The San Blas brought a party of fourteen Americans up from the scene of the revolution, all of whom say it will be a long time before peace is again restored. They state that Americans are thrown into jail on the very slightest provocation, upon the ground that they are plotting against Barrios. Even the stars and stripes were not allowed to float over their residences.

LEVYING TRIBUTE.

Wily Scheme of a Colored Preacher and Politician.

Felix R. Sims, a colored Baptist preacher and politician, postmaster at Thebes, Liberty county, Ga., was arrested the past week by Deputy Marshal White on a warrant sworn out before United States Commissioner J. F. Lewis, charging him with using the mails for fraudulent purposes.

Sims has been writing to a number of fourth-class postmasters in the First Congressional district, and as the representative of a certain republican committee, of which W. H. Styles, former representative from Liberty, and others, are members, has demanded tribute from them, in exchange for which the aforesaid postmasters were to receive the endorsement of this committee, which, it was said, would insure their appointments. Without this endorsement they were informed that they could not hold their jobs. These postmasters were assessed all the way from $10 to $75, one of them having bought the endorsement of the committee for the latter amount.

A LOCAL KLONDIKE.

Excitement continues to prevail in an acute degree near Purdam Springs, north of Little Rock, Ark., over the discovery of gold. Persons from Cincinnati and elsewhere have been buying up tracts of land in that vicinity in the past few weeks. They have gone about it quietly, and without manifesting a disposition to get their names into the papers, and this fact strengthens the belief in the merit of the developments so far. If the subdued excitement breaks forth in its fullness there promises to be a second Klondike epidemic.

CHECK TO THE BRITISHERS.

Reported That Russia and the United States Will Pull Together.

A dispatch from St. Petersburg says the Afghan mission to Russia has returned home bearing the promise of Russian support in event of Great Britain encroaching upon the ameer's territory. Continuing, the dispatch says the negotiations between Russia and Abyssinia continue with the object of establishing a league to oppose the British advance in Africa, and it is added that Russia is about to reach an understanding with the United States with a view to arresting the extension of the British empire in the Pacific.

GOLD DEMOCRATS.

The State convention of the democratic national party of Massachusetts (gold democrats) met Friday and nominated the following ticket:

Governor—Dr. William Everett.

Lieutenant-governor—James E. Collver.

Secretary—Bernard M. Wolf.

Treasurer and receiver-general—H. P. Tebey.

Auditor—Harry Douglas.

Attorney-general—Wm. McClench.

THE SCOURGE.

Yellow Fever Shows No Abatement in Stricken Cities.

LITTLE HOPE TILL FROST.

No Section of New Orleans is Free From the Infection, and an Increase in Number of Cases is Shown Daily—Edwards Continues Unfortunate.

NEW ORLEANS.

The situation Friday at New Orleans was again something of a record breaker in the matter of new cases. They cropped up in all directions, but up to 6 o'clock the death record was still low.

The fever is rapidly spreading in many directions, but the large majority of cases are proving to be of a harmless type.

The infectious character of the fever is, however, shown in the fact that there are again today numerous instances of new cases in houses where sickness has already existed. The weather is warm and the conditions excellent for new cases. But the death percentage has fallen considerably below the record of 1878.

The usual care is not now being taken in diagnosing cases, and it is quite probable that many of the cases that are reported as yellow fever are the result of hurried examinations by the physicians.

Twenty-seven new cases were reported Friday and three deaths.

MOBILE.

A crisis is approaching in Mobile. The fever has made unexpected leaps, and within two days has broken out in two totally unexpected quarters.

A police guard carried the infection into the northwest portion of the city and the center, which it was thought had been eradicated, has broken out afresh in two houses within a short distance of one another on Church street.

In the extreme southern part of the town a case has appeared, and a quarantine guard is placed outside the residence of a restaurant proprietor right in the center of the city, half a block from the principal business thoroughfare.

Friday seven new cases were reported, making eighty-one cases that have been officially reported, and twelve deaths, and there are now under treatment twenty-nine cases.

The board of health is making extraordinary efforts to stamp out the disease, and is being ably assisted by the sanitary authorities. Friday the United States marine hospital detention camp at Mt. Vernon got under way, and it will prove a God-send to many.

EDWARDS, MISS.

Nineteen new cases were reported Friday, of which eleven were white and eight colored, but no deaths.

Total deaths to date, 9; total number cases to date, 284; number convalescent and discharged, 151; number under treatment, 125; number very sick, 8; sick with black vomit, 2.

OCEAN SPRINGS.

A postal agent was taken off the train at Fontainbleau Friday night sick and placed in the camp hospital. Mr. Levy, from Biloxi, is sick at the same place. Dr. Kells, of Scranton, was taken sick Friday, and brought down to the camp hospital.

Two new cases of fever were reported at McHenry Friday.

The Marine Hospital service reports a grand total up to Friday night of 742 cases and 64 deaths in the entire country, a mortality of less than 9 per cent.

HELD UP PASSENGERS.

Rock Island passenger train No. 3 was held up Friday ten miles north of Chickasaw, I. T., by five masked robbers. They made two attempts to blow up the express safe, but were not successful. The robbers made the passengers get out, and secured $200 or $300 besides the registered mail. The United States marshal, with four deputies, is in hot pursuit.

TILLMAN'S BOOK IS ALL RIGHT.

It was said at the treasury department that J. Font Tillman's books would be allowed to be published; that a careful review was being made by the statistician of the department; and that there was no reason why it should be held up.

CHANCE FOR INVESTORS.

A circular has been issued by the postoffice department inviting persons who have new designs for cancelling postage stamps to submit them to the committee recently appointed for the purpose of devising means of securing better results in this branch of postoffice work.

SLIGHT EARTHQUAKE.

Paris mountain, seven miles from Greenville, S. C., a single spur rising to a point of 1,500 feet above the surrounding country, was shaken by an earthquake Thursday morning. Hotel Altamont, a summer resort, crowns the mountain, which rises to a peak. The guests were aroused by the rocking of the building. The building stood the strain, and but for falling plastering no damage was done.

SPANISH CABINET RESIGNS.

Withdrawal Accepted by the Queen, Who Will Summon Sagasta.

The Spanish cabinet has resigned. The queen has accepted the cabinet's resignation, but has asked General Azcarraga to continue in office until a solution of the crisis is found. Her majesty will summon the leaders of the various parties and the presidents of the chambers to consult as to the situation. Senor Sagasta has been telegraphed for, and it is believed that the liberal leader will be asked to form a cabinet.

The ministry whose resignation has just been announced was constituted as follows:

Prime minister and minister for war—General Marcelo de Azcarraga.

Minister for foreign affairs—The Duke of Tetuan.

Minister of marine—Rear Admiral Don Jose M. Beranger.

Minister of finance—Don Juan Navarro Reverter.

Minister of commerce and agriculture—Don Aurellano Linares Rives.

Minister for the colonies—Don Tomas Castellano.

Minister for the home department—Don Fernando Cos-Gayon.

SANGUILLY'S VIEWS.

Gen. Julio Sanguilly, who was arrested in Cuba, tried, convicted, pardoned and released at the request of the United States government, said a few days ago, discussing the Spanish crisis:

"I do not believe the formation by Sagasta of a liberal cabinet will have any effect on the Cuban insurgents. The Cubans have gone too far to accept autonomy. They are in a better condition now to fight to the end for absolute freedom than ever before. Why accept autonomy when freedom is at hand? Sagasta knows as well as anybody that the Cuban ultimatum on the offer of autonomy will be absolute and unconditional freedom. There will be no half-way measures. I thought President McKinley would do something for Cuba, and I still think he will do something for the struggling country. He has already caused much consternation among the conservatives, and whatever he has done in the matter of his communication given to Minister Woodford, it has certainly given an incentive towards the formation of a liberal ministry."

WEYLER HAS RESIGNED.

A dispatch to the New York Herald from Havana says: The Herald's correspondent is informed on the highest authority that Captain-General Weyler has sent his resignation to Madrid to take effect as soon as practicable. General Weyler's resignation is one of the results of the resignation of the Azcarraga ministry, and is due to his belief that a liberal cabinet will be placed in power in Spain.

ANXIETY IN HAVANA.

There is great anxiety in political and commercial circles in Havana to know what is to be the outcome of the cabinet crisis at Madrid. The general opinion is that the conservatives will be called upon to form a new cabinet.

GOLD STANDARD ADOPTED.

News has reached the state department that the merchants in Bluefields, Nicaragua, have adopted the gold standard. Prices will be given in silver for goods sold for cash, but in the case of credit transactions, every charge is to be in gold, and either gold or its equivalent will be exacted at the time of payment.

ATLANTA OBJECTS.

In view of the fact that the rigid quarantine being enforced against Atlanta by Alabama and Mississippi is proving a great hardship to the people of both those States, the Chamber of Commerce of Atlanta has adopted a resolution reciting the fact that Atlanta is a perfectly healthy city, and that no yellow fever exists here, and calling upon the city, State and national authority to use their influence in having the quarantine modified to reasonable requirements.

President Neal, of the Chamber of Commerce, has addressed a letter to Governor Johnston, of Alabama, inviting his co-operation in accomplishing this result.

SOUTH CAROLINA'S DISPENSARY LAW.

Notifications have been sent to each State constable conveying the intelligence of their decapitation, and ordering that they shall turn over to the State the arms which have in many cases done such deadly work. Governor Ellerbe said he had not notified the Charleston people of his action in removing the metropolitan police. All that the law required was that the proclamation be published at the State capital. That he had done. Dispensary Commissioner Vance declines to express an opinion as to what effect the removal of liquor constables will have on his business.

NAVAL AUTHORITIES WORRIED.

A special meeting of the naval dock board was held Thursday at the Brooklyn navy yard to consider the reports as to the disabled conditions of all the timber structures owned by the government. A complete examination by the engineers has revealed the above startling information. As the timber docks practically do all the work of the navy, the department regards the existing conditions with considerable apprehension.

TREND OF TRADE

Bradstreet's Shows Increased Activity in Many Lines.

STANDSTILL IN GULF STATES.

The Volume of Trade, as a Whole, Exceeds the Record of 1892—Wheat and Corn Decline Slightly in Price—Many Industries Increase Working Force.

Bradstreet's trade review for the past week says:

General trade is marked by increased activity in wool, hides, iron and steel and their manufactured products, but business in the quarantined districts remains at a standstill, and at all except a few northwestern distributing centers in spring wheat States, where business is relatively most active, there is a check to the demand for dry goods, hats and clothing. Favorable reports come from a section extending from Knoxville to St. Paul and from Omaha to Milwaukee. The tendency is to increase estimates for the wheat crop and increase the probable yield of cotton.

The price movement shows a long list of unchanged quotations this week, including iron and steel staples, wool, hides, print cloths, lumber, nails, copper, pork, beef, coffee and sugar. Increases are confined to a nominal advance for anthracite coal, 25 cents for Bessemer pig iron, fractional gains for leaf tobacco, naval stores, butter, lard and another advance for woolen goods. Potatoes have reacted from the extremely high prices at the west and cotton is off further. Lead is lower, as are corn, oats and flour, in sympathy with wheat, which dropped 2 cents on Bradstreet's reported increase of nearly 10,000,000 bushels in the world's visible stocks.

Wheat (flour included as wheat) exports from both coasts of the United States and Montreal this week slightly exceed those of last week, the total aggregates 5,924,246 bushels, against 5,808,825 bushels last week, 4,215,294 in the week a year ago, 2,613,866 bushels in 1895, 3,243,100 bushels in 1894, and 3,189,000 bushels in 1893.

Corn exports show a considerable falling off, the total being 3,108,601 bushels against 4,022,000 bushels last week, 3,165,000 bushels a year ago, 1,388,754 bushels in 1895, 98,000 bushels in 1894 and 642,000 bushels in 1893.

The total number of business failures in the United States for nine months reported by Bradstreet's is 9,833, a decrease of 13 per cent from the corresponding total last year, but 6 per cent more than in 1894 and 11 per cent fewer than in the corresponding period of 1893. This year's failing corporations, firms and individual report $118,684,000 liabilities, a total of 30 per cent smaller than one year ago, about 6 per cent larger than in nine months of 1895 and of 1894, and 6½ per cent less than in the corresponding period of 1893. The rate of failures in proportion to the number in business is decreasing. With reference to liabilities the falling off is noticeably rapid.

Business failures throughout the Dominion of Canada amounted to 1,501 for the past nine months, a falling off as compared with last year of 150, or less than 10 per cent. Total liabilities are $10,653,000 this year against $12,219,000 last year.

INLAND SEA.

The Largest and Deepest on the Continent May Be Forming.

A dispatch from Tucson, Ariz., says that passengers who came in on the belated California train state that the cause of the delay were floods in the Salton basin. It was the rumored belief that the waters of the Gulf of California had broken over the sandbar which separates the Gulf from the basin. If this should prove to be true Southern California will have the largest inland sea on the continent, some places more than 300 feet deep, and a rise would come up through the Gulf to a point opposite Yuma to a port of the inland sea. In the meantime many miles of the Southern Pacific would be submerged.

TAMMANY'S TICKET

The Democratic convention Thursday nominated the following candidates for offices in Greater New York:

Mayor—Robert A. Van Wyck of Manhattan.

Comptroller—Bird S. Coler of Brooklyn.

President of the council—Jacob Ruppert, Jr., of Manhattan.

The platform makes no reference to the Chicago platform, W. J. Bryan or free silver. It favors home rule and repeal of the Raines law and other restrictions on personal liberty and demands dollar gas and municipal ownership of franchises.

TRAGEDY OVER AN OLD DEBT.

Dr. Knotts Kills J. R. Leyath at Norths, S. C.

Dr. J. D. Knotts shot and killed J. R. Leyath at Norths, S. C., a town on the Florida Central and Peninsular road. Mr. Leyath is a prominent merchant of Norths, and Dr. Knotts lives near there on his farm. There was an old trouble existing between the two about a debt, which led to the killing.

STATE TOPICS.

Late News Items of General Interest to Alabamians.

EFFECT OF THE DROUTH.

The continued drouth is playing havoc with navigation on the Tennessee river. The river is lower now than for fifteen years, and no boats are running between Florence and Knoxville. Boats are tied up all along the river, and great quantities of merchandise lies at the various landings awaiting shipment.

A FATAL FALL.

While the residence of J. W. Echols, at Gurley, was burning Thursday morning, Dr. J. C. Flynt fell in a dry well twenty feet deep, and was probably fatally injured. The top of the well had burned, and Dr. Flynt fell through, carrying a mass of flames down with him. Dr. Flynt is a prominent physician and a distinguished Mason.

WILL GO TO TUSKEGEE.

Hon. James Wilson, secretary of agriculture, will visit the Tuskegee Normal and Industrial Institute, Tuskegee, of which Booker T. Washington is founder and principal, Wednesday, November 17, 1897, for the purpose of delivering an address at the formal opening of a new building to be devoted to training in agriculture, horticulture, dairying, etc. This is the first building in the negro schools to be devoted to agricultural purposes.

FIFTH BODY FOUND.

The body of Billy Fairfax, the fifth miner who perished in the fire in the Belle Ellen mines in Bibb county, was recovered Friday.

All the water has not been pumped out of the mines yet. The body was found just under the first sheet of water, and as quickly as possible it was carried to the outside and buried. There was no telling how Fairfax had died, whether from burns or from smothering. His body had been decomposed for some time.

DROPPED DEAD AT BIRMINGHAM.

Dr. P. K. McMiller, a justice of the peace and a well-known citizen of Birmingham, dropped dead in his office early Thursday morning of apoplexy. He had been in good health apparently, and had just come down for his day's business when the fatal stroke occurred. Dr. McMiller was nearly 60 years old, and had resided in Birmingham for about fifteen years. He was secretary of the local camp of Confederate Veterans for many years.

SHORTAGE IN LANE'S ACCOUNTS

State Examiner Cowan reported to the Governor Thursday the result of his investigation of the books and accounts of the department of agriculture during the term of office of ex-Commissioner Hector D. Lane. The sum of the report is that Mr. Lane's chief clerk, Mr. Leslie A. Smith, of Limestone, has been found to be due the State $2,750. The amount will be made good in a few days, as Mr. Smith has means sufficient to protect the State from loss, and his bondsmen are worth many times the amount.

POLITICS IN JEFFERSON.

A call has been issued for a meeting of the county democratic executive committee for October 9 to receive the resignation of Hon. John H. Miller, county chairman, and elect his successor. Mr. Miller is an avowed candidate for circuit judge of the Ninth judicial circuit, and desires to be released from the committee chairmanship in order to make his race unhampered. The two leading candidates for chairman are Alderman Henry B. Gray and Dr. J. S. Gillespy, the former a gold man and the latter a free silverite.

MATTHEWS COTTON MILL SOLD.

The Matthews cotton mill at Selma, Ala., a plant which cost $350,000, and which has been closed for several months on account of foreclosure proceedings necessitated by the failure of the Commercial bank January last, was sold Friday to Dr. O. F. Cawthon, of Mobile; Dr. A. W. Cawthorn and O. H. Cawthorn, of Selma, for $70,200.

The Cawthorns are largely interested in cotton mills at Stonewall, Miss., and other places. They announced that the mill will be started up in thirty days, and will be run to their full capacity. It requires 350 hands to man the plant.

STATE FINANCES.

The cash in the State strong box was counted by the Governor and Secretary of State Thursday, the last day of the fiscal year. The amount on hand exactly balanced with Treasurer Ellis' statement.

The following was shown as the condition of the treasury:

Balance September 30, 1896, $58,319.40; receipts from October 1, 1896, to September 30, 1897, $2,174,644.37. Total, $2,232,963.77.

Disbursements from October 1, 1896, to September 30, 1897, $2,191,963.56. Balance in treasury September 30, 1897, $40,960.21.

A BRAND NEW TOWN.

A new town, which the projectors hope to make a city, is to be started in Tuskaloosa county by the Alabama City Land and Improvement Company, of which Col. Newton N. Clements, of Tuskaloosa, is president, and Col. W. J. Plowa, of New York, vice-president. There is already a postoffice in Alabama named Alabama City, but that does not bother the two colonels and their partners. The new town is to be located sixteen miles east of Tuskaloosa on the line of the Mobile and Ohio railroad. Oil mills, lumber mills, cotton factories and other industries are proposed to be established. The company claims to have plenty of financial backing.

BRIEFLY NOTED.

Boats are tied up along the Tennessee river on account of low water.

The Alabama river at Selma is two feet lower than ever before known.

The telephone line connecting Gadsden and Ashville has been completed.

The new rolling mill at Sheffield will soon be under way of construction.

A. Chapman and W. R. DeLoach, the present incumbent, have announced for probate judge of Hale county.

It is said that $1,000,000 in checks, registered letters and money orders for Montgomery people is held up in Mobile on account of mail quarantine.

The State convention of the Baptists of Alabama will be held at the East Lake Baptist church beginning Friday, November 12, and running into the following Tuesday.

Governor Johnston wants competent volunteers to attend the waterways convention to meet at Davenport, Ia., October 5. Only one delegate has been appointed—N. H. Sewell, of Bessemer.

J. M. Hardy, of Limestone county, was arrested by revenue officers on Thursday on the charge of counterfeiting, and was committed to jail. He had in his possession a mould for counterfeiting nickels.

The merchants and farmers of Camden and vicinity are suffering serious inconvenience for lack of facilities for shipping cotton. It has been eighteen days since a boat left any wharf in that part of the river on the way to any market.

Wednesday morning Dick Bynum, a negro well digger, was overcome by damp air in an old well near Courtland, which he attempted to clean out. He fell from the bucket while being hauled up and died before he could be brought to the surface.

The governor and commissioner of agriculture Thursday, according to law, burned all the fertilizer tags remaining in the hands of the commissioner. The law requires that on the last day of the fiscal year all of the unsold tags shall be burned.

Three Alabama women obtained the highest mark possible upon examination at the National Conservatory of Music at New York recently. The ladies were Mrs. H. H. Slaughe, of Birmingham; Miss Carrie Bridewell, of Birmingham, and Miss Nellie Knight, of Anniston. They were put to a severe test, and each one came out with "A A" to their credit, showing them to be vocalists of rare power and cultivation. The award for such an excellent showing is a free scholarship in the institution.

KILLED HIS FRIEND.

Details of a Foul Crime Unearthed in Montgomery.

A murder case rivaling in horrible details the Guldensuppe tragedy has developed at Montgomery.

Oscar Gillis, porter for Marks & Kohn, grocers, and John Glover, butler for Henry Weil, roomed together in an outhouse on Mr. Weil's fashionable residence premises on Perry street, four blocks from the business center.

Two weeks ago Gillis disappeared, and the following day some unknown person telephoned his employers that the porter had gone to visit friends in South Alabama.

Last week Glover left the city without notice.

Friends of Gillis suspected something was wrong, and told the police their suspicions, but the officers, knowing the sensational disposition of the negro, ignored the matter. Some local reporters, however, made a story out of the rumors for the afternoon paper in Montgomery recently. This stirred up interest in the case, and that night reporters and some of Gillis' friends commenced a careful investigation.

It was learned that there had been gambling in Glover and Gillis' room one night about two weeks ago; that Gillis had won, and had several hundred dollars; that Gillis had disappeared; that a negro who had seen Glover several days afterwards digging a deep trench in Weil's garden, was told by Glover that it was intended to bury some weeds and trash; that the negro cook, who occupied a room adjoining Glover's, had seen him lift Gillis' body over the brick division wall one night about a week afterwards, and was told that Gillis had been sick and was being taken to the train.

The investigating party found that the garden had been recently worked and sowed in turnips, but by candle light and with the aid of a fence paling the location of the alleged trash pit was discovered by the looseness of the earth above it.

After industrious digging, Gillis' badly decomposed body was found shortly before 1 o'clock Saturday morning, wrapped in quilts and bound with cord like an Egyptian mummy.

Evidence since obtained indicates that after the card players had gone Glovers crushed his roommate's skull with a bed slat and then cut his throat with a razor. That he then wrapped the body in a quilt and kept it in his room about a week, then dug the hole in the garden, buried it in the dead of night, sowed the ground above it in turnips and left the city for Atlanta.

The police are trying industriously to capture him.

The best acquaintance a man has is the stranger who knows neither good nor bad of him.

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THE old county jail at Opelika was burned yesterday and two negro prisoners were cremated. What a pity our old gallows was not down there.

On Monday at noon fire was discovered in the stove room at the residence of Mr. I. F. McKee, but the application of a few buckets of water was sufficient to prevent what otherwise would have proved a disastrous conflagration.

The Weekly Crop Bulletin reports cotton very nearly all open; picking has been vigorously pushed during the week and is well advanced in most backward portions of the State; it is practically finished in several southern counties, and the entire crop will be gathered during the current month; there is no improvement in the prospective yield, which is less than anticipated in some localities where an average crop was expected; the yield for the State will undoubtedly fall decidedly short of an average one. Corn is harvesting a lighter yield than anticipated and will fall short of an average and will not be enough for home use in manly localities. The fodder crop this year is an unusually large and good one, and a large crop of hay has been made.

Wreck at Montgomery.

The northbound L. & N. train which leaves Montgomery at 8:30 was Monday morning wrecked at the old fair grounds, resulting in the death of Augustus Boyd, the fireman, and the serious injury of Engineer Brown and postal clerk Glasscock. The engine ran into a half-open switch of the old siding at the fair grounds and was almost demolished. The tender stopped crossways the track. The mail car followed the siding, as did the baggage car, which was next behind. Engineer James Brown stuck to his post as long as he could be of any service. He saw that something was wrong with the switch and attempted to stop the train, but the airbrakes refused to work and his efforts were fruitless. At the time of the accident the train was moving at the rate of about 15 miles an hour. Had it been going twenty miles an hour the loss of life would have been terrible. The engineer was cut in the lip and his legs badly scalded. Postal clerk Glasscock was in his car distributing mail when a broken rail came through the floor and struck him in the back, knocking him against the mail sacks. He endeavored to dodge the rail, but was unsuccessful. Others were badly shaken up and considerably frightened. The cause of the accident cannot be explained at present, but is supposed to have resulted from someone's negligence.

A few weeks ago the editor was taken with a very severe cold that caused him to be in a most miserable condition. It was undoubtedly a bad case of la grippe and recognizingit as dangerous he took immediate steps to bring about a speedy cure. From the advertisement of Chamberlain's Cough Remedy and the many recommendations included therein, we concluded to make a first trial of the medicine. To say that it was satisfactory in its results, is putting it very mildly, indeed. It acted like magic and the result was a speedy and permanent cure. We have no hesitancy in recommending this excellent Cough Remedy to everyone afflicted with a cough or cold in any form—The Banner of Liberty, Libertytown, Maryland. The 25 and 50 cent sizes for sale by Dr. J. S. Johnson, Jr. Druggist.

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Some Faults in our National Character

As for the question of lynching, the provocations in the South are far greater than in any other part of the country. Yet the Southern States are very earnestly endeavoring to find a way to rid themselves of so harmful and disgraceful an expedient as the execution of offenders by mob violence without trial. It has been seriously suggested in some parts of the South that in cases of violent assault against women—such as negro tramps have perpetrated so frequently—it might be possible to lodge a summary jurisdiction in the hands of every local justice of the peace, so that the unquestioned will of the community might be almost instantly carried out under the forms of law, rather than in defiance of law. A sweeping reform in our methods of criminal justice would undoubtedly do a great deal to prevent lynching. Unfortunately, however, the lax administration of justice, like the lynchings themselves, is only another evidence of those serious faults in our national character and civilization—which express themselves also in many other ways—to the remedy of which we should apply ourselves with due earnestness and humility. Our restless expansion as a nation has bred in us some of the defects that would be less likely to appear in communities of slower movement and change. An unusual development of individuality has given us in America our strength as a nation; but it has also made difficult a calm and social order. We have no cause to be dejected or pessimistic about our national conditions. On the contrary, nearly all of the deeply significant signs are full of hope and encouragement. We should have faith enough in ourselves and deal honestly enough with ourselves to face our defects with a purpose to remedy them.—From "The Progress of the World," in American Monthly Reviews of Reviews for October.

CATARRH AND MALARIA.

People who are or have been affected by catarrh are most subject to chronic malaria. The explanation is this: Malaria is a germ disease. Germs find their way into the blood through the mucous membranes. If the mucous membranes are healthy the germs can not enter the blood. This is why some people do not get malaria. But if the membranes are affected by catarrh, even slightly, the malaria germs find easy access into the blood.

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Mr. R. B. Greeve, merchant, of Chilhowie, Va., certifies that he had consumption, was given up to die, sought all medical treatment that money could procure, tried all cough remedies he could hear of, but got no relief, spent many nights sitting up in a chair; was induced to try Dr. King's New Discovery, and was cured by the use of two bottles. For past three years has been attending to business, and says Dr. King's New Discovery is the grandest remedy ever made, as it has done so much for him and also for others in his community. Dr. King's New Discovery is guaranteed for Coughs Colds and Consumption. It don't fail. Trial bottle free at Dr J. S. Johnson's Drug Store.

South Chilton Notes.

The death angel visited our community last Saturday and carried away one of our prosperous citizens, Mr. Claud Faulkner, his spirit took its flight to the celestial world as the clock bells were ringing eleven. He leaves a wife and two little infants, with many friends to mourn his loss. He has lived an upright life, and died as he lived a devoted Christian and a good citizen. His remains was interred at the family cemetery; the burial services were conducted by Rev. G. W. Hinton and many of his friends paid the last tribute of respect to our dear brother.

We are glad to say our community sent three of her charming girls to the Industrial school of Montevallo on Monday last, Misses Clara Wilkes, Ellen and Fannie Hinton. They were accompanied by Prof. W. W. Hinton. We wish them much success in life, they have taken the right step to a prosperous life.

The M. T. M. railroad is being rapidly built.

The Robinson Bros. are doing good work with their gin; they will soon have them a saw mill in connection with their gin.

WALTER.

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Croup Quickly Cured.

Mountain Glen, Ark.—Our children were suffering with croup when we received a bottle of Chamberlain's Cough Remedy. It affords almost instant relief.—F. A. Thornton. This celebrated remedy is for sale by Dr. J. S. Johnson, Jr. Druggist.

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$10 and THE BANNER one year for One Dollar.

Political Points.

People's Press Bureau, St. Louis, Mo., Oct. 6, 1897.

Secretary of the Treasury Gage has expressed himself as thinking but poorly of the Bank of England for proposing to keep part of its reserve in silver.

Friends of Senator Teller in Colorado are greatly disappointed to have him endorse Judge Hoyt, who is the McKinley nominee for the supreme bench.

It has been announced in a semi official manner that the mortgage on the U. P. Ry., will soon be foreclosed and it will then be turned over to a syndicate of eastern men for $28,000,000 and they will immediately capitalize it at $250,000,000. President McKinley is reported to regard the holding of it by the government as "impractical and unsafe" The clean loss to the government by this deal exceeds $20,000,000 and it will further enrich those men who have stood in with Huntington in his wrecking schemes by which many millions have been wrung from the tax payers.

The Iowa state election board has decided that the middle-of-the-road populists who bolted the Des Moines convention, have alone the right to use the name People's Party on their ballot. Thus is the fact established that collusion exists between these alleged populists and the gold-bug party or else they are being used as cat's paws.

Hon. Hamilton Armstrong, State Chairman of the populist central committee of Colorado has resigned. This does not come as a surprise to those familiar with the political situation in that state.

Kansas papers are giving out this rather embarrassing bit of authentic news; State Treasurer Bidder (pop) turned over to his republican successor $589,503 who in turn only turned over to his successor $99,700. What became of the $490,000? No answers are yet received.

The people of Nebraska have lost $1,433,554 during the last six years through republican office holders The list is made up of state auditors, treasurers, coal oil inspectors, and heads of several state institutions and various officials in thirty-seven counties.

President McKinley has pardoned Francis A. Coffin of Indiana, who was sentenced to eight years confinment in the state prison at Michigan City for wrecking the Indianapolis National bank. The pardon was unconditional and was telegraphed.

Gopernor Horace Boies recently refused to attend a meeting where W. J. Bryan was to speak, giving as his excuse that he was too busy threshing.

Terms of fusion between the populists and Democrats in Massachusetts have been effected. Separate organizations are to be maintained but the ticket is to be divided.

A letter purporting to be from W. J. Bryan to Wm. J. Brown, of New York City, has created consernation in Tammany. The writer, among other things says:

"A triumph of the Democracy of Greater New York, except under the auspices of the issue that animates the party, will have the same moral effect as a renewed and affirmed triumph of the agencies led by Senator Hanna.

"When parties cease to represent certain fixed principles, the supreme prerogative of the ballot becomes prostituted to a contest between organization for the spoils of office.

"The great cities are part of the State and country; therefore, it is unnatural and artificial to avoid responsibility to national issues and political cowardice and political crime."

The letter is pronounced a forgery by Mr. Bryan's friends, but it contains sound political sense, nevertheless.

The joint session of political reform and economic societies of Illinois has selected November 18 as the day for holding a convention to lay plans for the advancement of the Initiative and Referendum. Ex-Governor Altgeld, Captain W. P. Black, and Ex-Congressman Follette will address the meeting.

A. R.

Only One Standard

You and we may differ as to money standards and out of our very differences good may come. But we won't differ as to the merits of one standard emulsion of cod-liver oil.

SCOTT'S EMULSION has won and held its way for nearly 25 years in the world of medicine until to-day it is almost as much the standard in all cases of lung trouble, and every condition of wasting whether in child or adult as quinine is in malarial fevers.

Differ on the money question if you will, but when it comes to a question of health, perhaps of life and death, get the standard.

Your druggist sells Scott's Emulsion. Two sizes, 50 cts. and $1.00
SCOTT & BOWNE, New York.

CORRESPONDENCE.

[We are willing to publish our subscribers views at any time, but it must be distinctly understood we do not hold ourselves responsible for these opinions.—EDITOR.]

Yellow Fever Prevented.

There is only one sure way of preventing yellow fever. Destroy the germs of the disease by using Cascarets, Candy Cathartic, and keep the system clean by continuing their use. The tried and tested safe-guard against ye low fever is to place your faith in Cascarets. 10c, 25c, 50c, all druggists.

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Lily Lyrics.

Farmers in this section are gathering and marketing their cotton just as fast as possible, and if we have favorable weather for the next two weeks the most of it will be gathered and sold, for the crops are short this year, both cotton and corn; at least it is in this section.

Miss Celeste Jones has returned from a three weeks' visit to friends and relatives in Clanton.

Miss Geneva Jones is at Deatsville teaching.

Miss Inez Hammond, of Birmingham, spent a week very pleasantly, and to the delight of her many friends here, a few weeks ago.

Rev. F. M. Woods preached two most excellent sermons at his last appointment here at Mulberry

Miss Ollie Mae Garner has secured a school near Plantersville and will begin teaching next Monday.

Misses Fannie Rasberry and Mamie Lenoir, and Messrs Wm. Veazey and O. K. Wright visited Mr. U. J. Calloway, of Verbena, last Saturday and Sunday.

Mr. Ira Ward and R. L. Veazey have just returned from a trip to Coosa.

The Quarterly meeting will convene at Isabella next Friday and Saturday and it is expected that the meeting will continue several days.

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Timely Warning.

Have you tried "Electric Bitters," for Malaria or Chills and Fever? If taken in time Yellow Fever may be averted. Try it at once and you may save a fatal sickness. For sale at all drug stores.

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Maplesville Music.

Our late crops are yet suffering from severe drought; some are fortunate to have fine turnip crops.

Miss Vincent, of Plantersville and Mr. Will Wails, of Welch's Mill, have been guests of T. U. Crumpton. Messrs. Frank and Will Kelley, of Selma, have been visiting their sister, Mrs. R. D. Martin.

Mrs. Eva McCary and Miss Ella Dudley have pleased many old friends by a visit.

Miss Celestia Dunlap has been the guest of Mrs. R. D. Martin, as also has Miss Mary Foshee.

Mr. John Caine and wife, Mr. Pettus Crum and Miss Minnie Lathram have been visiting Mr. Tom Dubose's family.

Miss Hershfeld, of Selma, has been visiting Miss Minnie Lathram.

Mrs Hersfeld, of Selma, has paid Mrs. Watersworth a visit.

Miss King, of Birmingham, has delighted her friends here by a visit.

The dry weather has caused cotton to open very rapidly; some of our thrifty farmers are hauling it to Selma and bringing back their family supplies.

Mr. Huggins, of calera has been visiting friends here.

Our railroad is going right on. Mr. Crumpton Graham who is in its employ has been to see friends here lately.

SUBSCRIBER.

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Something to Know.

It may be worth something to know that the very best medicine for restoring the tired out nervous system to a healthy vigor is Electric Bitters. This medicine is purely vegetable, acts by giving tone to the nerve centres in the stomach gently stimulates the Liver and Kidneys and aids these organs in throwing off impurites in the blood. Electric Bitters improves the appetite, aids digestion, and is pronounced by those who have tried it as the very best blood purifier and nerve tonic. Try it. Sold for 50c or $1.00 per bottle.

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Turn-Round Topics.

Mrs. L. Alexander, of Montgomery, is visiting home-folks here.

We are sorry to note so much sickness in our community at present; among whom are both M. C. Williams and wife, the little infant child of B. J. and Mrs. Goss, Mrs. H. Kendrick and E. L. Jones' wife. Rev. J. H. Thomas filled his appointment here Saturday and Sunday "The attributes of the divine Deity" was the foundation of his remarks Saturday night, and he in his inimitable style explained it in its every phase, using its five parts, viz. power, wisdom, justice, mercy and love. The little son of I. J. Dennis fell from a fence recently, and its little arm was dislocated.

The series of meetings at Canaan will commence next Saturday, and will probably continue one week. Let whosoever come that will and be with us. Owing to the pear and sugarcane treat, the young ladies say Mr. Walter Kendrick is quite liberal and accommodating.

THE ROYAL BUMPER.

TAX NOTICE.

ASSESSOR'S & COLLECTOR'S FIRST ROUND.

We will attend at the following times and places for the purpose of assessing the State and County Taxes of Chilton County for the year 1898, and collecting the taxes for 1897:

		1897
Kincheon	October	1
Albert Headley's Store	"	2
Benson	"	4
Maplesville	"	5
Dixie	"	6
Valley Creek	"	7
Shoults	"	8
Maplesville until 12 m.	"	9
Macedonia Church	"	11
Hayes Mill	"	12
Providence Church, (Beat 2)	"	13
Elijah Busby's	"	14
Jemison	"	15
Strasburg	"	16
Clanton	"	18
Cane Creek Church	"	19
Mineral Springs	"	20
Jesse Maddox's Mill	"	21
Goer's School-House	"	22
Coopers	"	25
Verbena	"	26
Mountain Creek	"	27
Burwells	"	28
Calloway's Mill	"	29

A. C. MIMS, Tax Assessor.
T. J. HUBBARD, Tax Collector.

Bucklen's Arnica Salve.

The best salve in the world for Cuts, Bruises, Sores, Ulcers, Salt-Rheum, Fever Sores, Tetter, Chapped Hands, Chilblains, Corns, and all Skin Eruptions, and positively cures Piles, or no pay required. It is guaranteed to give perfect satisfaction or money refunded. Price 25 cents per box. For sale by J. S. Johnson Jr.

ASSESSOR'S & COLLECTOR'S SECOND ROUND.

We will attend at the following times and places for the purpose of assessing the State and County taxes of Chilton county for the year 1898, and collecting the taxes for the year 1897:

		1897
Kincheon	November	8
Pletcher's Mill 8 to 11 am	"	9
Clanton Ford 12 to 4 p m	"	9
Stanton	"	10
Dixie	"	11
Shoults	"	12
Maplesville	"	13
Benson	"	15
Macedonia	"	16
Providence (Beat 2)	"	17
Smith's School House	"	18
Mineral Springs	"	19
Strasburg	"	20
James Maddox's Mill	"	22
Providence (Beat 5)	"	23
Coopers	"	24
Verbena	25 &	26
Davis & Rollins' Gin	"	27
Jemison	Dec'r 1 &	2
Clanton	" 3 &	4

A. C. MIMS, Tax Assessor.
T. J. HUBBARD, Tax Collector.

I will also attend at Clanton from January 1 to January 31, 1898.

A. C. MIMS, Tax Assessor.

I will also attend at Clanton from December 21 to Dec. 31, 1897.

T. J. HUBBARD, Tax Collector.

HOW TO FIND OUT.

Fill a bottle or common glass with urine and let it stand twenty-four hours; a sediment or settling indicates an unhealthy condition of the kidneys. When urine stains linen it is positive evidence of kidney trouble Too frequent desire to urinate or pain in the back, is also convincing proof that the kidneys and bladder are out of order.

WHAT TO DO.

There is comfort in the knowledge so often expressed, that Dr. Kilmer's Swamp-Root, the great kidney remedy fulfills every wish in relieving pain in the back, kidneys, liver, bladder and every part of the urinary passages. It corrects inability to hold urine and scalding pain in passing it, or bad effects following use of liquor, wine or beer, and overcomes that unpleasant necessity of being compelled to get up many times during the night to urinate. The mild and the extraordinary effect of Swamp-Root is soon realized. It stands the highest for its wonderful cures of the most distressing cases. If you need a medicine you should have the best. Sold by druggists, price fifty cents and one dollar. You may have a sample bottle and pamphlet both sent free by mail Mention THE BANNER and send your address to Dr. Kilmer & Co., Binghamton, N.Y. The proprietor of this paper guarantees the genuineness of this offer.

The BANNER office is the only Job Printing establishment in Chilton and Coosa counties. We give you best work at lower prices than you can get elsewhere. Give us a trial

Yellow Fever Germs

breed in the bowels. Kill them and you are safe from the awful disease. Cascarets destroy the germs throughout the system and make it impossible for new ones to form. Cascarets are the only reliable safe-guard for young and old against Yellow Jack. 10c, 25c, 50c, all druggists.

TEN SILVER DOLLARS OR A $10 GOLD PIECE

we will give to the subscriber to THE BANNER who guesses nearest to the number of bales of cotton marketed at Clanton up to and including December 31, 1897. The contest will close Nov. 1, 1897. If there is more than one correct guess the amount will be divided amongst the successful guessers.

Messrs. W. L. Sampey, W. I. Mullins and W. M. Wilson have kindly consented to act as Committee of Award and their decision will be final.

The number of bales marketed at Clanton up to Dec. 31, of each year during the last three years has been

1894	3165.
1895	1962
1896	3295.

Every subscriber to THE BANNER who pays a year's subscription in advance is entitled to a guess. Subscribe now, and register your guess.

Last to Open But First in Quality and Price

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ALL THE LATEST FALL AND WINTER STYLES IN

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We also handle Pure and Wholesame Groceries, Hardware, and everything kept in a General Store.

We are natives of the county and understand what you need, and have bought our stock to meet your wants.

When in town call and examine our stock before purchasing elsewhere; we are bound to please you.

No trouble to show goods, and they are good goods and worth inspection.

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Men's Top Shirts	15 cents.
Men's Undershirts	18 "
Men's Socks	4 "
Men's Handkerchiefs	1½ "
Men's Caps	18 "
Shoes	from 35 " up.
Brogan Shoes	95 "
Macintoshes	$2.25 each
Worsteds	9c per yd.
Sheeting	5c "
Bed Ticking	10c " up
Best Calico	5c "
Tablecloths	from 50c " up
Towels	5c each
Toweling	5c " yd.
Single Coats	$1.60 each
Good Boy's Suits	from $1.00 up

Best Groceries. Green Coffee 9 lbs. for $1.00.
Furniture, Tin and Glass ware, Good valises.

Make no mistake. Call at the old Court House Store for the Biggest Bargains in Town.

ABE KANTER
CLANTON

ARE YOU A COWARD?

At first sight this may seem to be an impudent question. We are told however, by the famous author, Disraeli, that any man is a coward, even in spite of himself, if his garments are ill-fitting or in a shabby condition. If you wish to enjoy the bravery of elegant attire you should order your **Suits and Overcoats** of

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THE GREAT CHICAGO MERCHANT TAILORS.

Who for 20 years have led all rivalry in Custom Tailoring and never failed to please in Material, Style or Workmanship. A "BORN" suit will cost you less than the kind of tailoring that makes men cowardly. Every Feature Guaranteed.

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TOWN ITEMS

CLANTON COTTON MARKET.

Price to day 5¾ cents.

BALES RECEIVED TO DATE:

Sampey	957
Mullins	470
Wilson & Bro.	203
Total	1630

Read the particulars of our guessing contest and then subscribe for THE BANNER.

1500 acres of Good Land to sell; 240 acres to rent. Apply to W. M. ADAMS, Clanton, Ala.

Mr. and Mrs. James Hill, of Bessemer, were visitors to relatives and friends at Lomax and Clanton this week.

Mr. O. R. Bell spent several days in the capitol city last week.

H. Turnansky moved his family here this morning into the Carroll house.

Minor McRee, of Lowndesboro, was in town last Monday.

Mrs. M. Neal, of Montgomery, was visiting friends here Saturday.

Mrs. G. C. Holt, of Helena, is visiting her mother, Mrs. A. E. Evans.

Mrs. G. H. Green has been visiting friends in Jasper for several weeks.

Mr. Oliver Mullins was in town yesterday.

Mr. W. H. Foshee went to Birmingham Tuesday.

Mr. LeRoy Watts spent Sunday in Montgomery.

Yellow Jack Killed.

Cascarets, Candy Cathartic kills Yellow Jack wherever they find him. No one who takes Cascarets regularly and systematically is in danger from the malarial diseases. Cascarets kill Yellow fever germs in the bowels and prevent new ones from breeding. 10c, 25c, 50c, all druggists.

The Junior Epworth League will hold their literary meeting at the residance of Dr. Matthews, on Saturday evening at 8 p.m.

Rev. T. B. Haynie will deliver an interesting lecture on the "Human heart," under the auspices of the League at an early date.

Misses Geneva and Lizzie Jones, of Lily, were in town yesterday.

Mr. H. C. Fulton has moved his family over Kanter's store.

When you are in town call at Sartor & Kicker's Store and examine our fine high arm Singer Sewing machines. They will take pleasure in making you prices and terms for me. Respectfully,

C. R. MULLINS,
For The Singer Mfg. Co.

Marriage licenses have been granted this week by the Probate Judge to the following persons.

Mr. Festus F. Atkinson and Miss A. Malissa Scott; Mr. G. W. Gay and Miss Mary Davenport.

Colored. Harry Whitfield and Mary Harris.

Judge Honeycutt is attending the Mulberry Missionary Association now in session at Antioch church near Randolph.

Those who believe chronic diarrhoea to be incurable should read what Mr. P. E. Grisham, of Gaars Mills, La., has to say on the subject, viz.: "I have been a sufferer from chronic diarrhoea ever since the war and have tried all kinds of medicines for it.— At last I found a remedy that effected a cure and that was Chamberlain's Colic, Cholera and Diarrhoea Remedy." This medicine can always be depended upon for cholic, cholera morbus, dysentery and diarrhoea. It is pleasant to take and never fails to effect a cure. 25 and 50 cent sizes for sale by Dr. J. S. Johnson, Jr. Druggist.

Executors' Sale of Land.

By virtue of an order of sale for division, rendered by the Probate Court of Chilton county, Alabama, on September 21st, 1897 in a cause therein pending in which the undersigned are applicants or complainants, and Mary M. Coe and Ida A. Coe are defendants, we will sell for cash to the highest bidder at public outcry in front of the United States Post Office in the Town of Stanton, in Chilton county, Alabama, on the 4th day of November, 1897, the lands in said County belonging to the estate of Richard Coe, deceased, described as follows, to-wit:

The east half of the north east quarter of section twenty two (22) and the west half of the north west quarter of section twenty three (23), in township twenty (20) range thirteen (13), containing one hundred and sixty (160) acres, more or less.

JOHN V. COE,
RICHARD K. COE,
Executors of Richard Coe, deceased.

Executors' Sale of Personalty.

By virtue of an order of sale for distribution, rendered by the Probate Court of Chilton county, Alabama, on September the 21st, 1897 in a proceeding therein, wherein we are applicants and Mary M. Coe and Ida A. Coe are defendants we will on the 4th day of November, 1897, sell for cash to the highest bidder at public outcry in front of the United states Post Office in the Town of Stanton in said Chilton county, Alabama, the following personal property belonging to the estate of Richard Coe, deceased, to wit:

25 shares of the Capital Stock of the Central City Insurance company;

10 shares of the Capital Stock of the Matthews Cotton Mill company;

3 shares of the Capital Stock of the Academy of Music;

One share of the Capital Stock of the Selma Bridge company;

40 shares of the Capital Stock of the Cahaba Timber Mining and Manufacturing company;

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RICHARD K. COE,
Executors of Richard Coe, deceased.

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Chronic Dyspepsia Cured.

AFTER suffering for nearly thirty years from dyspepsia, Mrs. H. E. Dugdale, wife of a prominent business man of Warsaw, N. Y., writes: "For 28 years, I was a constant sufferer from dyspepsia and a weak stomach. The lightest food produced distress, causing severe pain and the formation of gas. No matter how careful of my diet I suffered agonizing pain after eating. I was treated by many physicians and tried numerous remedies without permanent help. Two years ago I began taking Dr. Miles' Nerve and Liver Pills and Nervine. Within a week I commenced improving, and persisting in the treatment I was soon able to eat what I liked, with no evil effects I keep them at hand and a single dose dispels any old symptoms."

Dr. Miles' Remedies are sold by all druggists under a positive guarantee, first bottle benefits or money refunded. Book on diseases of the heart and nerves free. Address, DR. MILES MEDICAL CO., Elkhart, Ind.

Dr. Miles' Nervine Restores Health

LOCAL.

Dr. A. J. Massey, the well known dentist of Birmingham, will visit the following places within the next 30 days: Stanton, Maplesville Randolph, Ashby, Brierfield and Montevallo, prepared to do fine dental work in all the branches. Thanking the people for their patronage.

Any one having an old sewing machine that they would like to exchange for the latest improved high armed Singer; or any one wishing to purchase our fine machines for cash or on time will please drop me a card and I will call and make them prices and terms. Address,

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No handling of cotton. Everything clean and free from dust. Your own seed goes into a separate hopper.

Drive your wagon up to the gin, then go and attend to your business in town, and in less than an hour we give you your bale.

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Clanton.

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Known to every one in this section as the Bivings gin, has been thoroughly overhauled, and is now in the best running order.

Our saw mill is now ready for business.

Thanking you for past favors, and soliciting a continuance of your patronage

Respectfully,
McKEE & STANFIELD.
Clanton.

Notice of Administration.

Letters of administration upon the estate of D. J. Waterswerth having been this day granted to me by the Hon. R. M. Honeycutt, Judge of the Probate Court of Chilton county, all parties having claims against said estate, are hereby notified to present the same within the time prescribed by law or they will be barred.

Sept. 20, 1897.

NANCY WATERSWORTH,
Administratrix.

Non-Resident Notice.

Alabama Mineral Land Company vs. Jemison Lumber Company.

In the Circuit Court of Chilton County.

Whereas it has been shown by the affidavit of W. A. Davis, General Agent of the Alabama Mineral Land Company, that the President or other head, the Secretary, Cashier and Managing Agent of the Jemison Lumber Company, a corporation under the laws of Alabama, are absent from the State, and that in the belief of affiant there is no person in the employment of said corporation or doing business for it in this State:

It is therefore ordered that advertisement be made for such corporation, the said Jemison Lumber Company in The Banner, a newspaper published in Chilton County, Alabama, once a week for four successive weeks, commanding said Jemison Lumber Company to appear and plead, answer or demur to said complaint.

Witness my hand this the 23rd day of September, 1897.

J. P. VANDERVEER,
Clerk of Circuit Court of Chilton Co.

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LADIES' SPECIAL TREATMENT: In cases requiring special treatment, address, giving symptoms, Ladies' Medical Department. Advice and book on Female Diseases, with testimonials, free.

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These Suits are GUARANTEED to be made from imported Wool Cheviot, in Black, Blue, Grey, and Brown, in sizes from 3 to 9 years of age. Made up double-breasted, with Sailor Collar—Collar fancy embroidered—lined with fast Black Albert Twill Sateen and Patent Waist Bands. Trimming and Workmanship the very best. Same in Sizes for ages 10 to 15 years, without Sailor Collar. See Pattern Below.

When ordering send Post Office, Express Money Order or Registered Letters, also age at last birthday, and if large or small for his age. Money cheerfully refunded if not satisfactory. Catalogue contains full men's, boys' and children's clothing, hats, caps, shoes, furnishing goods, etc., etc., free.

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Guaranteed to be made from All Wool, Fancy Brown, Gray, Black, or Blue Worsted Corded Cheviot, made in latest style, lined with Imported Farmer Satin, trimmed and finished in the best of Custom Tailor manner. You cannot duplicate it in your town for $16.00. Sizes 34 to 42.

The same goods made for Youth's, 13 to 18, in Long Pants, Coat and Vest, **$6.25**

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9:30. Organization.

1st. Subject. What kind of literature should be used in our Baptist Sunday-schools? Opened by Rev. T. B. Pounds, followed by Z. J. Jones.

2. Should those who are not members of the church teach in our Sunday schools? Discussed by Rev. F. M. Woods, G. W. Truman and others.

Sunday—9 a.m. Sunday-school mass-meeting, conducted by G. W. Gothard.

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Program:

9 a.m. Devotional exercises conducted by Rev. J. E. Champion.

10. Organization.

11. Preaching by Rev. F. M. Woods.

Subjects for discussion—1. What is the evidence of a call to the work of a gospel ministry? Opened by G. W. Truman.

2. Who should partake of the Lord's Supper? Discussed by A. L. Foshee and others.

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Notice No. 19125.

Land Office at Montgomery, Ala., Sept. 4, 1897.

Notice is hereby given that the following-named settler has filed notice of his intention to make final proof in support of his claim, and that said proof will be made before the Clerk of the Circuit Court, at Clanton, Ala., on October 16th, 1897, viz.: Nancy Cottingham, widow of Anderson Cottingham. Homestead Entry No 26555, for the sw ¼ of ne¼, nw¼ of se¼, section 2, tp 22 n r 12 east.

He names the following witnesses to prove his continuous residence upon and cultivation of, said land, viz: Columbus Campbell, Zachariah Jones, John Crumpton, Curtis Gentry, all of Randolph, Ala.

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Jan 25, 1897.

DEAR SIRS—I am anxious for the sake of the suffering and afflicted to give my personal endorsement of your wonderful remedy. On the 8th of January last, I was in Washington and was suddenly seized with an aggravated case of inflammatory rheumatism; so severe and painful was the attack that within 24 hours my left arm was paralyzed and I was only able to dress with assistance. I secured a bottle of "5 DROPS" and took a dose that night, rubbing some on externally as directed. The following morning I was surprised to find myself immensely relieved, and continuing treatment woke the second morning cured. My arm was absolutely free from pain, and all swelling and stiffness had disappeared. The quickness and completeness of my cure was remarkable. I have known for over a year of the great curative properties of your medicine and have several friends who have been cured by it of Neuralgia, Catarrh and Asthma. Wishing you every success and trusting that those suffering will at least give this remedy a trial. Sincerely yours, T. P. LIMBURNER.

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W. M. M. KELLEMS.
Harris, Perry Co., Ill.

Jan. 29, 1896.

We received the following letter from Mr. T. J. Walker of Omaha, Ill. Mr. Walker has been for many years an invalid, and reading the wonderful testimonial which he forwarded to Mr. Kellems, asking of his endorsement was genuine, and receiving this reply, which he forwarded us.

MR. J. J. WILSON.

DEAR SIR:—Your letter of recent date at hand, the testimonial you speak of is genuine. I gave it to them and every word of it is true, and I could swear to it and prove it by many witnesses. The company did not ask me for this letter. I sent it to them just January for publication in order that poor sufferers, upon whom all else had failed, might be cured. Get "5 Drops" and use it and it will cure you as it has cured me. I have received many letters like yours, and it is a pleasure to me to answer all who write. Tell your neighbors what I have written about "5 Drops." I know how to sympathize with those who are afflicted, for though I suffered so long, it is now 8 months since I have felt any pain. Dr. W. Kellems, my brother, uses "5 Drops" in his practice, and joins me in endorsing this great remedy. He says for a case like yours it is a positive cure.

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The Conquest of Diphtheria.

In a treatise on diphtheria and its treatment by serotherapy, shortly to be published, Dr. Charles Richet, who was the first to apply the serum injections made famous by the work of Dr. Roux at the Pasteur Institute, Paris, gives some interesting statistics on the practical results attained since the discovery and application of the method. He goes back thirty years for statistics relative to the mortality caused by diphtheria.

In 1867, when the population of Paris was just half what it is now, there were 696 deaths from the scourge. From that year they increased gradually until 1872, when they attained the number of 1135, and did not fall again below 1000 until after the discovery of serotherapy. In 1876 diphtheria caused 1500 deaths, and in 1877, 2390. For three consecutive years then the average was over 2000. It fell a little afterward, but up to 1894 the annual average ranged between 1400 and 2000.

In September, 1894, the Roux method was applied, and at once became widely used. For the year 1894 (only four months of which should be counted) the deaths fell to 980. In 1895 there were but 440, and last year only 423. It would seem, then, that serotherapy has reduced the mortality in diphtheria to an average of less than one-third of that which was maintained for a quarter of a century.

If the statistics be examined, not year by year, but by periods of two weeks, the improvement is even more marked, not only in true diphtheria, but also in diphtheratic affections. In the years up to 1894, for instance, there were never less than forty deaths from croup in any fortnight; but since that year there have never been more than six for a like period. In short, since the introduction of serotherapy, even in the most unfavorable weeks, the mortality has been invariably less than half the average for the years 1867-94, and many times only one-tenth as great.—New York Sun.

Child Sent by Post.

A novel parcel for delivery by express post was recently handed in at a Birmingham (England) Postoffice. A workingman, who had been out of town with his three-year-old child, arrived at Birmingham in time to reach his place of business, but not in sufficient time to take his child home. He, therefore walked into the nearest postoffice and tendered the youngster as an express parcel. The authorities, under the rule regulating the delivery of live animals, accepted the child and delivered it at a charge of nine pence.—St. James's Gazette.

Property in Three Cities.

The value of the house property of London is $3,365,000,000 that of Paris $1,430,000,000, that of New York $1,355,000,000.

At Trier the remains of a large Roman house have been excavated. It faced on the main street of the old Roman city. A richly-colored mosaic floor and the first window discovered in a Roman building are the most interesting things brought to light.

A West Auburn (Me.) man agreed to share the blueberries in his pasture with a neighbor and to placard the pasture to keep others out. After the placards were put up his neighbor picked half the blueberries and told the owner that his were on the bushes ready to be picked.

A Beautiful Blotchy Face.

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English Women Will Present it to the Queen.

At Bridgnorth, within a stone's throw of the home of Bishop Percy, whose "Reliques" have justified the preservation of his house, for nearly four months past women have been weaving with deft fingers the magnificent fabric which will be offered for Queen Victoria's acceptance. It is in keeping with the loyalty of the givers, says the London Chronicle, that the carpet should be manufactured in a town which claims as its civic motto, "Fideltas Urbis Salus Regis." That such a carpet was in course of manufacture was generally known, but no description of it has been made public.

In fact few, except the Prince of Wales, the Duke of Cambridge, and the Duchess of Teck—in whose mind originated the form which the gift was to take—have had an opportunity of inspecting the designs. When finished it will measure 18 feet by 16, and, although of unusually fine texture, is upward of an inch in thickness.

It was originally intended that the material should be mohair, but on subsequent consideration the finest worsted yarn was used, inasmuch as this gives the firmest and most durable service. The coloring is regal in its richness, the whole being conceived with a view to harmonizing with the surroundings of the throne room, where it will be used on state occasions.

The centre, which is in two shades of crimson damask, contains the monogram "V. R. I." in bold letters of gold, supported by the Tudor rose and the Star of India, the whole being inclosed in a garter bearing the motto, "Honi soit qui mal y pense," surmounted by the imperial crown entwined by a wreath of oak leaves, tied with a ribbon.

A marked feature is the border in which, on an ecru ground, and in proper colors, the rose, the shamrock, the thistle and the lotus flower (the latter emblematical of India) are continued until the corners are reached.

At the angles are animals allegorical of the colonies; the tiger representing India, the elephant Africa, the beaver Canada, and the kangaroo Australia. The whole of these animals are lifelike in coloring and attitude, and were specialy sketched at the Zoo for the purpose of the design. The extreme edge of the carpet has the conventional band, worked in soft gold.

The Midland looms have rarely produced anything so strikingly beautiful. Technically described, the carpet is what is known as royal Axminster, every one of the thousand cords being separately tied by skilled female hands. This fact lends additional interest to a gift offered by women to their queen.

The loom on which the carpet was produced consists mainly of two strong wooden beams, over each of which the work is stretched, and is in every way identical with those on which the oldest examples of Oriental carpets were made. Real Axminster is only produced by a very few firms in England at the present time, the exceedingly slow process necessary rendering it extremely costly, and consequently creating a somewhat exclusive demand.

Since the middle of February no fewer than twelve girls have been regularly employed on the carpet, the number of hands being limited by the size of the loom. All of them showed the greatest interest in the national gift, and individually endeavored to turn out an article which will not only be a credit to the firm by whom they are employed, but will be a singularly handsome example of the superiority of this branch of British industry.

A case composed of polished oak is being made for its reception, and as the latter is only to be used on state occasions, there is no reason why it should not remind many future sovereigns of the love and reverence in which Queen Victoria was held by the women of England throughout all the years of her record reign.

Photographer's Plan to Please.

An upper West Side photographer has discovered a "Klondyke" right here in town, and he is working it for all it's worth. He has hit upon a plan to please his patrons, and, incidentally, to fill his coffers with rich-pay gold, or its equivalent. In his studio he has a stuffed horse posed in gallop attitude. The animal is affixed to a platform, the surface of which is nicely concreted. A Central Park scene is in the background. Young and old women, but particularly the former, who are anxious to give their distant friends the impression that they are well up in equestrianism, come to the studio in battalions and have themselves photographed in the act of taking their morning or afternoon canter through the park. The artist has all sizes of habits on hand to accommodate his patrons. For those less ambitious, he places a wheel in position, instead of the horse, and, with biking suits to match, the fair visitor may be depicted scorching along the park drive.—New York Commercial Advertiser.

The capital of Siam has a considerable foreign trade. During 1895 the number of vessels that entered the harbor of Bangkok was 518, and the imports were valued at $20,000,000.

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WHY WHEAT IS NOT $2

RELATION OF SILVER TO CEREAL IN INDIA.

How the Gold Standard Holds Down the Price Clearly Explained by General Warner—A Clear Exposition of the Subject.

By A. J. Warner, next Senator from Ohio.

In 1891, at a convention of the American Bimetallic League, held at Washington, Moreton Frewin, the distinguished English bimetallist, called attention to the close relations between silver and wheat in India, and its effect on the price of American wheat. He showed that for a long time an ounce of silver in India, converted into rupees, had been the equivalent of a bushel of wheat, including transportation to European markets, and especially had this been the case since the opening of the Suez canal. He showed also that, under conditions then existing, as the gold price of bullion silver went down in the American market, the gold price of wheat would go down in India, and consequently in the European markets, necessarily carrying down with it the price of wheat in this country. This was then strictly true and easily explained.

If an ounce of silver would pay for a bushel of wheat in India and lay it down in Liverpool, it is plain that if the ounce of silver could be bought in America for 60 cents in gold, then 60 cents in gold would pay for the bushel of wheat in India, including its transportation to Europe, which would mean 40 to 50 cent wheat in this country as long as India had wheat to export. Nothing could be plainer than that. Bimetallists, therefore, called the attention of the American farmer to this fact and showed him the consequences of Indian competition under such conditions.

But it must be remembered that two things were necessary to produce this result.

First, the purchaser of wheat in India must be able to convert bullion silver at will into rupees with which to pay for wheat. This was the condition then, and continued so till June, 1893.

Second, India must have wheat to export. This India had for many years in succession, and will doubtless have again. But for two years past her crop of wheat, on account of drouth, has been short.

Bimetallists, therefore, were on strictly scientific ground in claiming that as long as the mints of silver-using countries were opened to the unrestricted coinage of silver that the products of these countries, such as wheat, cotton and other things coming in competition with the products of Western nations, would rise and fall with the gold price of silver, and that the premium on gold operated as a bounty to them in stimulating exports. But when the mints of India and other silver-using countries were closed, this tie between silver and their products was broken. Reopen the mints of India, Japan and other heretofore silver countries to the free coinage of silver and the same results will again follow. In other words, restore the conditions that prevailed prior to 1893 and the old relation of wheat to bullion silver will be restored.

Bimetallists have never claimed since the tie of open mints was broken that wheat and silver were any longer necessarily held together. This change was the result of legislation and nothing else. That is all there is to that side of the question.

Now, what has caused the sudden rise in wheat? A short crop for the world and nothing else. It has been ascertained that at this time the surplus from last year's crop still on hand scarcely exceeds seventy-five million bushels. As the bread-eating population of the world requires from 5,000,000 to 6,000,000 bushels a day, this is barely a half month's supply. The world is then made to depend on the crop of this year already harvested, and that which will come later from India and the Argentine country. Of the crop already harvested, Europe is short of an average crop by some 250,000,000 bushels and short enough for consumption by 350,000,000 bushels. The United States, which is the only large wheat producing country with a full crop this year, will be able to supply Europe 150,000,000 bushels, and with Canada, perhaps, 200,000,000 bushels in all. Where is the rest to come from is the burning question for Europe. Just what the crop of India and the Argentine country will be when harvested can not, of course, now be told, but enough is known of the crop conditions in these countries in advance to know that the surplus for export can not be large.

Hence Europe sees almost famine conditions ahead, which, of course, puts wheat up toward famine prices—a condition that scarcely occurs five times in a century, and has not occurred since 1879, and not since 1848 with such intensity as now.

Under the gold standard, with ordinary crops for the world, the ruling price would probably run from 40c to to 60c; with famine prices, or price when famine conditions are being approached, as now, going up to a dollar.

Now, how would it likely be under bimetallism—with both gold and silver as the measure? The price under ordinary conditions of crops with bimetallic money, would doubtless run from 80 cents to $1, instead of from 40 to 50 or 60, as under the gold standard, and under such conditions as now exist, when a famine is threatened, the price should be $2 instead of $1, with common labor in all probability $2 a day instead of $1, as now.

The farmer then but for the demonetization of silver would be getting now $2 a bushel for his wheat instead of $1. A farmer who has raised 200 bushels of wheat. If silver had not been demonetized would now realize for his crop $400 to apply on his mortgage, instead of $200—a big difference to one having a mortgage to lift. Moreover, no small part of the rise to $1 has so far gone to the speculator instead of to the farmer; and speculators will continue to force the price up or down whenever they can profit by so doing.

Republicans talk as though McKinley with his tariff bill had brought about this change in wheat, but such talk is little less than an insult to ordinary intelligence.

There is, however, a side to this question for which the administration and the Dingley tariff is responsible, and that is the rise in the prices of certain other things which goes a long way to offset the gain to the farmers from the rise of wheat.

Left to the operation of the law of supply and demand under the increased production of beet sugar in France and Germany, the price of sugar would probably have tended downward instead of upward. But under the new tariff increasing the duties on both raw and refined sugars, the price of sugar has already gone up a cent a pound, a considerable fraction of this increase going not to the government as revenue, but directly to the sugar trust through the increase of the duty on refined sugar.

The gain to the sugar trust, which is wholly the result of favorable legislation, if it has not already done so, will amount to more than the value of the entire wheat crop of Ohio. Other things, such as clothing, boots and shoes, and other manufactured fabrics of various kinds, have also been taxed up by the Dingley bill, while, on the average, wages since the election of Mr. McKinley have been cut down 15 per cent.

Let us then be honest, and attribute to natural causes effects that result legitimately therefrom and to legislation effects which necessarily flow from changes in the laws.

Money Brought in by Immigrants.

The statistics of the treasury department relating to immigration do not give the per capita of money brought to this country by immigrants, but do give the total amount brought over by foreigners. The figures on this subject have not been prepared for the public, but they are of unusual interest. They show that the 230,832 immigrants who came over last year brought a total of $3,541,241 with them, an average of about $15 per head. This includes men, women and children. The Germans were more thrifty and possessed more money than the immigrants from other countries. They brought over with them about $38 a head. There were 22,533 immigrants from that country, and the total money brought with them was $858,128. The immigrants who make the next best showing are the English, with 9,974 persons landed, and possessing a total of $254,346, an average of about $25. The Irish, with 28,421 immigrants, and with $371,523, show an average per head of about $13. The Italians come to this country poorer than any other class of people. They land with little money, hundreds of them having no more than a few pennies in their pockets. The total immigration last year was 59,431, and they brought with them $516,284, an average of about $8.—Ex.

About Land Monopoly.

I heard a good story the other day, illustrative of a phase of the land question. Mr. C. approached Mr. D. and remarked, "D., I had a little spare money which I desired to invest safely, so I bought a quarter section of land; that was all right, wasn't it?" "Why, yes," answered D. "Well," said C., "I still had more money left, so I bought a section of land; that was all right, wasn't it; and you as a good citizen would help protect me in my enjoyment of that land?" "Yes," said D. "And," continued C., "having still a larger amount of money invested I bought a whole township; as a good citizen of Nebraska and a lover of American institutions and the sacred rights of property, you would help defend me in the enjoyment of that property?" "Well, yes," replied D., "I reckon so." "Well, D.," said C., "I hadn't invested a tithe of my spare money, and I wanted a safe investment, so I bought a whole state. You would help protect me in my poperty rights, wouldn't you?" D. did not answer, but stood scratching his head thoughtfully. "What do you say to that?" said C. After a lapse of three or four minutes, "By golly, I was just thinkin'," said D.

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Important Facts for Wage Earners.

Whenever and wherever there is enough genuine money to do the business the people desire to transact, the demand for labor exceeds the supply, and, consequently, every man and woman that wishes work can secure constant employment at good wages.

As no exception to this statement can be found a surplus of labor demonstrates an insufficient supply of money.

Therefore, before and above everything else, wage earners should demand a rational money system and indignantly refuse to take "no," "wait awhile," nor any makeshift as an answer.—Topeka Independent.

Government Ownership of Railroads.

The men who now talk about government ownership of railroads as a delusion will by the next generation be classed with the men who wanted to burn old Capernicus for denying that the sun swings in a circle from east to west around the earth.—Augusta (Ga.) Daily Tribune.

There is a rumor in Canadian circles that the government of the United States has made overtures to the government of Denmark with the object of acquiring Greenland from the latter country. The report, however, is contradicted at Washington.

At the Carnival Association meeting at Macon, Ga., Friday, it was decided to invite President McKinley and his cabinet and Governor Atkinson and staff to attend the Carnival and Trades display October 11 and 12. Senator Daniel of Virginia will be invited to deliver an address.

MERIDIAN SHUT IN.

The municipal board last Thursday passed an ordinance quarantining against the world. They also passed an ordinance prohibiting trains from the Alabama and Vicksburg railroad entering the corporate limits of the city. These actions were considered necessary because of the rapid and dangerous spread of yellow fever elsewhere. These ordinances will not in any wise interfere with the mails, and mail, including newspapers, will be received from all points as usual.

JAPAN'S ENTERPRISE.

Money Appropriated to Teach Americans How to Make Tea.

Several months ago the Japanese Tea Guild sent to this country a special commission to investigate the condition of the Japanese tea trade in the United States and Canada, and to cooperate with its American representatives in giving publicity to the merits of Japanese teas and the best methods of preparing them.

Tea bazars are to be opened in many of the principal cities in the United States and Canada, where ladies can enjoy a cup of fine Japanese tea made by experts, and at the same time receive instructions which will enable them to make it equally well at home. More than half the tea consumed in the United States and Canada is of Japanese growth, yet those Americans apparently do not understand how to prepare it so as to develop its delicious qualities. The Japanese government has appropriated a large fund to aid in prosecuting this educational work. The Japanese Tea Guild has issued this official recipe for making Japanese tea.

1. Use a small, dry and thoroughly clean porcelain teapot.

2. Put in one teaspoonful of tea leaves for each cup of tea desired.

3. When using Japanese teas, pour on the required quantity of fresh boiled water, and let stand with closed lid from two to three minutes. Never boil the leaves. In order to retain the natural flavor, Japanese tea leaves should be kept in tight can or jar free from moisture.

Note.—To thoroughly enjoy the natural, delicate and sweet flavor, neither sugar nor cream should be used, a little deficient in fact is no attempted.

UNCONSTITUTIONAL.

Tennessee's Anti-Cigarette Law Nullified by the United States Court.

The sale of the deadly cigarette will begin in Tennessee after being under the ban of the law for a brief period. Judge Lurton the past week at Nashville rendered a decision that makes the law passed by the last Legislature absolutely nugatory.

In the habeas corpus proceedings brought before United States Circuit Judge Lurton by W. S. Sawrie, arrested under the State anti-cigarette law charged with violating its provisions, Judge Lurton holds in his decision that the anti-cigarette law is unconstitutional in that it conflicts with the commercial clause of the constitution of the United States, and holding the action of the State court to be illegal and ordering the petitioner to be set at liberty.

The meat of the whole opinion, of approximately five thousand words, is covered in the concluding paragraphs, to-wit:

"But this Tennessee statute, in so far as it prevents importations and sales in original packages by importers, is not a quarantine or inspection statute, and is not based upon the statute or condition of cigarettes. The Tennessee statute is too broad, and is repugnant to the commercial clause of the constitution of the United States in so far as it inhibits importation of cigarettes from foreign nations or other States or their sale by importer in the form in which they were imported."

A WOMAN SELLS HER HUSBAND.

Mrs. Stephens Buys J. H. Trulitt From His Wife for $4,000.

According to the Post-Dispatch, John A. Trulitt, a conductor on the Northern Central electric street car line, was sold recently by his wife for $4,000 to a woman who declares that she loves the man more than his wife does.

The deal was the sequel to the following remarkable statement made to Mrs. Trulitt by a Mrs. Stephens, who lives in St. Louis with her father:

"Mrs. Trulitt, I love your husband and I want him. I have traveled the world over, and he is the first man I ever loved. I will give you $4,000 cash for him if you will give him up."

Trulitt, who is the father of four children, seems to agree to the deal.

HYMEN VS. AGE.

Cornelius Burns and Harriet Talley were married one morning the past week at Calhoun, Ga. The groom is 86 and the bride 40 years of age. Mr. Burns is a prominent farmer of the Rocky Creek district. Happening to meet in town, they agreed to get married at once.

The schooner John M. Cannon, Captain Harrison, from Jacksonville, Fla., for Baltimore, loaded with shingles, dismasted in a gale on the 21st instant, seventeen miles east of Charleston. She was abandoned and set on fire on the 24th. The crew of the Cannon were taken off by the schooner Greenleaf Johnson and landed.

LABOR WORLD.

Japanese carpenters get eighty cents a day.

In Germany some machinists get $14 a week.

Boston has a Chinese laundrymen's union.

The International Typographical Union is worth $27,000.

The English Shipbuilding Trades Federation has 178,000 members.

One hundred Pittsburg puddlers have gone to Birmingham, Ala.

Carson Valley (Nev.) farmers will establish a co-operative grain yard.

The Order of the Knights of Labor will be twenty-eight years old in November.

A working girl is financial secretary of the Central Federation of Labor of Troy.

A Shieldhall (Scotland) co-operative factory's output for a year amounted to $2,200,000.

English employers are importing engineers from Germany to take the places of strikers.

The lamp chimney manufacturers of the United States have signed the wage scale demanded by the workers.

The eight-hour workday for carpenters is now observed in eighty-eight cities and towns in the United States and Canada.

A United States District Judge has declared unconstitutional a law of San Mateo City, Cal., prohibiting Chinese laundries.

Strikes at Stafford, Dudley and Norwich, England, have thus far cost the National Union of Boot and Shoe Operatives $55,000.

The Trades Union Congress in Birmingham, England, adopted a splendid resolution, pledging moral and financial aid to the striking miners. Another resolution was passed in favor of the hours of labor being limited to eight per day in all trades and occupations.

"Herbert Watts is a clever fellow. He couldn't find an umbwellah that would roll tight enough to suit him. What do you suppose he did? "I cawn't imagine." "He had an umbwellah cover made for his cane."—Cleveland Plain Dealer.

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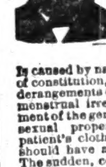

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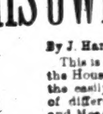

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Great Britain harbors about 1,200,000 more women than men.

Glasgow, Scotland, is a model city to which people are pointed for an illustration whenever municipal reforms are mentioned.

Lead is one of the few metals not yet found in Alaska, but that may be because the Coroner hasn't yet qualified, suggests the San Francisco Chronicle.

Prince Bismarck expressed admiration for the endeavors made by the Pope to solve the social question, adding: "Formerly the social question could be solved by the police, but now it requires the military."

Lieutenant Moss, of the regular army, has reported that he considers the bicycle a valuable means of transporting troops. Hereafter we may expect an army on bicycles, and it will be more imposing than an army with banners.

Says the Chicago Record: When the United States establishes postal savings banks the standing of its private banking institutions will be raised, and no portion of the population will be able to say that it is without safe banking facilities.

In Paris the water supply is becoming a serious question, especially in view of the coming exhibition. The consumption has been steadily increasing for some years, and the authorities are busily engaged in the consideration of schemes for securing an adequate supply in the future.

If you want to keep down the dust sprinkle it with naphtha. A single application is good for three months. It is reported that the Pennsylvania road will use naphtha along its tracks next year in the expectation that the nuisance of flying dust can be abated. No matter how high the wind may be, a country road well sprayed with naphtha will maintain a reasonably compact surface.

The Chicago Journal believes "the convict should be made to wish to escape. He should be so treated that he will want to get away and never come back, so treated that other men will have a horror of his fate. It may be a very pleasing thing for the sentimentalist to see a penitentiary run like a young ladies' boarding school, but crime is too serious a thing for treatment on a sentimental basis."

The modern tendency to regard any unusual crime as a symptom of insanity has received a blow in Germany, where the perpetrator of one of the most revolting acts of recent years has been declared perfectly sound and sane by the medical experts. Johann Bittner, the man in question, was not only a libertine and a murderer, but a cannibal. His outbreak of primitive savagery will undoubtedly be made to cost him his life.

It was decided to bring the body of Mr. Ogden Goelet, the New York multi-millionaire, to this country on his yacht Mayflower for burial. The name of his yacht will bring to mind, and in contrast, the landing of the other Mayflower at Plymouth Rock. What wonderful mutations of fortune are illustrated by comparison of the stern westward voyaging of the Pilgrims to the North American wilderness and sumptuous bringing home of the dead New Yorker!

The British Indian troops showed the stuff of which they are made in the battle of Maizar, in Tochi valley. Two native officers coolly attempted to bring in under heavy fire guns which had been abandoned because of the killing of the horses, and one actually packed into camp a gun weighing 200 pounds. Then he went out again and came back with his English lieutenant's body. Upon such men as these England should confer decorations, for though their skins are black they are the bravest of the brave.

In a recent article in Harper's Magazine Dr. Henry Smith Williams predicted that meteorology would be the science of the future. In view of that prophecy it is doubly interesting to learn that Professor Willis L. Moore, Chief of the United States Weather Bureau, has recommended to Secretary Wilson for adoption as a feature of the Federal exhibit at Paris in 1900 the issuance at the exposition of a daily weather chart of this country. The observations would be cabled over, thus proving a triumph for the American cable as well as American meteorology. According to Chief Moore, no other Government in the world has the facilities for making such a meteorological showing as has this

NEWS SUMMARY.

Current Events of the Day Epitomized.

DE LOME WILL RESIGN.

re Almost Destroys the Little Town of St. Elmo, Tenn.—Market Blown Up by Dynamite—A Cotton Mill for Colored Employes Only—Suicide in Florida.

Ex-Senator John R. McPherson died Friday night.

Hon. Hoke Smith has been unanimously elected president of the Atlanta board of education.

At Crawfordville, Fla., the wife of Dr. John Hall committed suicide by taking two ounces of strychnine.

Major General Nelson A. Miles arrived at New York Friday night on the St. Louis from Southampton.

The shops of the Central Railway system at Macon, Ga., burned on last Thursday. The loss is about $75,000; no insurance.

Mrs. Lydia Bradley, a wealthy Peoria (Ill.) lady, has given $250,000 to the building fund of the Bradley Polytechnic Institute.

William A. Stiles, editor of Forest and Stream, and a park commissioner of New York City, died last week of cancer of the stomach.

Fire broke out at Gibsonburg, O., Friday night. Twenty-one buildings were destroyed. The estimated loss is $200,000; insurance small.

Fire almost wiped out the village of St. Elmo, near Chattanooga, Thursday. Twelve buildings were burned, with a loss aggregating $12,000.

At Morganfield, Ky., thieves entered the office of the Union County Bank during the lunch hour and secured over $3,000 from the cash drawer.

Careful estimates of the losses caused by Thursday morning's great fire at Detroit, Mich., place the total figures at $640,000, with $535,000 insurance.

Henry Chower, colored, was taken from the court room at Hernando, Miss., by a mob and hanged for the seduction of 15-year-old Dovie Ferguson last Wednesday night.

Mary Ortez, an Indian woman, died at San Diego, Cal., of old age, which is variously estimated at from 102 to 146, her daughter believing her to have been at least 130 years old.

Senor Calco, the Costa Rica representative at Washington, states positively that the reports that President Iglesias of Costa Rica has proclaimed himself dictator are without foundation.

Ben Hutto, colored, laid in wait for a negro man near his house at Columbia, S. C. He fired five times at the first person who walked by. It was his wife. She was killed instantly. Hutto fled.

W. H. Bone's meat market at Dallas, Ga., was blown up by dynamite Thursday morning. There was also a notice placed upon a shade tree notifying the town council to change the town marshal.

Among the diplomatic changes reported at Madrid as being imminent is that the Duke of Almordova or Senor Muruaga will replace Senor Dupuy de Lome as Spanish minister to the United States.

Prof. Slaby, assisted by the military balloon corps, in experimenting with Marcon's wireless telegraph at Berlin, succeeded Friday in exchanging messages without wires at a distance of twenty-one kilometres.

At Columbia, S. C., a contract to furnish machinery for a 10,000 spindle cotton mill and 250 looms, in which no white person will be permitted to work except in the capacity of instructor or foreman, has just been signed.

At Philadelphia a relay of six thoroughbred horses raced five miles on the Toga bicycle track against four crack bicyclists, and the horses won in nine minutes and fifty-two seconds with the wheelmen only five yards behind.

Will Wright and John Smith had a difficulty at Richardson's turpentine camp, near Tallahassee, Fla., on the Ocklockonee river, Sunday night. Wright dealt Smith a terrific blow on the head with an ax, from the effects of which Smith died on Tuesday. Wright fled.

Official reports from all points give accounts of many victories for Dictator Barrios' arms, and now it begins to look as if the tide of war had turned strongly against the rebels. The city of Quezaltenango, which has been held by the rebels for several days, was occupied by the Federal forces without firing a shot.

Bandits held up a Chicago and Alton express train Thursday night near Kansas City. After a fruitless attempt to blow open the two iron safes in the express car with dynamite, they abandoned the train and hurriedly left the place.

J. G. Green shot and killed William Adams about dark in Decatur county, Georgia, ten miles southeast of Pelham. They sold cotton there Thursday, and the killing is the result of a difficulty arising from a settlement between them on their way home.

BIG INCREASE IN EXPORTS.

Bureau of Statistics Issue Statement for August.

The bureau of statistics has issued tables showing the exports and imports for August, the first full month under the new tariff law. These figures show for that month the largest exports of domestic merchandise of any August in the history of the government. The exports were $79,490,264, against $66,680,981 for August, 1896.

For the first eight months of the year the exports were $61,810,000 in excess of the first eight months of 1896, so that the bureau officials believe that the exports this year will far exceed those of last year, which was itself a record-breaking year in the matter of exports.

The value of all imports, dutiable and free, for August was $39,848,312, of which $18,629,607 were free. These figures show a decrease of about $10,000,000 below those of 1896. The decrease was due to a heavy reduction in the importation of raw wool, which decreased from 4,651,000 in August last year to 2,877,877 last August, and manufactured wool from $3,079,000 to $639,000.

Wood and manufactures thereof, from $1,963,000 to $1,271,000; manufactures of cotton, from $2,253,000 to $1,623,000; manufactures of jute, flax, hemp, etc., from $2,221,000 to $999,289; iron and steel, from $1,166,067 to $887,344, and sugars from $5,340,000 to $2,956,000.

CRIME IN KENTUCKY.

Eleven White Men Assault a Young Woman—Lynching Narrowly Averted.

The news of a shocking assault by eleven men upon the young wife of a switchman, recently married, comes from Newport, Ky.

Thomas Gleason and his wife started out the Alexandria pike to visit a friend Thursday night, when two men with revolvers, and representing themselves to be officers, separated husband and wife and dragged the shrieking woman into a field, where eleven men assaulted her. The penalty for this crime in Kentucky is death.

The men were given a preliminary hearing before Judge Bennett, who held ten of them for the grand jury without bail. The eleventh has not yet been identified. Owing to the excited state of feeling and the insecurity of the Newport jail, the men were ordered to be taken to Maysville for safe keeping.

When the time came for the removal of the ten prisoners to the Chesapeake and Ohio depot to take the train for Maysville, there was such a menacing crowd around the jail that the sheriff called out the entire police force to preserve order. The train soon came, and the prisoners were safely embarked.

AN EDITOR ASSAULTED.

Brann, the Editor of the Iconoclast, Handled Roughly by Texans.

Waco, Tex.—Wednesday afternoon W. C. Brann, editor of the Iconoclast, was publicly beaten by Judge J. R. Scarborough, George Scarborough and R. H. Hamilton. The difficulty began in the Provident building, and was continued for a half block on the street until Brann fell in a hole on the street car track.

Brann was bleeding from a dozen savage cuts on the head and face.

Brann's assailants were arrested. Judge Scarborough is a trustee of Baylor University, and had a daughter in the university. He says Brann's recent attack in his paper on the university is what caused the trouble between them. Young Scarborough and Hamilton are students in the institution, and say that Brann's attack was beyond endurance.

After the affair Brann made this statement: "I was standing at the elevator when suddenly three pistols were stuck in my face. As I was descending the steps blows were rained on my head. In front of the building stood my carriage, and I was prevented from entering it. Finally I sank from exhaustion and loss of blood. As I was helped into my carriage I shouted, 'Truth will mount again!' or something like that."

CONFESSED TO EIGHTEEN MURDERS.

A man named Gustave Muller has surrendered to the city police of Rotterdam, confessing the murder of his wife and child. As proof of the truth of his confession he produced from his pocket four human ears. The police, on searching his house, found the two bodies. Subsequently he confessed that he had also killed his parents, and mutilated their remains in the same fashion. He also made the astonishing statement that he had similarly disposed of fourteen other wives whom he had married in various parts of the world.

CHILDREN BURNED TO DEATH.

Pat and Mary Coleman, colored, who live on C. F. Adams' farm, near Covington, Ga., left their home to pick cotton about a quarter of a mile away. They locked their three children in the house, their ages being about 7, 5 and 2 years. Late in the afternoon the house was discovered to be on fire, but nothing could be done to save either the inmates or contents. The charred remains of all three bodies were found in one corner of a room.

CUBAN AFFAIRS.

Spanish Cabinet Council Grants Autonomy to the Island.

BLANCO SUCCEEDS WEYLER.

Evangelina Cisneros, the Young Cuban Patriot, Makes Her Escape From Prison. Probability That Annexation to the United States Will Be Demanded.

TO RECALL WEYLER.

It was semi-officially announced at Madrid Thursday that Captain-General Weyler will be recalled from Cuba this month, and that it is probable the cortes will be dissolved in December, and a new parliament convoked in March.

MAY YET ASK ANNEXATION.

Havana, via Key West.—A well-known American, who has long resided in the island, expressed the opinion that real differences exist among the resident Spaniards as to the desirability of autonomy. He believes it will not prove satisfactory to the radical element among the Spaniards in Cuba.

After autonomy has been granted and peace is proclaimed, he believes the radical element will probably try to promote another insurrection. In that event the conservative element and the producing body of the Spanish population would at once demand annexation to the United States.

This view is adhered to by many resident Spaniards of prominence.

AUTONOMY FOR CUBA.

A Spanish Cabinet Council Home Rule Was Given to the Cubans.

A special from Madrid says: At a cabinet council the government decided to grant autonomy to Cuba under the suzerainty of Spain, and to continue the campaign as long as may be necessary.

Senor Gullom, minister of foreign affairs, explained to the cabinet the position of the diplomatic negotiations with the United States.

Senor Sagasta, the premier, has received a cable message from Captain-General Weyler, who offers his services to the government, and says: "I shall not resign."

EVANGELINA CISNEROS,

The Young Cuban Patriot, Makes Her Escape From Prison.

Havana, Cuba.—The beautiful young Cuban patriot, Senorita Evangelina Cossio Y Cisneros, heroine of the sensational adventure with the Spanish governor of the Isle of Pines, has escaped from the Casa de Recogidas (House of Scrapings), where she had been confined several months on a charge of conspiracy against the crown of Spain and of an attempt upon the life of Gov. Berez, governor of the Isle of Pines.

According to the statements of the jailers or attendants, she made her escape some time last Thursday night. At the morning's roll call she was missing, and when search was made for her the attendants found that one of the iron bars of the room in which she had been confined had been bent outward. The bar could not have been moved except by a great outlay of strength, and all the circumstances go to prove the co-operation of outsiders in her escape.

The authorities have not yet secured any clue as to the whereabouts of Senorita Evangelina. Several of the employes of the establishment have been arrested.

GOLD RESERVE INCREASING.

Wednesday's statement of the condition of the treasury shows: Available cash balance, $212,337,848; gold reserve, $148,699,176.

The sum of one hundred thousand pounds ($500,000) in gold coin of the United States was withdrawn from the Bank of England Wednesday for shipment to the United States.

WILL DIE IN MEXICO.

It is reported that Max Stewart, the American ex-Confederate soldier who shot and killed a policeman at Parral, State of Chihuahua, Mex., some time ago and was sentenced to death for the crime, will be shot within a few days.

The appeal from prominent officials of the United States has been in the hands of President Diaz several weeks, and it is stated that the latter has refused the condemned man clemency for the reason that the killing of the policeman was cold blooded murder.

INSPECT COTTON MILL CENTERS

The Southern Railway Company has extended an invitation to the New England Cotton Manufacturers' Association to visit the cotton mill centers of the South located along that system of railway, and it is expected that a large number will accept the invitation.

About 250 cotton mills are located on the line of the Southern Railway and the number is increasing.

THE RECORD GROWS WORSE.

At New Orleans the Yellow Fever is Approaching Epidemic Stage.

NEW ORLEANS.

Friday was a record breaker here. As early as 6 o'clock as many cases had been reported as on Wednesday when the fever had for the time reached high water mark—forty-six cases. At the same hour there had been some five deaths reported, with a couple of patients in a very critical condition.

The deaths are among those who have had little or no attention, and at least three of the fatalities are among the Italian population.

The following is the record of cases and deaths for Friday: Five deaths, 48 cases. Total cases to date, 505; total deaths to date, 50; recovered, 177; under treatment, 278.

There are no new cases of fever at Clinton, Miss.

IS IT YELLOW JACK?

An epidemic of fever six miles south of West Union, W. Va., is causing consternation among the inhabitants. Physicians differ in their opinion as to the kind of fever, some claiming it is typhoid, while two of the most prominent physicians in the State assert it is a mild type of yellow fever. Thirty-one deaths have occurred in the past eighteen days. The citizens of this towns are demanding that the board of health quarantine against it.

YELLOW FEVER AT ALCO.

Robert S. Rabb, who lives at Alco, near Brewton, and who has until a few days ago been employed as a quarantine officer, was taken sick last Monday, and it now develops that he has yellow fever. His physicians were in doubt for a time, but his symptoms are now clear as being those of the dreaded disease.

MOBILE'S RECORD.

There were six new cases of yellow fever at Mobile Friday. Total cases to date, 109; deaths, 17; recovered, 60; remaining under treatment, 33. There were two new localities of infection found. J. A. Wright, one of the new cases named, died Friday night.

Eleven new cases were reported at Scranton, Miss., Friday and eighteen the day previous.

BILOXI'S CONDITION.

The board of health report up to Friday is as follows:

Yellow fever under treatment, 103; suspicious cases, 3; other causes, 7; new cases, 10; deaths, 1; total yellow fever to date, 205; total deaths to date, 11.

EDWARDS, MISS.

Following is the status: Deaths today, 4; deaths to date, 19; Cases today, 13; total cases to date, 389; now under treatment, 165; convalescent, 130; discharged, 85; one case black vomit.

A FINAL REFUSAL.

England Withdraws From the Seal Conference.

The officials of the British foreign office have communicated to the United States ambassador, Col. John Hay, the final decision that the government of Great Britain must refuse to take part in any sealing conference with representatives of Russia and Japan. The British government, however, asserts its willingness to confer with the United States alone, but it insists that Russia and Japan are not interested in the Behring Sea seals to a degree entitling them to representation at the conference. The British government does not suggest any date for a conference with the United States, and it is thought probable in London that Great Britain's withdrawal will result in two meetings, one between the United States, Russia and Japan, and the other between the United States, Great Britain and Canada.

It cannot be too strongly reiterated that the withdrawal of Great Britain from the Washington conference is due to Canada's insistence, and that until the Canadian officials informed the foreign office here of Canada's objections to meeting Russia and Japan, out of fear of being outvoted, Great Britain fully intended to enter the conference with the three other governments.

SEVEN PERISHED.

The girls' cottage at the State Industrial School at Plankinton, S. D., burned last Wednesday at midnight, and seven girls perished in the building. Twenty-five escaped in their night clothes. The origin of the fire is unknown, but was probably caused by a lamp exploding.

The bodies of the seven burned to death have not all been taken out, but the position of those found indicates that they became bewildered and had rushed to the rear, where there was no available exit. The building was a new one, and the loss is $20,000, with no insurance.

SILVER GOES UP.

Silver scored a rise of 1 penny to 27d in London Friday and 2 cents to 69 in New York. Bullion dealers were unable to assign any other cause for the rise than the scarcity of supplies. The Indian demand of late has been heavy. The London price today is within one-fourth penny of the price of September 20, which was the high point of the rally on the news of the Bank of England's preparation to hold one-fifth of its reserve in silver.

TRADE REVIEW.

Bradstreet's Reports a Continuance of Upward Tendency.

FALLING OFF IN EXPORTS.

Only a Moderate Improvement in Southern Trade for the Week—Dry Weather a Retarding Feature in Nearly all Sections—Slight Advance in Cotton—Iron Firm.

Bradstreets report of trade conditions for the past week says:

Distribution of general merchandise in the Central West and Northwest is further checked owing to the prolonged drouth in Kentucky, Illinois, Kansas, portions of Missouri, Iowa, Nebraska, Minnesota and the Dakotas. Telegraphic advices to Bradstreets report serious damage in Kansas and parts of Nebraska and Iowa, where early planted wheat is up, budded out; that planted later is not likely to sprout. Fall plowing is now impossible. Six weeks without rain have dried up pastures and compelled farmers to feed stock. Manufacturing industries throughout the Central West, particularly iron and steel, continue active and there is an increasing tendency on the part of the interior merchants to remit promptly. While the volume of trade has decreased at Chicago, it is ahead of the like record in recent years. There is a moderate improvement in business in the South, Alabama having raised the quarantine restrictions against Georgia cities, and Central and Northern Texas points having resumed commercial relations with Galveston.

Planters continue to hold cotton, which delays collections.

Higher prices this week are reported for cotton, which has been declining for some time; coal and clothing in sympathy with wool, for naval stores under heavy purchases by large traders, wheat, flour and eggs. Products, lard, beef and sugar declined. Hides are weaker, lead is lower and Bessemer pig has sold off 50 cents a ton under heavy speculation, notwithstanding the iron and steel markets as a whole remain active and firm.

Exports of wheat (flour included as wheat) from both coasts of the United States and Canada this week show a heavy falling off, aggregating only 4,835,641 bushels, against 5,834,000 bushels last week; but compared with 4,050,000 bushels in the week a year ago, 2,244,000 bushels in 1895, 3,317,000 bushels in 1894, and 2,862,000 bushels in 1893.

Corn exports also show a heavy decrease, aggregating only 2,109,000 bushels, against 3,108,000 bushels last week, 2,772,000 bushels in the week a year ago, 1,367,000 bushels in 1895, 184,000 bushels in 1894 and 1,089,000 bushels in 1894.

There are 237 business failures reported throughout the United States this week, compared with 189 last week, 219 in the week a year ago, 274 two years ago, 238 three years ago, and as compared with 406 in the first week of October, 1893.

STANDING OF A BIG CORPORATION.

Extracts From the Annual Report of the L. & N. Railroad.

The annual report of President Milton H. Smith shows that the general results from operations for the year were: Gross earnings, $20,372,307.65; operating expenses, 67.98 per cent, $13,849,218.04; net earnings from traffic, 32.02 per cent, $6,523,089.61; to which add income from rents and investments, $427,063.82, making a total income of $6,950,153.43. Taxes, interest and expenses for the year left net earnings of $979,180.09. The outstanding bonded debt, June 30, 1897, was $80,503,660.

The total mileage of the road is now 5,027.65. During the year there were 107.87 miles of track relaid with new steel rails, replacing old steel rails, at a cost of $212,993.76.

The equipment at the close of the year ended June 30, 1897, consisted of 20,565 cars and 549 locomotives.

CAN'T REACH KLONDIKE.

Boats Leaving St. Michaels Now Will Be Frozen Up.

The general impression is that boats that leave St. Michaels from this time on will not be able to get over 1,000 miles up the river before they will be frozen in.

In St. Michaels sugar is 25 cents per pound, shot cartridges are 25 cents each, bacon 33 cents a pound, blanket trousers $8, chocolate drops, three for 25 cents; 5-cent calico, 35 cents a yard; cotton bandannas, $1 each; flour, $8 a hundred-weight; canned goods, 35 cents a pound; small boxes of sardines, 50 cents.

MAMMOTH TRUST FORMED.

The Entire Industry of Glass Manufactures Represented.

The meeting of the glass manufacturers at Columbus, O., the past week resulted in the organization of one of the most gigantic associations that has ever come into existence. They represent practically the entire glass industry in the United States. The purpose was to bring under one head every glass manufactory in this country. In this respect the meeting was a great success.

WEYLER DEPOSED.

Capt.-Gen. Blanco Y. Arenas Appointed Governor General of the Island.

The Spanish cabinet has decided upon the immediate recall of Gen. Weyler from Cuba. A decree will be issued appointing Capt. Gen. Blanco Y. Arenas, Marquis of Plena Plata, governor general of the island. The queen regent signed the decree Saturday. According to El Herald, 20,000 reinforcements will accompany Gen. Blanco to Cuba.

In the course of the cable message sent by Captain General Weyler to Premier Sagasta, placing his post in Cuba at the disposal of the government, he said:

"If the functions with which the government had trusted me had been merely those of governor general of Cuba, I should have hastened to resign. But the two-fold character of my mission and my duty as commander in chief in the face of the enemy prevent my tendering a resignation.

"Nevertheless, although I can rely upon the absolute, unconditional support of the autonomist and constitutional parties, as well as upon public opinion, this would be insufficient without the confidence of the government, now more than ever necessary to me after the censure which I have been made the object by the members and journals of the liberal party and by public opinion in the United States, which latter is largely influenced by the former. This confidence would be necessary to enable me to put an end to the war which has already been virtually concluded from our lines at Jucaro to Cape Antonio."

Senor Sagasta replied:

"I thank you for your explanation and value your frankness. I wish to assure you that the government recognizes your services and values them as they deserve, but it thinks a change of policy, in order to succeed, requires that the authorities should be one with the ministry.

"This has nothing to do with the confidence felt in you by the government, for the liberals have always said that the responsibility for a given policy does not fall upon those who carry it out, but upon the government inspiring it. I shall communicate your decision to the government shortly."

NOT AN ULTIMATUM.

It is semi-officially announced at Madrid that the note which General Stewart L. Woodford, the United States minister, communicated to the Duke of Tetuan, the Spanish minister for foreign affairs, is no more an ultimatum than it is a commentary document. In spirit and text it is couched in friendly terms. It expresses a wish to know when Cuba can be pacified, and requests Spain to reply before October 30 in order that President McKinley may be able to incorporate Spain's answer in his message to congress.

Premier Sagasta, in agreement with Senor Gullon, the minister for foreign affairs, proposes to send a moderate reply, declaring that Spain will await events, and is taking such measures as consideration and prudence dictates until the change of policy in Cuba smooths the relations between the two governments.

The answer of Spain will not be drawn up until the programme for the reforms in Cuba has been published.

BRYAN AT THE CENTENNIAL.

The celebration of Nebraska day at the Exposition Friday was a notable success. Thousands of people were present, every regular and special train being crowded.

William Jennings Bryan, Governor Holcomb and staff, Governor Taylor and staff, prominent citizens of Nebraska, Tennessee and adjacent States, formed a procession and paraded to the exposition grounds. Among the features of the procession were detachments of the United States cavalry, Irish Lancers and German Cuirassiers from Buffalo Bill's Wild West show.

The exercises at the Auditorium consisted of addresses by James M. Head, Gov. Taylor, Col. A. S. Colyar, Gov. Holcombe, Hon. W. J. Bryan, Senator Allen and Hon. W. L. Stark.

A public reception was given the Nebraska visitors, followed by luncheon.

George Morgan was hanged Friday at Omaha, Neb., for the murder of Ida Gaskill in November, 1895. Morgan died protesting his innocence. His victim was but 11 years old, and had been assaulted and choked to death. Evidence against Morgan was mainly circumstantial, but was very conclusive.

Consul General Carrillo has received a dispatch to the effect that the revolution at Guatamala was at an end and that Barrios was again in complete control of the situation, which was confirmed later on by several private cables to prominent business men who have interests in Guatamala.

Jonathan Bennett, a young farmer of Yancy county, Tennessee, Friday, while at an apple paring bee, shot Nora Ray, a girl 17 years of age, with whom he was in love, killing her almost instantly. Bennett was drinking and tried several times to get on a seat by the girl, but each time she ran away from him. The last time he deliberately drew his revolver and shot her twice.

Sir John Gilbert, president of the Royal Society of Painters in Water Colors, is dead.

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RAIN in this part of the country and frost in the fever stricken places is anxiously looked for

CUBA may not be acquiring her freedom so rapidly as many of us would wish, but every lover of liberty will rejoice at the escape of the fair Cuban, Senorita Cisneros, from the power of Spain.

Montgomery was considerably scared last Sunday, a case of yellow fever being reported in the city. However, the scare turned out to be all there was of it, as it was not a case of Yellow Jack at all, and a sigh of relief went up all round. The capitol city is making a hard fight to keep out the dread scourge and it is to be hoped their efforts will continue to be successful.

ALL old subscribers to THE BANNER who wish to make a guess in our cotton guessing contest, which closes November 1, need only to renew their subscription now to entitle them to a guess. In order that all may know the date their subscription is due we are putting the date under the name on each paper, and will be glad to have you renew and register your guess.

THE appointment of W. F. Foshee, chairman of the Republican party of Chilton county, to the postmastership at Maplesville is a direct repudiation by the Republicans at Washington of those who have hitherto posed as controllers of Republican patronage in Chilton We congratulate Mr. Foshee on his appointment, not because he is a Republican, but on account of the opposition he met with and has successfully overcome. The Republicans are so few in number in this county it is hardly worth considering, but are we to understand there are two Republican parties in Chilton? Are there two chairmen, or is one deposed?

"THE money power has the government by the leg" was an expression frequently used in the late campaign and greatly derided by the gold-bug press. But if the cotton planter by this time is not fully convinced that the "money power" has him by the throat and is choking him out of existance it's a wonder. It is also rather surprising, considering the reports of a ten million bale crop this season, that nothing is being heard of that old cry "over-production." From whatever point of view the planter may study the present situation it presents a most unfavorable aspect. If it is not the "money power" and not "over-production" that is keeping the price of cotton down at 5½ cents, the average planter would be glad to learn what it is. The estimate for this crop of ten million bales seems to be away above the mark. But assuming it to be correct, as there was no old stock on hand, it is only evuivalent to an eight million bale crop, and should bring at least 8 cents. Seemingly last season's crop was not sufficient for the demand,—as a number of mills had to close down in the summer on account of being unable to obtain cotton. But big crop or little crop, under-production or over-production, makes no difference to the unfortunate planter, who so long as he is willing to grow cotton under our existing monetary system will have to take whatever price the "money power" is willing to give him.

Planters CUBAN RELIEF cures Colic, Neuralgia and Toothache in five minutes. Sour stomach and Summer Complaints. Price, 25 Cents.

Clanton Post Office.

To-day Mr. John Garner has turned over the business of the Clanton post office to the new appointee Mr. L. B. Pounds. The post office is now located in the store of Sartor & Kicker. Mr Garner has made a good postmaster, his conduct of the office giving general satisfaction. Postmaster Pounds has fitted up a nice office for the transaction of the postal business of the town, and has secured the services of Mr. T. S. Phillips to assist him in the office. The business of the office is growing, and under the new administration we hope to see it flourish and prosper.

Atlanta and Selma Railroad.

The Selma correspondent of the Advertiser has the following to say of the A. & A. railroad: "The subscription to the Atlanta and Air Line Railroad has reaceed $81,000 leaving the sum of $19,000 to complete the amount asked for. Several large subscriptions have been promised, which will materially lessen the amount within the next few days. Col. Mitchell is still here and hopes to complete the subscription by the 10th, so that he can begin active work of grading by the 25th. Selma is at last awake to her interest, and will soon be on such a boom as never before known in the history of the city."

Timely Warning.

Have you tried "Electric Bitters," for Malaria or Chills and Fever? If taken in time Yellow Fever may be averted. Try it at once and you may save a fatal sickness. For sale at all drug stores.

Postal Savings Banks.

No proposition that has come before the people of late years has received such general and hearty approval from the press of the entire country as the plan for the establishment of postal savings banks. Not only do the big dailies of the cities as a rule approve of the agitation, but the news papers in the smaller towns almost without exception commend the movement. While the comments in the newspapers of the north and west are most numerous, the press of the east and south is by no means backward in supporting the agitation. Occasionally an old-time democratic paper of the south opposes the plan on the ground that it is not the function of the government to do anything more than collect the revenues and protect life and property. These are the extreme representatives of the school which hold that that government is best which governs least. But for the most part the papers of the south support the movement for postal banks, and call attention to the special need for them in that section of the country, where banks of all kinds are scarce and where places of safe deposits for small savings are very far apart. In examining the many hundreds of exchanges that come into a city newspaper office from all parts of the country one cannot but be impressed with the attention given to the subject of postal banks and the generally favorable comment. This discussion of the subject in the press of the whole country must have the effect of preparing the minds of congressmen for speedy action as soon as they shall meet again in washington. The unanimity of the press is a sure indication that the people desire the establishment of postal savings banks.—Chicago Record.

A few weeks ago the editor was taken with a very severe cold that caused him to be in a most miserable condition. It was undoubtedly a bad case of la grippe and recognizingit as dangerous he took immediate steps to bring about a speedy cure. From the advertisement of Chamberlain's Cough Remedy and the many recommendations included therein, we concluded to make a first trial of the medicine. To say that it was satisfactory in its results, is putting it very mildly, indeed. It acted like magic and the result was a speedy and permanent cure. We have no hesitancy in recommending this excellent Cough Remedy to everyone afflicted with a cough or cold in any form—The Banner of Liberty, Libertytown, Maryland. The 25 and 50 cent sizes for sale by Dr. J. S. Johnson, Jr. Druggist.

BUILDING NOTES.

The new resedence being built for Mr. W. I. Mullins is nearing completion; it would have been finished before now, but the contractor, Mr. Ben Teel, has been delayed waiting for material. The house is one of the most elegant in town.

Messrs. Marcus & Farley have nearly finished the new dwelling house they are erecting for Dr Matthews, and expect to complete it next week.

Mr. J. M. Potts, who can boast of the prettiest place in town, is adding some more improvements Mr. Potts is a progressive citizen and knows how to fix a place right

The railroad company is repairing the tank, by putting in a new foundation. They are also building a new tool house by the side of the tank.

Political Pointers.

People's Press Bureau, St. Louis, Mo., Oct. 13, 1897.

W. J. Bryan continues speaking alm at daily at various points through Kansas, Missouri and Illinois. He has given seven speeches to the Iowa campaign, several to Nebraska and signified his willingness to give four days to the Kentucky campaign. That Mr. Bayan continues in robust health in spite of his wearing and incessant work is cause for much astonishment.

It is rumored that ex-president Cleveland will go to politics in New Jersey by becoming a candidate for the judgeship of the court of errors and appeals. The position is most unremunerative, paying about $800 a year. But its holding is sought by eminent jurists on account of the honor attached.

The government balance for September, in view of the much vaunted prosperity, of which most of us have seen very little, makes rather interesting reading. Although the expenditures were $1,210,720 less than in the corresponding month of '96, the deficit is $6,435,617. Also a loss of $3,400,000. No such distressing deficit is seen on the balance sheets of the trusts.

The already almost limited resources of Mark Hanna in the Ohio campaign have been further augmented by the establishment of an annex, and pensions for doubtful voters in that state are being granted with increases and back pay at such a rate as to require the services of twenty-two clerks Thus is the greatest monument to the courage and fidelity of the old soldier on the one hand and the gratitude of the American people on the other debased into a tool for the man who is unworthy of an honest man's vote.

The fight in the Mayoralty election in Greater New York continues to grow in interest. Tammany's refusal to endorse the Chicago platform has led to the nomination of Henry George, and the Tiger is said to be, as a result, in a somewhat perturbed state. Mr. Bryan has been appealed to by the Tammany leaders to come to their rescue, but his declination is a foregone conclusion. The platform on which the Alliance put Mr. George calls for municipal ownership, three cent car fare, dollar gas and opposes government by injunction. A wonderfully good Populist platform. The laboring man was recognised in the Greater New York platform by the demand for an eight hour day of work and the abolishment of the contract system.

The last issue of Chairman Marion Butler's paper, the Cancasian, is devoted largely to an expose of the Coxeyites in Ohio. The true Populists in the State expressed their indignation at the appearance of W. S. morgan and Abe Steinberger at the Ohio State Convention, and their interference their. As to the source of the money which enables these gentlemen to travel about, making speeches and controlling committees, there is but one opinion. No Populist within the State will admit to even inviting their invasion, much less furnishing the means for their coming. The much talked of Hugo Pryor check is explained away on the ground that he asked for it to see if such demands were being honored thereby found that they were.

A large co-operative manufacturing and agricultural company is about to begin operating at Bay City, Wis-consin.

The friends of Governor Pingree hopes that the story that he recently took an incog. trip to South America to grab a valuable railroad franchise is but a fabrication of his enemies.

The typeographical Union of Boston has sent committees to wait on representatives of both of the old political parties, urging that they include in their platforms the plank advocating the government control of telegraph and telephone systems.

The sugar trust is making a pretense of opposing the annexation of Hawaii to the United States, which is but the most pattent bluff.

A. R.

What is Scott's Emulsion?

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OPPORTUNITY OF POPULISM.

Such is the political situation. There is a vacant place. The people will turn from the Republican party for it will not bring prosperity; a great part of those opposed to the Republican party will not turn again to the Democratic party where they have turned before in vain; they will turn to a new party, insist on a party that will serve the people, upon leaders who will seek not primarily to advance their own ends but the ends of the people who honor them. The leaders who will not serve such ends must and will be thrust aside. The Populist party should be this party and find these leaders. But it cannot fill this place while rent with discord, while it is divided into factions bent on fighting one another not a common enemy. By healing its discords it can fill the place in the political situation that is vacant; it cannot fill this place until it does. Some party will be found to fill this vacant place, to make a common and effective rallying point for opposition to the moneyed oligarchy. The Democratic party cannot be this rallying point, for it cannot unite opposition. The Populist party can if it will; if it will not some other party untrammeled by prejudice and jealousies must. If the Populist party is to take this vacant place, it must show its fitness to take it by putting a stop to the waste of strength in party quarrels, by directing its whole force, for the advancement of common ends. If it cannot rise to the occasion this fact had better be known.—Philadelphia American.

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CHRONIC MALARIA.

The symptoms are: cold, sticky sweats, tired-out feelings, chilly feelings alternating with hot flashes, coated tongue, bad breath, dizzy head and dull headache, loss of appetite, heavy, unrefreshing sleep, ringing in the ears, brown moving specks before the eyes. Of course no one has all these symptoms at once, but they will come, one after the other, making the victim hideously miserable.

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Since Sunday last twenty-six cases of yellow fever has developed at Wagar, Washington county, Ala., 101 miles south of Selma. The report from Mobile this morning shows that the disease is pretty well in hand. During yesterday there were only three new cases to crop out, and no deaths.

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There is Nothing So Good

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DISTRICT MEETING.

Program of the fourth district of the Unity association will meet at Valley Creek church, Friday, Oct. 29,

Introductory sermon by Rev. J. M. Smoke, 2 p.m. The duty of Baptists to teach their distinctive principles, Rev. W. J. Ruddick, J. G. Gay.

SATURDAY—9 a.m. Devotional exercises, by T. G. Milling.

9:30 Bible and colportage work by E. W. Baileo.

11 sermon by Rev. J. A. McCrary.

2 p.m. Missions by J. F. Johnson.

SUNDAY—9:30 a.m. Sunday-school mass meeting by R. J. Mitchell.

11 Missionary sermon, W. J. Ruddick. 2:30 p.m. Sunday observance by the churches, conducted by J. G. Gay. 3:30 Whiskey and its evil effects generally by N. Maroney.

We request all churches of the fourth district, and other districts that will, of the Unity association send delegates to this meeting and help us work for God and His grand cause.

H. W. CAFFEY,
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TAX NOTICE.

ASSESSOR'S & COLLECTOR'S FIRST ROUND.

We will attend at the following times and places for the purpose of assessing the State and County Taxes of Chilton County for the year 1898. and collecting the taxes for 1897:

	1897	
Kincheon	October	1
Albert Headley's Store	"	2
Benson	"	4
Maplesville	"	5
Dixie	"	6
Valley Creek	"	7
Shoults	"	8
Maplesville until 12 m.	"	9
Macedonia Church	"	12
Hayes Mill	"	12
Providence Church, (Beat 2)	"	13
Elijah Busby's	"	14
Jemison	"	15
Strasburg	"	16
Clanton	"	18
Cane Creek Church	"	19
Mineral Springs	"	20
Jesse Maddox's Mill	"	21
Goer's School-House	"	22
Coopers	"	25
Verbena	"	26
Mountain Creek	"	27
Burwells	"	28
Calloway's Mill	"	29

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ASSESSOR'S & COLLECTOR'S SECOND ROUND.

We will attend at the following times and places for the purpose of assessing the State and County taxes of Chilton county for the year 1898. and collecting the taxes for the year 1897:

	1897	
Kincheon	November	8
Pletcher's Mill 8 to 11 am	"	9
Clanton Ford 12 to 4 p m	"	9
Stanton	"	10
Dixie	"	11
Shoults	"	12
Maplesville	"	13
Benson	"	15
Macedonia	"	16
Providence (Beat 2)	"	17
Smith's School House	"	18
Mineral Springs	"	19
Strasburg	"	20
James Maddox's Mill	"	22
Providence (Beat 5)	"	23
Coopers	"	24
Verbena	25 & 26	
Davis & Rollins' Gin	"	27
Jemison	Dec'r	1 & 2
Clanton	"	3 & 4

A. C. MIMS, Tax Assessor.
T. J. HUBBARD, Tax Collector.

I will also attend at Clanton from January 1 to January 31, 1898.

A. C. MIMS, Tax Assessor.

I will also attend at Clanton from December 21 to Dec. 31, 1897.

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TEN SILVER DOLLARS OR A $10 GOLD PIECE

we will give to the subscriber to THE BANNER who guesses nearest to the number of bales of cotton marketed at Clanton up to and including December 31, 1897. The contest will close Nov. 1, 1897. If there is more than one correct guess the amount will be divided amongst the successful guessers.

Messrs. W. L. Sampey, W. I. Mullins and W. M. Wilson have kindly consented to act as Committee of Award and their decision will be final.

The number of bales marketed at Clanton up to Dec. 31, of each year during the last three years has been

1894	3165.
1895	1962.
1896	3295.

Every subscriber to THE BANNER who pays a year's subscription in advance is entitled to a guess. Subscribe now, and register your guess.

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When in town call and examine our stock before purchasing elsewhere; we are bound to please you.

No trouble to show goods, and they are good goods and worth inspection.

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Men's Top Shirts	15 cents.
Men's Undershirts	18 "
Men's Socks	4 "
Men's Handkerchiefs	1½ "
Men's Caps	18 "
Shoes	from 35 " up.
Brogan Shoes	95 "
Macintosh s	$2.25 each
Worsteds	9c per yd.
Sheeting	5c "
Bed Ticking	10c " up
Best Calico	5c "
Tablecloths	from 50c " up
Towels	5c each
Toweling	5c " yd.
Single Coats	$1.60 each
Good Boy's Suits	from $1.00 up

Best Groceries. Green Coffee 9 lbs. for $1.00.
Furniture, Tin and Glass ware, Good valises.

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CLANTON

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Total	2080

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Clanton, Ala.

Mr. Tom Brooks, of Newnan, Ga., visited his sisters, Mrs. J. H. Chandler and Mrs. G. A. Moore, this week. Mrs. Moore, we are sorry to say, is quite sick.

Rev. I. B. Haynie who has accepted the charge of the Cumberland Presbyterian church at Springville, St. Clair county, removed his family there Saturday.

Mr. Will Hayes was shaking hands with his numerous friends here Friday.

Abe Kanter has been confined to his room this week with an attack of sickness.

Mr. and Mrs. Oliver Mullins, of Jumbo, were in town Saturday.

Mr. Whit Gullahorn visited friends at Montevallo last week.

Planters CUBAN OIL cures Cuts, Burns, Bruises, Rheumatism and Sores. Price, 25 cents.

Mr. Charles Moore, of Elmore, visited relatives here Sunday.

Messrs. Cliff Gullahorn and Bascom McMorries visited Mulberry Sunday.

Mr. R. Ehrman has returned from a trip to the Centennial city.

When you are in town call at Sartor & Kicker's Store and examine our fine high arm Singer Sewing machines. They will take pleasure in making you prices and terms for me. Respectfully,
C. R. MULLINS,
For The Singer Mfg. Co.

Col. Collier spent this week with relatives in Clanton.

Mr. Will Marsh is on a visit from Bessemer.

Messrs. F. A. Gulledge and H. B. Oliver, of Verbena, were in town Monday.

Dr. W. E. Stewart went to Birmingham Monday.

Croup Quickly Cured.

Mountain Glen, Ark.—Our children were suffering with croup when we received a bottle of Chamberlain's Cough Remedy. It affords almost instant relief.—F. A. Thornton. This celebrated remedy is for sale by Dr. J. S. Johnson, Jr. Druggist.

Mrs. G. H. Green and children have returned from a visit to Jasper, Ala.

Dr. G. A. Dennis, of Huckabee, Autauga county, visited his brother here, J. C. Dennis, Saturday.

C. Olim, of Birmingham, visited Abe Kanter yesterday.

John Crain, of Birmingham, L. & N. stock claim agent, was in town yesterday. He proposes to furnish wire, if the stock owners will furnish posts and put the fence up, for the purpose of keeping the stock off the road.

Yellow Jack Killed.

Cascarets, Candy Cathartic kills Yellow Jack wherever they find him. No one who takes Cascarets regularly and systematically is in danger from the dreadful disease. Cascarets kill Yellow Fever germs in the bowels and prevent new ones from breeding. 10c, 25c, 50c, all druggists.

No. 1 jeans pants .50 per pair; good shoes 75c to $1. Don't fail to call at T. J. Arnold's while in town.

Mr. and Mrs. Mitchell Bates, of Marble Valley, Coosa county, are visiting their daugher, Mrs. Sheriff Cooley.

Mr. Guy Higgins, the affable gentleman representing the L. & N. R. R., has rented the John Stauffer house and moved his family from Deatsville yesterday. We extend a cordial welcome to our new citizens.

Mr. N. J. Calloway who has been quite sick is now better we are glad to say.

Mr. and Mrs. J. P. Gore, who have both been quite sick, are now improving, we are glad to say.

Marriage licenses have been granted this week by the Probate Judge to the following persons.

Mr. J. W. Connell and Miss Margaret Jones, Mr. Hugh Henry and Miss Gutherine Beam.

Those who believe chronic diarrhoea to be incurable should read what Mr. P. E. Grisham, of Gaars Mills, La., has to say on the subject, viz.: "I have been a sufferer from chronic diarrhoea ever since the war and have tried all kinds of medicines for it. At last I found a remedy that effected a cure and that was Chamberlain's Colic, Cholera and Diarrhoea Remedy." This medicine can always be depended upon for cholic, cholera morbus, dysentery and diarrhoea. It is pleasant to take and never fails to effect a cure. 25 and 50 cent sizes for sale by Dr. J. S. Johnson, Jr. Druggist.

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LOCAL.

Mrs J. C. Marcus, of Swift Creek, we are sorry to say, is quite sick.

Dr. A J. Massey, the well known dentist of Birmingham, will visit the following places within the next 30 days: Stanton, Maplesville Randolph, Ashby, Brierfield and Montevallo, prepared to do fine dental work in all the branches. Thanking the people for their patronage.

Any one having an old sewing machine that they would like to exchange for the latest improved high armed Singer; or any one wishing to purchase our fine machines for cash or on time will please drop me a card and I will call and make them prices and terms. Address,
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Thanking you for past favors, and soliciting a continuance of your patronage
Respectfully,
MCKEE & STANFIELD.
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Non-Resident Notice.

Alabama Mineral Land Company vs. Jemison Lumber Coupany.
In the Circuit Court of Chilton County.

Whereas, it has been shown by the affidavit of W. A. Davis, General Agent of the Alabama Mineral Land Company, that the President or other head, the Secretary, Cashier and Managing Agent of the Jemison Lumber Company, a corporation under the laws of Alabama, are absent from the State, and that in the belief of affiant there is no person in the employment of said corporation or doing business for it in this State:

It is therefore ordered that advertisement be made for such corporation, the said Jemison Lumber Company, in The Banner, a newspaper published in Chilton County, Alabama, once a week for four successive weeks, commanding said Jemison Lumber Company to appear and plead, answer or demur to said complaint.

Witness my hand this the 23rd day of September, 1897.
J. P. VANDERVEER,
Clerk of Circuit Court of Chilton Co.

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Executors' Sale of Land.

By virtue of an order of sale for division, rendered by the Probate Court of Chilton county, Alabama, on September 21st, 1897 in a cause therein pending in which the undersigned are applicants or complainants, and Mary M. Coe and Ida A. Coe are defendants, we will sell for cash to the highest bidder at public outcry in front of the United States Post Office in the Town of Stanton, in Chilton county, Alabama, on the 4th day of November, 1897, the lands in said County, belonging to the estate of Richard Coe deceased, described as follows, to-wit:

The east half of the north east quarter of section twenty two (22) and the west half of the north west quarter of section twenty three (23), in township twenty (20) range thirteen (13), containing one hundred and sixty (160) acres, more or less.
JOHN V. COE,
RICHARD K. COE,
Executors of Richard Coe, deceased.

Executors' Sale of Personalty.

By virtue of an order of sale for distribution, rendered by the Probate Court of Chilton county, Alabama, on September the 21st, 1897 in a proceeding therein, wherein we are applicants and Mary M. Coe and Ida A. Coe are defendants we will on the 4th day of November, 1897, sell for cash to the highest bidder at public outcry in front of the United States Post Office in the Town of Stanton in said Chilton county, Alabama, the following personal property belonging to the estate of Richard Coe, deceased, to wit:

35 shares of the Capital Stock of the Central City Insurance company;
10 shares of the Capital Stock of the Matthews Cotton Mill company;
3 shares of the Capital Stock of the Academy of Music;
One share of the Capital Stock of the Selma Bridge company;
40 shares of the Capital Stock of the Cahaba Timber Mining and Manufacturing company.
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RICHARD K. COE,
Executors of Richard Coe, deceased.

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For advice, in cases requiring special directions, address, giving symptoms, the "Ladies' Advisory Department," The Chattanooga Medicine Co., Chattanooga, Tenn.

Rev. J. W. SMITH, Camden, S. C., says: "My wife used Wine of Cardui at home for falling of the womb and it entirely cured her."

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THE CROSS AND CROWN

Is the title of a treatise on the doctrine of perfection or sanctification, by A. L. Pattillo, of Verbena, now in the press. It is written in a plain, homely fashion by one deeply impressed with the necessity of Christians living a perfect life, who desires to see all professing religion imbued with the same spirit. The Author, who is also a poet, has written several poems, all on religious subjects. The whole when completed will make a book of over 200 pages, to be bound in a stiff board cover, which at the small charge of 50 cents, should speedily exhaust the first edition.

This book has a double claim on the people of Chilton county and should find a place in every home in the county, from the fact that it is entirely a home production, being the first book ever written, printed, bound and published in Chilton. It will be ready early in October. Price only 50 cents. Orders can be sent to THE BANNER, Clanton, or to A. L. Pattillo, Verbena.

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Baptist Associations.

Both the Mulberry Missionary Baptist Association and the Unity Baptist Association held their annual meetings last week, with good attendances and enthusiastic proceedings. Full particulars are not to hand.

Non-Resident Notice.

State of Alabama, Chilton County. } To M. E. Taylor.

You will take notice that at the expiration of ten (10) days from the date hereof The Thorsby Lumber Co., will file in the office of the Judge of Probate of said county their lien on a certain house and lot situated at Thorsby in said State for material furnished by them for the building of said house.

The amount of said claim yet unpaid is $126.96 and The Thorsby Lumber Co. looks to their lien on the said house and lot for its payment.

The lot on which said house is situated and on which a lien is claimed is described as follows, to-wit:

Lot No. 3 in Block No. 21, facing Jones Street, on the East side of the L. & N. R.R. Co.'s track in the town of Thorsby, Ala.

Dated this October 14th, 1897.
THE THORSBY LUMBER CO,
By W. J. MARTIN, its Atttorney.

Notice of Administration.

Letters of administration upon the estate of D. J. Watersworth having been this day granted to me by the Hon. R. M. Honeycutt, Judge of the Probate Court of Chilton county, all parties having claims against said estate, are hereby notified to present the same within the time prescribed by law or they will be barred.

Sept. 20, 1897.
NANCY WATERSWORTH,
Administratrix.

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Final Proof Notice.

Notice No. 19125.
Land Office at Montgomery, Ala., Sept. 4, 1897.

Notice is hereby given that the following-named settler has filed notice of his intention to make final proof in support of his claim, and that said proof will be made before the Clerk of the Circuit Court, at Clanton, Ala., on October 16th, 1897, viz.: Nancy Cottingham, widow of Anderson Cottingham. Homestead Entry No. 26555, for the sw ¼ of ne¼ nw¼ of se¼, section 2, tp 22 n r 12 east.

He names the following witnesses to prove his continuous residence upon and cultivation of said land, viz: Columbus Campbell, Zachariah Jones, John Crumpton, Curtis Gentry, all of Randolph, Ala.
H. PURCELL,
Register.

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NOVEMBER 9, 1896.
DEAR SIR:
It is with pleasure I speak of your priceless remedy and of the good it has done me. For the last eight years I have been an incurable cripple from paralysis and rheumatism. Just think for eight years a total cripple not able to earn a penny not able to walk or step on the ground without the aid of something to lean on. Heaven bless the man who discovered this remedy, for, thanks to him and to God, I am able to walk and able to work. I have only taken two-thirds of a bottle, but have not had any pain in my back since I took the first dose, and after the second I walked across the floor, which I have not done in years. I have thrown away my cane and shall never need it again. To any one sending me a two-cent stamp I will send my affidavit. I have another bottle of "5 DROPS" and value it at $1.00 per drop.
Thankfully yours, EDWARD CASTLE.
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SEPTEMBER 24, 1896.
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Florida's Haven for Criminals.

Tampa is entitled to the distinction of being the best place for criminals in the United States. The cause of this is the inefficiency of our courts of justice. Crimes are not punished. Bad men are imprisoned, but they live better in jail than outside. As birds in a cage sing and grow fat, so these men play the fiddle and chew tobacco, and have a good time at the people's expense.—Tampa News.

We do not admire everything Cupid does, but there is no denying his good taste and sense in dressing.

Sound Blindness.

We have all heard often enough of color blindness. Many people, although they possess perfect eyesight for reading or seeing long distances, yet can't for the life of them distinguish green and red, and many other pairs of colors. Lately it has been found that some suffer from an exactly similar affection of the hearing powers—that is, an inability to distinguish particular shades of sound arising from some obscure affection of the ear, yet quite distinct from deafness. One boy, in doing dictation, always spelt "very" "voght." He could not distinguish at all between the sounds of "very," "perry" and "polly," and yet he could hear at as great a distance as anybody. Another youngster would spell "different" "drifent." He said that was how it sounded. And several others ran the letters "r," "n" and "f" together in a hopeless way.

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Editor State Register (Springfield, Ill.):—We see the claim made that the Klondike country can, or will turn out in the next two years, one thousand tons of gold, at which rate in three years it could turn out one thousand million dollars' worth—about one-fourth as much gold money as is now supposed to be in the world. That sounds pretty large, but if we had the perpetual money and industrial system in force as proposed in The New Idea, we could beat that nearer home in both wealth and money by putting one million idle men at work at $2 per day for three years, or 900 days, which would give us eighteen hundred million dollars of actual wealth. Now, while you may not agree with me, or indorse the plan, I feel sure that many of your readers, after reading the work, will agree with me in the claim that the perpetual money proposed in The New Idea would be the best money the world ever saw, and that the system would give the best results to mankind of any system ever known to the world, from the fact as coined and issued wealth would be added to the country, and everybody would be employed in making a living.

As eighteen hundred million dollars would be issued, we would have that amount of additional government wealth in property serving us, and the additional eighteen hundred million dollars of absolute legal tender money in circulation without bond or mortgage; besides, we would have millions of private wealth added to our country, to the extent of homes and other improvements, from the earnings of the ones who worked and built the proposed government wealth.

Money so issued or coined would be many fold better for our country than like amount of dollars' worth of gold being found by a few persons, as only comparatively few would be employed in getting out the gold, and, except for the needs of the few owners, the gold would not get into circulation without government or corporation bonds or individual mortgages. If the owners of it should build railroads, they would issue stock and bonds to themselves, so as to draw dividends and interest, and hence we would still have bonds on transportation—bonds on all the people during all our lives and to be extended on to unborn generations—a crime which ought not to be tolerated. Under the perpetual money and industrial system proposed in the New Idea, we would have the wealth added to our country free from debts, mortgages and bonds forever.

If the people whom this most affects, regardless of party politics, would look into the proposed plan and study it for sixty days, they would likely have it in operation before five years. If said system had been in effect the nineteen years prior to 1896, there would have been saved to the people in railroad transportation alone on the same amount of business over five and a half billion dollars (more gold money than in the world); besides railway employes, except high salaried officials, would have received better pay, and every other class of labor would have been employed at good wages, all the while, adding millions more wealth to our country.

Each perpetual dollar coined or issued in payment for government property—wealth—would be a title in the hands of the persons receiving it for a dollar's worth of any commodity at market price or at the price offered for sale anywhere in the United States, and legal tender for services (taxes) debts or claims of any kind in our country.

This perpetual money would come from prosperity—from labor adding wealth to our country—wealth free from bonds. Prosperity coming from confidence money is only spasmodic to result in a panic each few years, or as soon as that confidence money eats up all its worth in interest and dividends, or when it wants an extension of interest-bearing bonds. If people could but comprehend the enormity of interest on perpetual bonds to be piled upon posterity, to say nothing of dividends, they would not suffer another bond to be issued under any circumstances.

Dr. C. F. Taylor, editor of The Medical World, Philadelphia, got Professor H. E. Whitaker of that city to calculate the interest on one dollar for 1896 years. Having no time to verify the figures before closing this article we will quote Dr. Taylor in The Medical World of February, 1897. "Had one dollar been loaned on the first day of January, A. D. 1, interest being allowed at the rate of 4 per cent per annum compounded quarterly, then 1896 years later—that is, on January 1, 1896, the amount due would be $593,333,360,819,160,830,000,000,000,000,000 (593 nonillion dollars). If it were desired to pay this in gold 23.22 grains to the dollar then taking spheres of pure gold the size of the earth, it would require 51,858.3 of them to pay the amount.

"A single sphere of gold to pay the debt would have a diameter of 294.957 miles. Just think of it. Over fifty thousand worlds all pure gold to pay for that dollar.

"Shall we now ask which is accounted the most important in our civilization, the man or the dollar? Here is the record of only one dollar, but it draws interest for a very long time. Now think of our national bonded indebtedness, which, it seems a certain class of people want to make perpetual.

"Further, our states, counties and municipalities have fallen into the bond habit. And still further our railroad bonds amount to more than all these combined, issued mostly on fictitious values, but the people have to pay interest on it all in the form of exorbitant and ruinous transportation rates. (Added to all the farmer buys and taken from the price of all he ships from his farm.)

"The attempt has been made, and will be made again, to make all these payable in gold. In the light of the above calculation, the 'goose that lays golden eggs' must retire to an insignificant place and God must come forward and change the planets into gold to pay these bonds. Let us place high upon our banner this motto: 'No More Bonds Forever.'"

Let us hope that Dr. Taylor and other able men as he will join in and get the people to make a start by adopting a perpetual money and industrial system as proposed in The New Idea. If once started, the people can soon release themselves from transportation bonds without wronging anyone of his rights and without the loss of one dollar's worth of property. In place of loss to any one they would add millions of real wealth to our country daily and everybody would have plenty to do at good pay.

Yes, in perpetual money so good that less than five dollars would pay for a ride to New York or San Francisco, and so plentiful that a section hand could pay for it with a couple of days' wages or less. Respectfully,

HENRY ALLEN BELL.

FRANCE AND SILVER.

French Premier, M. Meline, Suggests a Ratio of 15 1-2 to 1.

The London Times, in a special article dealing with the causes which led France to propose the free coinage of silver, says that the French ambassador proposed 15½ to 1 as the ratio at which France would open her mints, and then proceeds to review the bimetallic movement in France. It points out that in spite of protection the price of wheat continued to fall in France until M. Meline, in 1895, in view of the immense agricultural vote, changed front and decided that as protection had failed and a high price for wheat was necessary bimetallism must be tried. The Times continues:

"At the conference in May, in the presence of M. Loubet and of M. Magnin, he (M. Meline) said to Senator Wolcott: 'Our support will not be wanting.'

"It must be said then that what the Times hinted is absolutely correct. Politics is at the bottom of all this. It is stated in the city that France is not serious and that the governor of the bank is aware of this. Do not let us be too sure in questioning the statements and avowals of leading French statesmen, for we shall be neither courteous nor prudent in doing so and may even be mistaken in the facts in the case."

Inheritance Tax Decision.

The supreme court of California has decided that the inheritance tax law of that state, enacted in 1893, is constitutional and valid. This is a valuable contribution to the judicial decisions on the subject. The California law does not provide for a graded tax. But it has other features of discrimination which have caused similar legislation in several states to be assailed in the courts. The tax is levied only on collateral heirs and estates of small value are exempt. According to the statute of California inheritances descending to children and brothers and sisters are exempt from taxation. All inheritances of $500 or less, whether going to direct or collateral heirs, pay no tax. The tax is uniform on all estates of over $500 going to collateral heirs—that is, to relatives not of full blood like children or brothers and sisters of the deceased. There has been no judicial decision in any state declaring that discrimination against heirs on account of their degrees of consanguinity invalidates the tax on inheritances. Adverse decisions rested on the ground that estates were taxed according to graded values—large estates at a higher rate per cent than small estates. On this ground the act of Ohio was held to be void as destroying the uniformity of taxation. Governor Black of New York vetoed a bill of the last legislature of that state providing for a graded tax. The courts in other states including Illinois, have decided that a graded tax is constitutional—that it does not violate the rule of uniformity in taxation, because it is in the nature of a license to bequeath and inherit property—not a tax on the property. This is the more enlightened view of the question and probably will prevail in the final adjudication of the question.

Hanna's Doctrine.

Hanna starts out in his campaign in Ohio with the following taken from his first speech:

"Our country is the greatest wealth producing country on the earth, and you tillers of the soil are charged with the duty of protecting it."

But when it comes to appointing a currency commissioner the farmers are expected to attend to their potatoes while the bankers fix things.—Dakota Ruralist.

Learn to Labor and to Wait.

The greatest enemy of modern reform is politics, is the agitator who cannot labor as did Jacob. When he failed to get his wife at the end of seven years he labored another seven.—Southern Mercury.

Wednesday night, between 8 and 9 o'clock, fire was discovered in the plant of J. R. Ransom & Co.'s planing mills and box factory, on the Nashville, Chattanooga and St. Louis railroad, about a mile from Nashville. The plant and lumber yard covered about fifteen acres, and were almost totally swept by the flames. Loss, $100,000; insurance, about 80 per cent. The Globe Foundry Machine Works were also almost totally destroyed. Loss, $10,000.

HEAVY GOLD IMPORTS.

Gold to the amount of $1,300,000 has been engaged in London, $500,000 by Ladenburg, Thalman & Co. and $800,000 by Kuhn, Loeb & Co., which makes the total gold engagements for import since September 30, $5,100,000.

Later it was announced that Ladenburg, Thalman & Co. had engaged $250,000 additional gold in London for shipment to this city. This brings the total up to $5,350,000.

ALABAMA NEWS ITEMS.

Happenings of a Week Throughout Our Commonwealth.

A YOUNG MAN SUICIDES.

Green Hutto, living two miles from Abbeville, committed suicide a few days ago. He got into some scrape with a Mr. Davis, being charged with taking some goods from him. He was arrested, and while under arrest took a great dose of morphine, which, in twenty-four hours, laid him out. The poor fellow had been drinking, and his arrest mortified him very greatly, and rather than live after it he chose to fly to the ills he knew not of.

FOR BETTER FIELDS.

Sixty-eight families of miners from the Jellico district have come to work in the mines at Corona. The miners of that district have been leaving for two months, and there are now only a few left of the 2,500 who went on a strike May 1, most of them having gone to Virginia and Alabama.

The men have given up all hope of settlement, and there is little prospect of much work being done in the Jellico district this winter.

ROASTED TO DEATH.

Two prisoners were roasted to death in the burning jail at Opelika Wednesday night. The jail was a dry pine building, and burned like tinder. Laura Bennett, for drunkenness, and Jim Ferguson, for street work due, were the only prisoners injured. They were shackled to the floor, hence could not help themselves, and were burned to crisps. When the fire company had reached the spot there was nothing to do, as the building was nearly a pile of ashes.

UNEARTHING A GRAVEYARD.

An uncanny state of affairs is reported about five miles from Montgomery on the Norman bridge wagon road. It seems that the county has men engaged in filling a ravine of some sort in or near the roadway, and in order to get earth for use in filling the laborers have resorted to a neighboring hillside, which was years ago used as a graveyard. According to reports, the men, with their big plows and scrapers, have dug into eight or ten graves and have distributed human bones all around. There is some talk of the county officials being prosecuted.

WON'T GIVE UP THE PROPERTY.

A special from Guntersville says that Maj. Hugh Carlisle is having great difficulty in taking possession of the 125,000 acres of railroad land he gained recently in a suit against the Tennessee and Coosa River Railroad Company.

The lands given Major Carlisle were in dispute over twenty years ago, and during this time a large number of settlers secured what they thought to be a clear title to various tracts and erected houses thereon. The majority of them refused to vacate when the Federal Court served a writ of ejectment upon them.

The offenders have been cited to appear before Judge Bruce at Birmingham next week and show cause why they should not be held in contempt of court.

MURDER AT A COUNTRY DANCE.

At a country dance given near Seenville Thursday night, Sid Duarf, a wealthy planter, was shot and instantly killed by a man named Ekaf, a Russian. The trouble arose over Duarf's partner in the dance, who is a sister of the planter's slayer.

Ekaf had heard some ugly talk concerning his sister. He thought that Duarf was the originator of it. When asked concerning it at the dance Duarf denied it, but Ekaf, becoming enraged, pulled his pistol and shot him. The murderer then turned to flee, and M. L. Hatton attempted to intercept him. Ekaf also shot him, producing wounds from which he died in a few hours.

THE WEEK'S CROP REPORT.

The following is the regular weekly crop and weather bulletin:

The week ending October 4 was a generally favorable harvesting week over the entire section, and while it was favorable for maturing crops, showers were so light and so widely scattered as to be of no material aid to late crops or fall plowing, and very little of the latter has been accomplished.

Cotton is very nearly all open; picking has been vigorously pushed during the week, and is well advanced in the most backward portions of the State; it is practically finished in several southern counties, and the entire crop will be gathered during the current month; there is no improvement in the prospective yield, which is less than anticipated in some localities where an average crop was expected; the yield for the State will undoubtedly fall decidedly short of an average one. Corn is harvesting a lighter yield than anticipated, and will fall short of an average, and will not be enough for home use in many localities. The fodder crop this year is an unusually large and good one, and a large crop of hay has been made.

Cane has been damaged by continued dry weather, and will be but a fair yield. Sorghum has yielded fairly well, but cow peas, potatoes and late vegetables are below an average; pastures are generally poor, and stock water is scarce.

MAMMOTH TRUST FORMED.

The Entire Industry of Glass Manufacturers Represented.

The meeting of the glass manufacturers at Columbus, O., the past week resulted in the organization of one of the most gigantic associations that has ever come into existence. They represent practically the entire glass industry in the United States. The purpose was to bring under one head every glass manufactory in this country. In this respect the meeting was a complete success.

Had No Use for Anthracite.

Edmund Carey, of Benton, is in this city this week attending court. He was one of the early residents of Wilkesbarre, and was born Aug. 12, 1822, on a farm at the lower end of town, now known as Carey avenue, which has been named after the family. His father, George Carey, was one of the settlers who had the handling of the first anthracite coal in Wyoming valley. He helped open a stripping in Pittston township, now known as Plains township, in 1815, and in the spring of that year loaded a raft with several others and took it down the Susquehanna to Harrisburg, where they sold the raftload of forty tons of anthracite for $10. They were discouraged at such remuneration and left the transportation of coal dormant until 1820, when they took another raftload down and failed to find a buyer. They were so discouraged that they dumped their load of black diamonds into the Susquehanna at Harrisburg, and as far as these early pioneer shippers were concerned, the opening up of a coal market was ended.—Wilkesbarre Record.

The Union Jack.

The origin of the word "Jack" is unknown. The meaning, as understood to-day, is "something shown," and in this sense the application of the word is now limited to the Union flag. Some have supposed it to be derived from the jack or jacque, the tunic worn in early time by men-at-arms, those of Englishmen being decorated with the cross of St. George; which jackets, when not in use, were hung in rows, side by side, thus displaying the blood-red cross, which was at once their banner and their shield. Others regard the name as coming from that of the sovereign James (Jacobus or Jacques), who was the first to hoist it as a national emblem.

How to Laundry Fancy Linen.

To wash embroidered linens so as not to fade the colors, fill a tub half full of warm water, to which add a little Ivory Soap. Wash each piece through the suds carefully, rinse in blue water, to which a little thin starch is added. Hang in the shade to dry. Iron on the wrong side, pressing down heavily to bring out the stitches, thus restoring their original beauty.

ELIZA R. PARKER.

The Extent of His Superstition.

To a little extent I am superstitious, says a Virginian. I moved into a new house a couple of years ago, and somehow things seemed to grow worse constantly. First it was one thing, and then it was another. I mentioned the matter to an old colored auntie, who did our laundry work, and she told me it was because there was no toad frog in the cellar. She said it was good luck for a new house to have a toad in the cellar and that many builders always left a frog in the cellar when they finished a house. As it was such a simple matter to set things right I caught a toad and put it in the cellar, and, strangely enough, things began running all right immediately. Since then my cellar has never been without a toad frog, and to that extent I am superstitious.

Paved with Grass.

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Some things may be done better in Canada than in this country. For example, there is the gold commissioner. He sits on the case on the ground where the dispute arises, hears evidence while the witnesses are yet alive and available, uses his own common sense and good judgment and renders his decision in time for the legal owner to work his claim next day. The chances are ten to one that the gold commissioner gives better satisfaction generally in a mining camp than could any poking process of appeal.

When the Venezuelan cowboy wishes to catch a bull or cow for branding, or for any purpose, he rides alongside it and, with horse and bovine on the dead-run, stoops from his saddle, grasps the creature's tail, and, with a sharp, peculiar twist, sends the animal rolling on its back. From the force with which it falls, the creature's horns almost invariably pin its head to the ground, giving the vaquero time to dismount and sit on its head, holding the animal helpless to rise, while a companion ties its legs.

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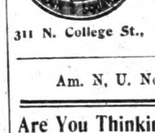

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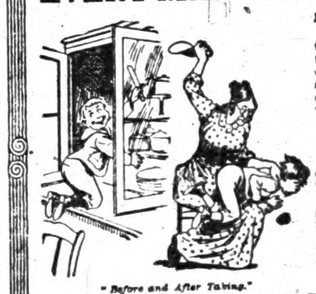

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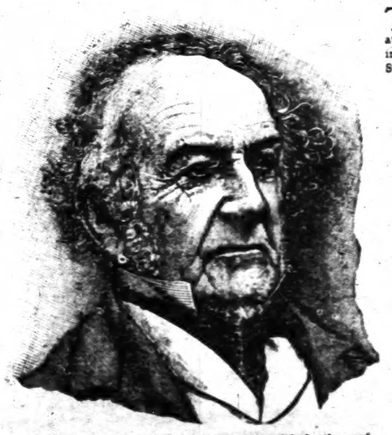

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NEWS SUMMARY.

Current Events of the Day Epitomized.

TOBACCO WAREHOUSES BURN

Negro Lynched for Running Quarantine. Ountet Weyler Granting Amnesty to Political Prisoners—Maryland and Virginia Revive Boundary Dispute.

Edward Langtry, the Jersey Lilly's husband, died last Friday.

At Chicago Friday there was one death and two prostrations from heat.

Nine prisoners escaped from the county jail at Brunswick, Ga., Thursday.

The little town of Flat Creek, Tenn., was almost totally destroyed by fire a few days since.

At Camden, N. J., Eli Shaw was arrested for the murder of his mother and grandmother.

Frank Pollard was shot and probably fatally wounded by Will James on the river bank about a mile from Chattanooga.

The Dry Goods Record estimates the cotton crop for 1897-98 from 8,953,788 bales to 9,371,542 bales of 500 pounds each.

Friday's statement of the condition of the treasury shows: Available cash balance, $211,330,575; gold reserve, $150,164,136.

Maud G. Badgley, a clerk in the general land office at Washington, committed suicide Friday by jumping from a bridge.

Mrs. William J. Olmstead, of Troy, N. Y., recently gave birth to four children, two boys and two girls. The children weighed 6½ pounds each.

F. J. Peeples was convicted at Dalton, Ga., Friday for receiving stolen goods from the Bohannon gang, and recommended to the mercy of the court.

Douglas Boult, a negro leader, was lynched at a small settlement about fifteen miles from New Orleans. His offence was running the quarantine gauntlet.

John Armstrong Chanler, the divorced husband of Amelie Rives and great grandson of John Jacob Astor, is reported to be insane in the Bloomingdale asylum.

Tom Kendall was lynched at Cleveland, Ark., last week for taking part in a race riot recently. He is the third man to meet a violent death as the result of the riot.

General Weyler, the retiring captain-general of Cuba, has granted amnesty to forty-six more political prisoners, including several women who have been confined on the Isle of Pines.

The president has decided to appoint a special commissioner with plenary powers to carry into effect the reciprocity provisions of section 3 and 4 of the tariff act, approved July 24.

Reinforcements of Spanish troops for Cuba are being hurried forward by the military authorities. About 5,000 additional soldiers will leave Spain for that island before the end of the present month.

The official and unofficial returns of the Indianapolis, Ind., election Thursday show the vote for mayor to be: Taggart democrat, 20,188; Harding republican, 16,180; Taggart's plurality over Harding, 4,008.

Maryland and Virginia have revived the old dispute as to the boundary line between the two states. Governor Lowndes, of Maryland, has informed Governor O'Ferrall that he will proceed to settle the matter.

Seven tobacco warehouses and eight stemmeries in Durham, N. C., were burned Thursday afternoon entailing a loss of about $400,000, with $200,000 insurance. It was the most destructive fire Durham has known since the great blaze of 1885.

Ex-Senator Robertson died in Columbia, S. C., last week. He was senator from South Carolina under the reconstruction regime and was succeeded by ex-Senator Butler. Mr. Robertson had been paralyzed for years. His estate is estimated to be worth nearly $1,000,000.

The schooner Bloodhound is a total wreck near Cape Pine on the southern part of the peninsula of Avalon, N. F. Her crew of seven men perished.

Seven cases of smallpox have developed in Atlanta within the past few weeks, and as a result the board of health held a meeting at which it was decided to begin compulsory vaccination throughout the city.

The Seaboard Air Line company has cut its rates to the South 33 1-3 per cent to go into effect Oct. 15. This, it is believed, will inaugurate another rate war between the Seaboard and the Southern similar to that of a year ago.

R. H. Dudley, democrat, was elected mayor of Nashville Thursday by 1,215 majority over Mayor McCarthy, running for re-election on the good government ticket, backed up by the A. P. A. organization.

The jury in the famous case of Mrs. Governor Atkinson, of West Virginia, on trial for having forged her former husband's name, disagreed Wednesday and were discharged by the court. The jury stood seven for acquittal and five for conviction. It is not believed the case will be tried again.

At Macon, Ga., Constable William Limba, son of a justice of the peace of Powersville, in Houston county, and Barker Amos, colored, fought a desperate duel at the home of Amos, about two miles from Powersville. As the result both men are dead.

It is said that a filibustering expedition, including Jose Lorretto Cespero, an American citizen, and fourteen others, has been landed at the entrance of the river Arimao, province of Santa Clara, and has succeeded in joining the insurgent forces commanded by Regio.

J. Bennett Stanford, who has just returned to London from taking part in an expedition to Somaliland, brings news of the annihilation at the end of June of an Abyssinian army of 3,000 men under the control of the famous Gen. Mackonnen, of which number only 63 men escaped.

A dispatch from Constantinople says that the sultan is making strenuous efforts to obtain the withdrawal of American missionaries from the interior of Asia Minor. If his efforts should be successful the policy of exterminating the Armenians could be accomplished without European witnesses.

The official Gazette at Havana published an edict signed by the military judge calling upon Evangelina Cossio y Cisneros to present herself for a term of fifteen days in jail, and ordering all civil and military authorities to endeavor to apprehend her, and, if captured, to send her to Havana jail.

The international court of arbitration, which is to pass on the British-Venezuela boundary has been completed by the selection of M. Maertens, a distinguished Russian jurist, as umpire, and arrangements are being made for the assembling of the court at Paris during the late summer or fall of next year.

The organization of the greatest combination of window glass manufacturers ever formed in this country was completed at Camden, N. J., last week. It was named the "American Window Glass Company," and is composed of all the factories of the country except half a dozen small concerns. The capital stock of the company was fixed at $1,200,000, but the actual capital represented in the combination aggregates nearly $30,000,000.

ROUGH TIMES IN TENNESSEE.

Negroes and White Caps Have a Pitched Battle.

Levans, Carroll county, Tenn., was the battleground last week for warring factions, and one dead and four probably fatally wounded is the result. A large party of whitecaps went to the home of Dot Prince, a negro, and riddles the doors and windows of his cabin with bullets, breaking his arm in the engagement. The negro, with his arm dangling by his side, reached the window and fired repeatedly into the gang, groans and yells testifying to his deadly aim.

The morning sun disclosed a horrible sight. William Sires, a respected white man, was lying dead in a pool of blood, surrounded by four companions dying from hideous wounds. Three of the wounded men will die.

Intense excitement prevails, and a race war is predicted, as the whitecaps are swearing vengeance on the negroes, who defiantly dare them to do their worst.

The negro Prince is fortified within his cabin and apparently proposes to defend his home to the death.

The whitecaps have notified the negroes to leave the county on several occasions and threats are made to exterminate them if they refuse to leave.

Sires was literally shot to pieces and died instantly.

Split in Two.

A terrible accident occurred at a saw mill, some fifteen or twenty miles from Sparta, Tenn., last Saturday, in which Bud Russell lost his life.

In getting out some heavy timber they were using trucks. It seems that Russell got caught on the carriage somehow, and was carried to the saw, which struck him on the left leg, splitting it, and extending up his body, cut his right breast in two and then crossed to the right side, coming out at the neck. The right and left sides were hurled some distance in opposite directions. The sawyer seemingly knew nothing of it until he saw the pieces flying through the air. Russell was about 30 years old and leaves a wife and one child.

Sam Jones Celebrates His 50th Birthday.

Friday at Cartersville, Ga., Rev. Sam P. Jones celebrated his fiftieth birthday with a most notable gathering at his home. There were present fifty guests, one for each of the years of his life, including millionaire manufacturers, bankers, merchants, prominent divines, distinguished professors, newspaper men and railroad magnates.

An elegant dinner was served from 1 to 4 p. m., at which toasts with sparkling water were drank to Sam Jones as a preacher, as a humorist, as a newspaper man, as a lecturer and a friend.

Gold from Silver.

Gold from silver is not an impossibility, according to Edmund O'Neill, associate professor of chemists at the University of California. In a lecture delivered by the chemists of the University Science association on "The Transmutation of Metals," he declared the possibility of making gold from silver and declared that there was an excellent basis to support the claim for the union of metals and that the ultimate solution of the problem was an achievement science expects.

STEAMER SINKS.

Nearly 200 Lives Lost by the Fearful Disaster.

THE SHIP WAS OVERLOADED.

A Number of Spanish Soldiers and Several Civilians Among Those Who Perished—The Sinking Occurred About Eight Miles Off the Cuban Coast.

The coasting steamer Triton, from Havana to Bahia Honda, province of Pinar del Rio, has been wrecked between Dominica and Mariel, on the north coast of Havana province. The steamer went ashore Friday morning during heavy weather, grounding about eight miles from the coast. The purser and one of the passengers have arrived at Mariel. They say they have no knowledge regarding the fate of the captain, fifty passengers, soldiers and civilians, and the thirty members of the crew of the Triton. The missing passengers include several well-known merchants.

The Spanish gunboat Maria Cristina and the tug Louise have left Havana port for the scene of the wreck.

Later—It is now said that the Triton had on board over 200 passengers, soldiers and civilians, and it is feared that they have all perished, in addition to the thirty men composing the steamer's crew.

Owing to the heavy sea that was running the gunboat Christina found it impossible to reach the scene of the disaster until Friday night.

Only the purser of the ship and one passenger were saved.

Among those who were lost were two navy and two army officers, a commissary official and seventy-seven privates.

On board of the Triton was $31,600 in silver to be used for the payment of the Spanish military and naval forces.

The Triton, it is said, was overloaded. She carried a large quantity of ammunition and groceries, and had on board ninety-three rifles for the government troops.

DALTON IS EXCITED.

Prominent Merchants Alleged to Be Participants in Shady Work.

T. R. Ellison, a merchant of Whitfield county, Ga., and John H. Bender, formerly a merchant of Dalton, and son of a wealthy citizen of that city, were both found guilty of receiving stolen goods in the train-robbery cases now on trial at Dalton, Ga.

T. J. Peebles, at present the local agent of the Western & Atlantic railroad at Dalton, is on trial for the same offense. The greatest excitement exists in the little town, as the evidence is being slowly elicited, showing complicity of leading citizens, whether knowingly or not, in the extensive robberies that have been going on for years, and for which the Southern railroad has had to pay large sums to shippers and consignees.

Jesse Langston, convicted Thursday of receiving stolen goods, is a wealthy merchant of Whitfield county. He was fined $750 by the court and sentenced to one year in the penitentiary, conditioned on his paying the fine within the next ten days. His sentence has thrown consternation among the other accused business men, which was greatly emphasized when it was announced that Drew M. Peebles, a leading merchant, member of the city council and candidate for mayor, was found to be missing from the city, and bail forfeiture was taken in one case against him.

ENGLAND WILL CONFER.

Experts Start for America to Discuss the Seal Fisheries Question.

The British foreign office Friday intimated to the United States ambassador, Col. John Hay, that a meeting of seal experts of Great Britain, Canada and the United States will occur as agreed upon by the Marquis of Salisbury.

It is learned that Prof. Dancy Thompson, the seal expert of the British foreign office, starts for the United States immediately.

Weyler Not Perturbed.

Captain General Weyler's rule in Cuba ended with the past week. General Castellanos will act as captain general until General Blanco's arrival in Havana from Spain on Saturday next, when he will immediately take the oath of office. General Weyler, although expressing regret that he has been recalled before he had succeeded in crushing the rebellion, takes the matter philosophically, and is making preparations to sail October 20. In the meantime the rebels show no signs of willingness to negotiate for peace on the basis of autonomy.

Says Guiteras Spread a Libel.

Dr. Guiteras, the United States marine hospital service yellow fever expert who has been investigating yellow fever cases at Galveston and Houston and who has declared yellow fever to exist at both places, has left for his home in Philadelphia. Immediately after his departure the local boards of health of Houston, Galveston and other infected cities in the state held meetings and informed the governor that Guiteras had spread a libel by declaring yellow fever to be where

YELLOW FEVER SITUATION.

Making Its Appearance in Other Towns On and Near the Coast.

The yellow fever situation at New Orleans is still very critical. Friday the number of cases reported reached high water mark, 48 cases developing on that day, and 3 deaths occurring. Total cases of yellow fever to date, 774; total deaths from yellow fever to date, 84; total cases absolutely recovered, 351; total cases under treatment, 339.

Nineteen at Biloxi.

The board of health of Biloxi reports new cases 19, total cases 374, total deaths 14, now under treatment 89.

Scranton had 9 new cases Friday. No deaths.

McHenry reports 2 new cases.

No new cases have developed at Galveston, the four cases passed on by Dr. Guiteras having recovered.

The situation at Edwards, is growing more favorable, 8 cases having been reported for Friday.

Six suspicious cases at Cayuga have been reported for investigation.

Situation at Mobile.

Only 5 cases were reported at Mobile Friday. The official bulletin issued by the board of health shows that there have been a total of 152 cases in this city, with 21 deaths to date.

Eight cases have been reported at Flomaton, Ala., seventy miles north of Mobile, and 10 at Wager, with 1 death.

THREE KILLED.

Collapse of the Robinson Opera House in Cincinnati.

"The Dangers of a Great City," on the stage of Robinson's opera house, was cut short in its performance by a tragic realization of the actual dangers of a great city. The house was fairly well filled.

A little before 8:50 o'clock a lady in the audience says she heard a creeping noise, which continued for five minutes before the catastrophe.

Presently the plastering began to fall in small particles at first, but enough to alarm some of the timid or cautious, who retired. A little later the plastering began to shower down in great chunks.

Suddenly, and with a crash, the great central truss of the ceiling, eighty feet long and thirty feet wide, came plunging down. The ends of it struck on the two gallery wings and doubled it up in the center, sending it down into the parquet with a great scattering of joists and timbers. Nothing on the stage was harmed.

There were moans from the injured. The salvage corps with its wagon was first on the ground and it was followed by all the police patrol wagons, who carried the injured to the Cincinnati hospital.

The list at the hospital showed three dead, five dangerously, if not fatally wounded, and twenty six more or less seriously injured

This disaster recalls one which took place in the same building in February, 1876, when a score or more were killed in a rush to get out of the building on account of a false alarm of fire.

WILL STAND TOGETHER.

Five Brotherhoods Organized Into a Solid Compact.

At a meeting of the representatives of railroad workers at Peoria, Ill., Friday the International Federation of the standard railroad organizations was accomplished. After many years of failure to harmonize, the several orders have reached an agreement which amalgamates and unites them, and creates the greatest and strongest body of organized railroad labor men ever formed.

This task has just been performed by the conference of the grand officers and representatives of the several orders which have been in session in Peoria all this week. The conference was composed of committees representing the following organizations:

Brotherhood of Locomotive Firemen, Order of Railway Conductors, Brotherhood of Railroad Trainmen and Order of Railroad Telegraphers.

The Brotherhood of Locomotive Engineers will act on the question at their convention in St. Louis next May, and will at that time become a party to the federation.

Korea an Empire.

The Korean legation at Washington received an official cable stating:

"King proclaimed himself emperor from this date, Oct. 15, 1897."

The transition which Korea makes from a kingdom to an empire is felt to have considerable significance in Oriental affairs, although the cable to the legation gives no details of the change, and the officials here are without any information as to the causes leading up to it. It is understood, however, to be a part of the progressive policy on which Korea has embarked, following the lead of Japan and China.

The Competitor Case Revived.

The Spanish cabinet Friday discussed the case of the American schooner Competitor, which was captured in Cuban waters April 15, 1896, consideration of which, owing to the feeling which Premier Canovas del Castillo had of stirring up action upon the part of the congress of the United States, was postponed by the late government. The cabinet, endorsed the utterances of foreign affairs, the navy and the colonies in counsel, the decision in the case, with the view of the

LONDON LENDLORDS.

MONEY-LENDING LONDON BARS THE WAY.

Bimetallism Impossible Unless the American People Assert their Right to Govern Themselves Regardless of Foreign Dictation.

It was money lending London that cajoled the debtor nations of the world into abandoning bimetallism and throwing themselves into hopeless financial bondage to the creditor classes of Great Britain, and having accomplished this, money lending London does not care to see severed those bonds of financial dependence. Cupidity draws on the money lenders of London to oppose the restoration of bimetallism, to oppose the undoing of the dear money system that they have yoked to the debtor nations of the world. The closing of the mints of the western world to free silver coinage and the tying down of the western nations to the coinage of gold for their supply of money made a greatly increased demand for gold, made gold dear and prices low, so that when debtors come to pay their debts they must give to their creditors more produce than they covenanted to pay or, what is the same thing, pay in gold that will buy more of the products of men's labor than the gold borrowed. And since 1873 gold has been doubled in value and prices cut in half, so that the creditor can exact on loans made prior to 1873 twice the value loaned, that is he can exact twice the value if such piling on of burdens has not bankrupted the debtor.

So it is that money lending London has grown in wealth and power with the closing of the mints of the western world to silver and the appreciation of gold. And at the prospect of losing this power to exact tribute from the rest of the world, the money lenders of London, clinging to this power, to the monetary system that has enabled them to rob their debtors, take alarm. Thus it is that most of them are gold monometallists, for they have profited from dear money and they cling to that which has enriched them by enabling them to subtly prey upon mankind, to exact from their debtors more than is due. But it is not so with all of them, for many have learned that cupidity carried too far defeats its own ends, that when with miserly greed gold is driven ever upwards and property down, the point must inevitably be reached when the creditor will find himself transformed into a property owner. And as soon as he who started as creditor finds himself a property owner his interest lies not in further enhancing gold and depreciating property, but in cheapening gold and enhancing the value of property. So all money lending London is not gold monometallic; a part, that part which has come into possession of much property through the bankruptcy of debtors and that part which fears a further appreciation of gold, knowing it means bankruptcy for their debtors and ownership of property for themselves, is bimetallic. Yet it is unquestionable that money lending London, revelling on the unearned profits coming from a monetary system that constrains debtors to pay more than they honestly owe, is preponderatingly monometallic.

WHARTON BARKER.

Ought to Be Distributed.

The address of Gov. Altgeld on Labor Day at Philadelphia is one of the most exhaustive reviews of the social situation in the United States that I ever read. After reviewing the conditions here and making comparisons with the conditions of other countries, giving the exact figures and facts, he comes to the conclusion that there is no way out of the evils that beset and oppress mankind but the ownership and operation by the public of all monopolies—the railroads, telegraph, banks, coal mines, oil fields and street cars, telephones, gas, electric lights, water works and many other things. It ought to be printed in pamphlet and distributed by the million.—Appeal to Reason.

Silver Rising.

The simple announcement that the Bank of England would hold one-fifth of its reserve in silver has had the effect to send the price of silver bullion up 6 cents. This is a practical and forcible illustration that the Industrial News was right when it held that free coinage adopted by this nation would rise to its former value and bring it immediately at par with gold bullion at a ratio of 16 to 1. Even such strong goldbug papers as the New York Evening Post admits that this sudden rise of 6 cents on the mere announcement of the comparatively insignificant concession promised to silver was a revelation to them and it has undoubtedly shown them that the "crazy Bryanites" were right after all.—Silver Knight-Watchman.

The Only Solution.

The transportation problem is rapidly solving itself. The objections formerly urged against government ownership have been largely answered by the railroad corporations themselves. The companies were "in politics" during the last campaign, as never before. Their exactions are becoming more tyrannical and unjust each day and the public begins to see that government ownership is the only solution.—People's Party Paper.

Some millionaire should hasten to bequeath to the common people the distinctive birthmark his vested rights and [illegible] Class. (Otherwise

JUDICIAL DESPOTISM.

A Federal judge in Tennessee has made a further improvement in "government by injunction." He is testing it in connection with a suit by a railroad corporation to prohibit ticket "scalping." On the application of the railroad company this judge has issued an injunction against a cut rate ticket agent forbidding him to carry on his business in so far as it affects the complaining railroad in respect of the matters complained of. Should this injunction be sustained, the railroads will have as little further use for congress as they now have for the police. They will be able to hedge themselves in on all sides with injunctions.—Cleveland Recorder.

There is a remarkable unanimity among the California press in its denunciation of the slaughter of miners at Hazleton by the deputies. The murder of those men will do much to spread anarchy—far more than the teachings of Herr Most and other wind bombs.—Bee.

We are very glad that the arrogance and un-Americanism of the federal courts has been carried so far. We are glad that men have been massacred, by armed thugs led by an officer of a Pennsylvania court. The price is cheap if all this brings back liberty. The danger which Jefferson foresaw has come upon the land. The federal judiciary has become tyrannical and utterly careless of constitutional restriction. The federal judges have exalted themselves above all that is called law. They think to rule us with injunction.—Stockton Mail.

The same authority that rides over legislative enactment debars peaceable men from marching in the public highway, puts the seal of silence upon the lips of the advocates of the people, and generally serves the monopolists at their will, has been invoked in Iowa to suppress the freedom of the press, and with astonishing alacrity the ever-loaded injunction was brought into line. This time it was done to save a lot of politicians and office-seekers from such public excoriation as their manifest fear would make appear they deserved. Briefly, it seems that a Republican longed for the postmastership of Charles City, and that the Democratic incumbent was absent from his post because of illness. The aspirant for successorship informed the grave and reverend senators from Iowa and the local congressman of the condition of affairs and he was urged to get affidavits of the sick man's neglect of business in order to expedite the latter's discharge. This, of course, is very high and noble business for men of their standing to be mixed up with, but the candidate for postmaster couldn't restrain his jubilation, and showed the letters from his friends at court all about town. The opposition editor got hold of them and proceeded to publish, with such comment as editors are wont to make, whereupon he was enjoined by Judge J. F. Clyde, of Osage, Ia., from "in any manner using, employing, publishing or commenting upon" said letters! The press censor is here. It will be interesting to note how the monopolistic newspapers which defend the injunction will receive this new expression of its tyranny.—Farmers' Voice.

Free Silverites Busy.

It will be noticed that in the face of dollar wheat and the announcement from Bradley's pulpit that prosperity has come the free silver anarchists are just as busy and a little more so than ever. And it will be noticed further that the jabberwobber sheets are treating this prosperity boom very gingerly. We don't like that. It looks discouraging. It looks very much as if the jabberwobbers had doubts. Naturally we would expect them to make all manner of sport of us, and it would be highly relished if it would bring what we almost earnestly desire. They can kick us, can smear us, can walk all over our door-yard, tread on the grass and tramp down the flowers, and spit tobacco in our eyes if they will only bring us prosperity. This hope of prosperity is born of despair, and waiting for so long and deferring it so often actually makes the heart sick. And now that some think we have got it there is a faint-hearted assurance that makes our under lip drop. Why don't they lambast us, walk all over us, make faces at us and bawl at us, crow over us, and ask us if we don't feel like hiding ourselves?

And if this promised prosperity does come, what then? "I tell you," a dozen men have said to us, "when this prosperity comes I'll unload everything I've got." But if everybody thinks that way there will be no unloading. And the very man who would unload if he finds his property valuable will change his mind. It does appear as if there were little faith in coming prosperity, even by the jabberwobbers, and if not by them then the free silver fellows certainly have good grounds for continuing their assaults on what they deem the plague of a false economy.—Grand Rapids Workman.

The Grain Supply.

The European shortage has provided for the farmer who has grain, and assures this year a measure of prosperity for the whole country. But the fact that the first touch of prosperity which has come to the farmer for many years was caused by a great deficiency in the grain supply, gives a basis of apprehension for the future. The question, "Are bad crops abroad necessary to the prosperity of American farmers?" is frequently asked. Important and interesting statistics on this question are contributed in the current number of the Forum by Mr. C. Wood Davis, who concludes that a protective duty on [illegible]

ONLY FAIR.

Activity of Merchandise Somewhat Less Pronounced.

WHEAT EXPORTS EXPAND.

Unseasonable Weather Has Had an Unfavorable Influence on the Distribution of Merchandise—Indications of a Smaller Cotton Yield Than Previously Compiled.

Bradstreet's trade review says:

The activity in staple lines of merchandise is less pronounced than a month ago, due to interior merchants having supplied their demands for the time, a gradual increase of the territory included by the yellow fever quarantine, the low price of cotton, a tendency in the Missouri river valley and spring wheat states to hold wheat for higher prices and the farmers being busy with fall planting.

Higher prices have an unfavorable influence on the distribution of merchandise throughout the central west and at Chicago and St. Louis sales have fallen off.

A well known representative of Bradstreet's, after extended investigation, gives reasons for anticipating a much smaller yield of cotton than trade requirements indicates. He looks for the Texas crop not to exceed 2,000,000 bales, or less than last year, while the Missouri valley will produce less than an average crop and Arkansas be in less favorable situation than last year. The long and severe drought of the latter part of the season, he says, destroyed all hope of a crop and will materially cut short the latter yield.

The position of the cotton goods industry is no more favorable, but Fall River manufacturers report business brisk, prices steady and unwillingness by merchants to accept further orders.

Advances of Bessemer are reported. Pig iron and steel billets meet with quick sales, but prices are firmly held. Some steel mills are not able to keep up with orders. The domestic consumption of pig iron last month was extraordinarily heavy and promises to greatly stimulate production.

With the slackening off in the rate of distribution of merchandise the upward movement of prices is correspondingly checked, and in this the third week in succession, the number of staples for which quotations are lower are greater than those that are higher or unchanged. There are nominal advances for lard and men's shoes, but prices for pork, sugar, other forms of iron and steel than those named, for copper, lumber, coal, hides and wool are unchanged. Quotations are lower for butter, potatoes, wheat, corn, oats, flour, beef, coffee, cotton, print cloths and lead.

Wheat exports have again expanded, the total for the present week being among the largest on record. The total exports of wheat (flour included as wheat) this week from both coasts of the United States aggregated 6,039,720 bushels, against 4,825,641 bushels last week, 4,156,817 bushels in this week a year ago, 2,409,000 bushels in 1895, 3,192,000 bushels in 1894, 2,709,000 bushels in 1893 and 3,270,000 bushels in 1892.

Corn exports were 2,224,000 bushels this week, against 2,109,000 last week, 1,711,000 bushels a year ago, 1,680,000 bushels in 1895, 113,553 bushels in 1894, 1,123,000 bushels in 1893 and 701,000 bushels in 1892.

There are 196 business failures reported throughout the United States this week, compared with 237 last week, 279 in the week a year ago, 289 two years ago, 253 three years ago and 340 four years ago.

There are 44 business failures reported throughout the Dominion of Canada this week, compared with 45 last week, 30 in the week a year ago and 37 two years ago.

Where Love Has Lingered.

Benjamin F. Hunt, a former resident of Rochester, N. Y., now in his 85th year, is about to wed Mrs. Julia A. Sherman, of Watertown, whose age is given as ninety years. The event is set for the 20th instant. The bride-elect is said to be possessed of a fortune of more than $1,000,000.

JUSTICE FIELD RETIRES

From the Supreme Court of the United States.

It was officially announced at the supreme court Thursday that Justice Stephen J. Field, of California, had notified President McKinley of his intention to retire as a member of the court and had informed his colleagues of this fact.

It is expected that his successor will be nominated by the president immediately after the convening of congress in December and that Attorney General McKenna, also of California, will be named for the office.

Arbitration Prospects.

There is a good prospect of the speedy conclusion of a general arbitration treaty between Great Britain and the United States. There is reason to believe President McKinley will propose a clause in the treaty providing that before any subject is finally referred to the court of arbitration such reference shall be approved by the queen on the one hand and by the American senate on the other. It is expected [illegible]

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You need your county paper, and Ten Dollars will come in handy for new years. So subscribe for THE BANNER and make your guess.

THE prospects are that as soon as the yellow fever excitement has passed away next year's campaign will fully occupy the attention of the people. There is every indication of its being the hottest campaign in recent years.

WITH this issue THE BANNER completes its fifth volume and gratefully returns thanks to its patrons for the generous support it has received. Several hundred subscriptions fall due with this issue, and we trust to have them all renewed next week, every subscriber participating in our guessing contest. We are fully aware that cotton at 5½ cents is not conducive to prosperity, but at the same time we assure our readers that a weekly paper at One Dollar per year is even harder to produce than cotton at 5½ cents per pound.

Six years ago Chilton county was content to pay $1.50 for its county paper, and without wishing to blow its own horn we believe it is generally conceded that THE BANNER has better suited the people of Chilton than any paper ever published in the county.

Always alive to the best interest of the people we have decided to make THE BANNER a better paper than ever and commencing with next week's issue we shall give you eight pages every week instead of four, but the price will remain the same, $1.00 per year. We hope this will be appreciated by the people and result in a large increase to our subscription list. Every home in the county should have a copy of THE BANNER regularly each week. Remember 8 pages every week. $1.00 per year—52 papers, and a liberal clubbing rate with other publications.

The board of health at Montgomery yesterday announced three new cases of yellow fever as follows: W. W. Yosick, 449 Perry street; W. U. Street, 4 Clayton Park; S. McAdam, 126 Clayton Park. No deaths are reported. Mr. White slightly improved. All new cases are in infected districts. The stampede of the people from here is something astonishing. There is no doubt but there is yellow fever here and there is very little doubt but that it has been here for a month and that forty or fifty people have been ill with it. The fact that only one death, that of Stebbins, the mail carrier, can be even remotely traced to yellow fever, is evidence of the exceeding mildness of the disease here and should re assure the people. It does not, however, and every available vehicle has been busy today hauling people and trunks out of town and out of the city. Commerce street has been crowded with people, hurrying to cath trains out of the city. Atlanta and Nashville have caught most of the crowd. The Western and Louisville and Nashville have been hauling great train loads of refugees all day and will contique to do so.

The local courts have adjourned for the month on account of the fever excitement. The following additional suspicious cases are reported today: Mrs. Harry Adams, 413 Clayton street; William H Barrett, superintendent of letter carriers, 215 Dickinson street; Mrs Coroner, Woodley C. Campbell and child, of 624 Mildred street; Pleasant McAdam, 426 Clayton street; David Jones, 624 Mildred street; J. W. Deming, local agent for Georgia and Alabama railroad, 135 Martha street; John Sawyer, colored porter C. A. Knabe & Bro 3 Whitman street.

Democrats and Silver.

Thus we find indications in nearly all the States to hold elections this fall of a Democratic backsliding on the silver issue. The Democrats of Pennsylvania and Massachusetts seemed to set an example of steadfastness to principle in the midst of discouraging surroundings. The conventions in both states declared unequivocally for free silver coinage. But now it seems that the Pennsylvania Democrats have caught the contagion of backsliding on the silver issue. Last Saturday the Democrats of Pittsburg had a political rally. The rally was small, the speakers were blue; one of them, the county chairman, finally declared that: "It looks as if free silver had been given a black eye by the Democrats of this country, judging from the speeches and temper of this audience." And then the meeting took on a decided anti-silver character. It being asserted that the question of free silver coinage was not an issue in the state campaign, that it should be dropped and the fight made on state lines. Indeed, the speeches sounded much like the editorials we are wont to read in the Philadelphia Record, which, gold paper though it is, finds reason to suppor the Democratic State ticket on local grounds. —Philadelphia American.

George M. Pullman, of sleeping car fame, died suddenly at his residence in Chicago early Tuesday morning. He was in his sixty-sixth year and in the course of his life had accumulated many millions, but was never a popular man.

Timely Warning.

Have you tried "Electric Bitters," for Malaria or Chills and Fever? If taken in time Yellow Fever may be averted. Try it at once and you may save a fatal sickness. For sale

Late Educational News.

On the 18th day of October more than 10,000 students were on the rolls as members of the first Freshman class of the Cosmopolitan University. The confusion into which the plans regarding the Cosmopolitan's educational work were thrown by the retirement of President Andrews, in order to meet the urgent wishes of his friends at Brown University, has been met by the acceptance of the Presidency by Dr. Eliphalet N. Potter. President Potter has been at the head of two great colleges for nearly twenty-five years, and brings to the work ecceptional talents as an organizer and man of broad culture and common sense ideas. He is already at Irvington engaged in organizing his staff of professors. The work of the University has been grouped under fifteen heads, covering the various branches of knowledge. Each of these will be in charge of a professor. As soon as the task of selection is complete, the students will be assigned their work and the largest Freshman class in the history of the universities of the world will begin its studies.

The extraordinary dimensions of of the class thus formed has opened the eyes of the public to the importance of the gap in educational faculties which the Cosmopolitan has undertaken to fill. Knowing that the appropriation made by the Cosmopolitan is a limited one and that the entries are far beyond the most sanguine expectations, embarrassing the work by their proportions, many professors and other prominent men have already made the offer of advice and assistance without pay.

TO CURE A COLD IN ONE DAY.

Take Laxative Bromo Quinine Tablets. All druggists refund the money if it fails to cure. 25 cents.

Atlanta and Selma Railroad.

The Atlanta and Selma Air-Line is now a certainty and Selma is in a state of jubilation Last week a corps of engineers started over the line on the final survey and Saturday the first section of construction was let by the Erie Construction Company, the main contractor for the building of the road. The subcontract provides for the grading to begin before the 25th instant and extends from the corporate limits of the city through Dallas to Autauga county. The road will be completed as rapidly as possible to a point on the Columbus and Western railway, opening up one of the richest sections of the South to Selma's trade The road will ultimately be built to Atlanta on the North and to New Orleans on the South.

A few weeks ago the editor was taken with a very severe cold that caused him to be in a most miserable condition. It was undoubtedly a bad case of la grippe and recognizing it as dangerous he took immediate steps to bring about a speedy cure From the advertisement of Chamberlain's Cough Remedy and the many recommendations included therein, we concluded to make a first trial of the medicine. To say that it was satisfactory in its results, is putting it very mildly, indeed. It acted like magic and the result was a speedy and permanent cure. We have no hesitancy in recommending this excellent Cough Remedy to every one afflicted with a cough or cold in any form—The Banner of Liberty, Libertytown, Maryland. The 25 and 50 cent sizes for sale by Dr. J. S. Johnson, Jr. Druggist.

Political Pointers.

People's Press Bureau, St. Louis, Mo., Oct. 21, 1897.

There is so much interesting news in regard to that much and long talked of person the Hon. Mark Hanna that one scarcely knows where to begin. Gen. Warner, the well known silver advocate, challenged Mr. Hanna to debate, but has received no response, while the Republican leaders professes not to have received any letter from Gen Warner but gives it out cold that he will not notice any such letter if it yet arrives. The second item of interest comes from Dallas, Texas, in the form of a request from Republican headquarters at the point that all Middle-of-the-roaders, who had been invited by Mr. Hanna to go on to Ohio and take part in the campaign for Coxey, should consider such engagements off Some of these importations who were doing work indirectly for Hanna, have not pleased him and he wants no more of them. Hanna and his brother are being sued by the former members of a street railway corporation who allege that they were handsomely swindled out of their interests by these adroit financiers. In the mean time what with unlimited Republican money, the control of the entire state patronage, aided by Democratic squables and Coxey's side-show, it looks as if tha election of a legislature that will return Hanna to the casting votes unfavorable to English interests.

From Greater New York come many and varied rumors as to the mayoralty fight in progress there. An opportunity is furnished the Silver Democarts to show if they are sincere in the demands of the Chicago platform. The Socialists are most bitter in their opposition to George. Mrs. Lease is in New York and has proffered her aid in the campaign to Mr. George. Her arraignment of the other candidates, in a recent interview, shows that she is well posted as to all parties concerned, and has lost none of her faculty for stating unpleasant truths. United States Senate is an assured fact.

The proposition of the Bank of England to hold a part of its reserve in silver has met with such violent opposition that it is believed no more will be heard of it. The London Times is authority for the statement that American manufactures have expressed their disapproval urging that "it was to some extent a confession of the advisibility of what Mr. Bryan has claimed."

England refuses absolutely to take any part in the seal fisheries conference claiming that the calling of Japan and Russia into the dispute is but a "trap" sure to result in their truths in a scatching manner.

Jerry Simpson, who, by the way, is now a national figure and a credit to Kansas, will take part in the New York campaign.

In Iowa the prospects for a Republican majority is distressingly good. The Democrats are divided and crippled by the difference or opposition of some of their own time leaders. They are also short of funds. The Populists have sent out an appeal for money and are doing good work. The Middle-of-the-roaders have money and are making quite a stir. One of the most enthusiastic campaigners for White is the young lady editor, who created a sensation at the Chicago convention, when she tried to start a bolt for Boise, and who has been known since that event as "the Girl in White."

Eugene V. Debs will deliver a series of addresses throughout Kansas Kansas during the latter part of October under the auspices of the Social Democracy.

The New York Sun, after many years of political exploring, has come out in favor of municipal ownership, and gives long leaders defending the most advanced sort of Democracy. If the George campaign should result in a victory this would mean unlimited prestige and money to its owners.

Senator Henry Teller has been making speeches in Colorado in which he disclaimed being a Republican and endorses every Populist principle.

A. R.

Well Children

that are not very robust need a warming, building and fat-forming food—something to be used for two or three months in the fall—that they may not suffer from cold.

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CORRESPONDENCE.

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Planters CUBAN RELIEF cures Colic, Neuralgia and Toothache in five minutes. Sour Stomach and Summer Complaints. Price, 25 Cents.

Lily Lyrics.

Farmers are very busy gathering; some are nearly through picking cotton.

Miss Geneva Jones has secured a school at Centre Point, near Billingsley, and will begin teaching next Monday.

Isabella is still without a teacher The patrons met last Monday and elected a committee to get a teacher Rev. Geo. W Hinton, of Billingsley, assisted Bro. Price in a protracted meeting last week.

Mr. Robert L. Veazey left last Thursday for Birmingham to finish his course in the Birmingham business college.

Mr. Moodie Rasberry has gone to Birmingham to resume work.

The protracted meeting at Macedonia closed last Thursday night.

Some of our young people are contemplating attending the camp meeting near Jemison.

Mr. B. W. Latham, who spent last year in the Lone Star State, has just returned. He seems to think that old Alabama is just about as good, and in many respects better than Texas. CLINT.

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Yellow Fever Prevented.

There is only one sure way of preventing yellow fever. Destroy the germs of the disease by using Cascarets. Candy Cathartic, and keep the system clean by continuing their use. The tried and tested safe-guard against yellow fever is to place your faith in Cascarets. 10c. 25c. 50c, all druggists.

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A Most Sensible Opinion.

Southern newspapers have, as a rule, been run too much as public property and not enough as business enterprises. A newspaper's space is its stock in trade, and the public should be educated into not expecting the proprietors to give it away to everybody and everything. When the truth is more fully realized and acted upon, there will be more newspapers successes The public, in days gone by, has made newspapers and newspaper men a sort of by-word for poverty, but newspapers are learning to correct this impression. The public is largely to blame for the estimate it has too freqnently formed by outright begging all sorts of favors from the publishing enterprises in their reach and by getting their cheek rewarded. People should be educated out of this habit. As fast as newspaper men teach their neighbors that newspaper space costs money and labor to produce and has a market value, just that fast will the public respect the undertakings at their doors as a business enterprise worthy of support. Then the average man will no more think of begging for newspaper space for his individual benefit than he would think of going into a clothing store and displaying the cheek to beg for a hat or a coat, or into a grocery store and asking for a barrel of flour or a side of meat. True enough, a newspaper must not be run as a money making machine, purely. That is calculated to exclude conscience, liberality and enterprise.—Montgomery Advertiser.

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The True Remedy.

W. M. Repine, editor of Tiskilwa Ill., "Chief," says: "We won't keep house without Dr. King's New Discovery for Consumption, Coughs and Colds. Experimented with many others, but never got the true remedy until we used Dr. King's New Discovery. No other remedy can take its place in our home, as in it we have a certain and sure cure for Colds Whooping Cough, etc." It is idle to experiment with other remedies, even if they are urged on you as just as good as Dr. King's New Discovery. They are not as good, because this remedy has a record of cures and best les is guaranteed. It never fails to satisfy. Trial bottle free at Dr. J. S. Johnson's Drug Store.

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Postal Banks in Australia.

In several of the Austrilian colonies both general savings banks and postal savings banks exists, both being under control of the government, says the Chicago Record. This is true of Victoria, New South Wales and Tasmania. Postoffice banks alone exist in Queensland and Western Australia and general savings banks alone in South Australia. In Canada government savings banks antedate the postal savings bank, but are giving way to the latter as the more convenient and suitable institution. In some countries having the general savings banks bank as distinguished from the postal savings bank use is made of the postoffices as places of deposit for transmission to the general bank. As between the general savings banks under government control and the postal savings bank there is question that the latter is the one for adoption in the United States The postoffice has in operation machinery that could be utilized for the protection of small savings deposits with comparatively little additional trouble and expense.

TAX NOTICE.

ASSESSOR'S & COLLECTOR'S FIRST ROUND.

We will attend at the following times and places for the purpose of assessing the State and County Taxes of Chilton County for the year 1898. and collecting the taxes for 1897:

		1897
Kincheon	October	1
Albert Headley's Store	"	2
Benson	"	4
Maplesville	"	5
Dixie	"	6
Valley Creek	"	7
Shoults	"	8
Maplesville until 12 m.	"	9
Macedonia Church	"	11
Hayes Mill	"	12
Providence Church (Beat 2)	"	13
Elijah Busby's	"	14
Jemison	"	15
Strasburg	"	16
Clanton	"	18
Cane Creek Church	"	19
Mineral Springs	"	20
Jesse Maddox's Mill	"	21
Goer's School-House	"	22
Coopers	"	25
Verbena	"	26
Mountain Creek	"	27
Burwells	"	28
Calloway's Mill	"	29

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ASSESSOR'S & COLLECTOR'S SECOND ROUND.

We will attend at the following times and places for the purpose of assessing the State and County taxes of Chilton county for the year 1898 and collecting the taxes for the year 1897:

		1897
Kincheon	November	8
Pletcher's Mill 8 to 11 am	"	9
Clanton Ford 12 to 4 p m	"	9
Stanton	"	10
Dixie	"	11
Shoults	"	12
Maplesville	"	13
Benson	"	15
Macedonia	"	16
Providence (Beat 2)	"	17
Smith's School House	"	18
Mineral Springs	"	19
Strasburg	"	20
James Maddox's Mill	"	22
Providence (Beat 5)	"	23
Coopers	"	24
Verbena	25 &	26
Davis & Rollins' Gin	"	27
Jemison	Dec'r 1 &	2
Clanton	" 3 &	4

A. C. MIMS, Tax Assessor.

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I will also attend at Clanton from January 1 to January 31, 1898.

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HOW TO FIND OUT.

Fill a bottle or common glass with urine and let it stand twenty-four hours; a sediment or settling indicates an unhealthy condition of the kidneys. When urine stains linen it is positive evidence of kidney trouble Too frequent desire to urinate or pain in the back, is also convincing proof that the kidneys and bladder are out of order.

WHAT TO DO.

There is comfort in the knowledge so often expressed, that Dr. Kilmer's Swamp-Root, the great kidney remedy fulfills every wish in relieving pain in the back, kidneys, liver, bladder and every part of the urinary passages. It corrects inability to hold urine and scalding pain in passing it, or bad effects following use of liquor, wine or beer, and overcomes that unpleasant necessity of being compelled to get up many times during the night to urinate. The mild and the extraordinary effect of Swamp-Root is soon realized. It stands the highest for its wonderful cures of the most distressing cases. If you need a medicine you should have the best. Sold by druggists, price fifty cents and one dollar. You may have a sample bottle and pamphlet both sent free by mail Mention THE BANNER and send your address to Dr. Kilmer & Co., Binghamton, N.Y. The proprietor of this paper guarantees the genuineness of this offer.

The BANNER office is the only Job Printing establishment in Chilton and Coosa counties. We give you best work at lower prices than you can get elsewhere. Give us a trial

Yellow Fever Germs

breed in the bowels. Kill them and you are safe from the awful disease. Cascarets destroy the germs throughout the system and make it impossible for new ones to form. Cascarets are the only reliable safe-guard for young and old against Yellow Jack. 10c, 25c, 50c, all druggists.

TEN SILVER DOLLARS OR A $10 GOLD PIECE

we will give to the subscriber to THE BANNER who guesses nearest to the number of bales of cotton marketed at Clanton up to and including December 31, 1897. The contest will close Nov. 1, 1897. If there is more than one correct guess the amount will be divided amongst the successful guessers.

Messrs. W. L. Sampey, W. I. Mullins and W. M. Wilson have kindly consented to act as Committee of Award and their decision will be final.

The number of bales marketed at Clanton up to Dec. 31, of each year during the last three years has been

1894	3165.
1895	1962.
1896	8295.

Every subscriber to THE BANNER who pays a year's subscription in advance is entitled to a guess. Subscribe now, and register your guess.

Last to Open But First in Quality and Price

OUR STOCK CAN'T BE BEAT

ALL THE LATEST FALL AND WINTER STYLES IN

DRY GOODS, SHOES, HATS, CLOTHING, ETC.,

We also handle Pure and Wholesame Groceries, Hardware, and everything kept in a General Store.

We are natives of the county and understand what you need, and have bought our stock to meet your wants.

When in town call and examine our stock before purchasing elsewhere; we are bound to please you.

No trouble to show goods, and they are good goods and worth inspection.

SARTOR & KICKER, CLANTON.

COTTON ONLY 6 CENTS

Means you must lay out your money to the best advantage. Don't throw your money away. Save all you can, and the best way to save money is by trading at the best and cheapest Store in Clanton, I have just laid in a big new Stock of Goods; just look at these prices:

Men's Top Shirts	15 cents.
Men's Undershirts	18 "
Men's Socks	4 "
Men's Handkerchiefs	1½ "
Men's Caps	18 "
Shoes	from 35 " up.
Brogan Shoes	95 "
Macintoshes	$2.25 each
Worsteds	9c per yd.
Sheeting	5c "
Bed Ticking	10c " up
Best Calico	5c "
Tablecloths	from 50c " up
Towels	5c each
Toweling	5c " yd.
Single Coats	$1.60 each
Good Boy's Suits	from $1.00 up

Best Groceries. Green Coffee 9 lbs. for $1.00.
Furniture, Tin and Glass ware, Good valises.

Make no mistake. Call at the old Court House Store for the Biggest Bargains in Town.

ABE KANTER
CLANTON

A SHIP IN FULL SAIL

WAS once said by an observer to be the grandest sight in the world. "A nobler sight than that," replied a friend to him, "is a father and son walking arm-in-arm as if they were really comrades." If both be dressed in good taste the charm of the picture is intensified. Many men of good taste in over 7,000 American cities and towns now Get Suits and Overcoats from

M. BORN & CO.,
The Great Chicago Merchant Tailors.

Sons and Fathers are equally sure to be pleased. No poor work. No misfits. No inferior goods. No exorbitant prices. No dissatisfaction.

Everybody fully Satisfied.
FIT and FINISH GUARANTEED.
Over 300 Choice Patterns to Fill Your Order from.

CALL ON
W. L. SAMPEY, Clanton, Ala.

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N. B. A full line of Burial Clothes and all necessary Undertakers Goods constantly kept in stock.

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TOWN ITEMS

CLANTON COTTON MARKET.

Price to day 5 5-16 cents.

BALES RECEIVED TO DATE:

Sampey	1365
Mullins	688
Wilson & Bro.	290
Total	2343

Read the particulars of our guessing contest and then subscribe for THE BANNER.

1500 acres of Good Land to sell; 240 acres to rent. Apply to
W. M. ADAMS,
Clanton, Ala.

The king-bee of Jersey bull, Duke of A[illegible] No 2115, herd register N[illegible] sired by "Black Prince" Dam [illegible] by the "Duke of Rom[illegible] wine," may be seen at the farm of F. T. Hinkle, 2½ miles Southwest of Clanton.

Mr. A. L. Pattillo, of Verbena, author of "The Cross and Crown," was in town Saturday.

Mrs. Gallispie is visiting her sister, Mrs. Kay, who is quite sick, we are sorry.

Planters' CUBAN OIL cures Cuts, Burns, Bruises, Rheumatism and Sores. Price, 25 cents.

Mrs Glover is among friends and relatives in our town.

Mr. Frank Higgins was in town last Saturday.

At the business meeting of the Epworth League on last Friday evening there were seven members received. The Literary Department will meet on Friday evening Oct. 22. The Juniors are increasing in members.

Miss Celestia Jones, of Mulberry, delighted our town yesterday with a visit.

When you are in town call at Sartor & Kicker's Store and examine our fine high arm Singer Sewing machines. They will take pleasure in making you prices and terms for me. Respectfully,
C. R. MULLINS,
For The Singer Mfg. Co.

Mr. Joe May and family, of Montgomery, are staying awhile with relatives in our town.

Mrs. Sid Johnson has been staying at Mrs. One Robinson's.

Col. W. A. Collier has resumed the practice of law in Chilton county and now has an office in Clanton. We are glad to see the genial Colonel back at his old home.

Russell McDaniel is paying a visit to his parents here.

Croup Quickly Cured.

Mountain Glen, Ark. Our children were suffering with croup when we received a bottle of Chamberlain's Cough Remedy. It affords almost instant relief.—F. A. Thornton. This celebrated remedy is for sale by Dr. J. S. Johnson, Jr. Druggist.

All passenger trains with the exception of the mails (Nos 2 & 3) have been taken off. This morning's mail consisted of two letters and a postal. No freight is being received from Montgomery.

Only ten days more and our guessing contest closes. Don't forget to come in next week and subscribe for THE BANNER. 8 pages and only $1.00 per year.

Prof. W. C. Robinson was in town this morning.

Yellow Jack Killed.

Cascarets, Candy Cathartic kills Yellow Jack wherever they find him. No one who takes Cascarets regularly and intelligently is in danger from the malarial disease. Cascarets kill Yellow Fever germs in the bowels and prevent fevers from breeding. 10c, 25c, 50c. All druggists.

Marriage licenses have been granted this week by the Probate Judge to the following persons.

Mr. Joseph Carlee and Miss Ida McDonald; Mr. Thomas N. Thackard and Miss Carley Binion.

Colored Herbert Goodwin and Sarah McGee.

Those who believe chronic diarrhoea to be incurable should read what Mr. P. E. Grisham, of Gaars Mills, Va., has to say on the subject. "I have been a sufferer from chronic diarrhoea ever since the war and have tried all kinds of medicine for it. At last I found a remedy that effected a cure and that was Chamberlain's Colic, Cholera and Diarrhoea Remedy." This medicine can always be depended upon for cholic, cholera morbus, dysentery and diarrhoea. It is pleasant to take and never fails to effect a cure. 25 and 50 cent sizes for sale by Dr. J. S. Johnson, Jr. Druggist.

Mr. J. L. Smith, of Kinsebro brought us in this morning one of the prettiest pomegranites we have yet seen.

Free Pills.

Send your address to H. E. Bucklen & Co., Chicago, and get a free sample box of Dr. King's New Life Pills. A trial will convince you of their merits. These pills are easy in their action and are particularly effective in the cure of Constipation and Sick Headache. For Malaria and Liver troubles they have been proved invaluable. They are guaranteed to be perfectly free from every deleterious substance and to be purely vegetable. They do not weaken by their action, but by giving tone to stomach and bowels greatly invigorate the system. Regular size 25c per box. For sale by J. S. Johnson, Druggist.

W. L. SAMPEY
Merchant
AND Cotton Buyer
Clanton

Suffered 20 Years.

MRS. MARY LEWIS, wife of a prominent farmer, and well known by all old residents near Belmont, N. Y., writes: "For twenty-seven years I had been a constant sufferer from nervous prostration, and paid large sums of money for doctors and advertised remedies without benefit. Three years ago my condition was alarming; the least noise would startle and unnerve me. I was unable to sleep, had a number of fainting spells and slowly grew worse. I began using Dr. Miles' Restorative Nervine and Nerve and Liver Pills. At first the medicines seemed to have no effect, but after taking a few bottles I began to notice a change. I rested better at night, my appetite began to improve and I rapidly grew better, until now I am as nearly restored to health as one can ever hope to be at my age. God bless Dr. Miles' Nervine."

Dr. Miles' Remedies are sold by all druggists under a positive guarantee, first bottle benefits or money refunded. Book on diseases of the heart and nerves free. Address, DR. MILES MEDICAL CO., Elkhart, Ind.

Dr. Miles' Nervine Restores Health

LOCAL.

Dr A. J. Massey, the well known dentist of Birmingham, will visit the following places within the next 30 days: Stanton, Maplesville Randolph, Ashby, Brierfield and Montevallo, prepared to do fine dental work in all the branches. Thanking the people for their patronage.

Any one having an old sewing machine that they would like to exchange for the latest improved high armed Singer; or any one wishing to purchase our fine machines for cash for on time will please drop me a card and I will call and make them prices and terms. Address,
C. R. MULLINS,
For The Singer Co.,
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GINNING

must be done quick and good. I have just erected a new gin nery and put in the latest improved patent gin.

No handling of cotton. Everything clean and free from dust. Your own seed goes into a separate hopper.

Drive your wagon up to the gin, then go and attend to your business in town, and in less than an hour we give you your bale.

Your patronage respectfully solicited.
C. J. STEWART,
Clanton.

THE OLD RELIABLE GIN

Known to everyone in this section as the Bivings gin, has been thoroughly overhauled, and is now in the best running order.

Our saw mill is now ready for business.

Thanking you for past favors, and soliciting a continuance of your patronage
Respectfully,
McKEE & STANFIELD.
Clanton.

Executor.' Sale of Land.

By virtue of an order of sale for division, rendered by the Probate Court of Chilton county, Alabama, on September 21st, 1897 in a cause therein pending in which the undersigned are applicants for compromise and Mary M. Coe and Ida A. Coe are defendants, we will sell for cash to the highest bidder at public outcry in front of the United States Post Office in the Town of Stanton, in Chilton county, Alabama, on the 4th day of November, 1897, the lands in said County, belonging to the estate of Richard Coe deceased, described as follows, to wit:

The east half of the north east quarter of section twenty two (22) and the west half of the north west quarter of section twenty three (23), in township twenty (20) range thirteen (13), containing one hundred and sixty (160) acres, more or less.

JOHN V. COE,
RICHARD K. COE,
Executors of Richard Coe, deceased.

Executors' Sale of Personalty.

By virtue of an order of sale for distribution, rendered by the Probate Court of Chilton county, Alabama, on September the 21st, 1897 in a proceeding therein, wherein we are applicants and Mary M. Coe and Ida A. Coe are defendants we will on the 4th day of November, 1897, sell for cash to the highest bidder at public outcry in front of the United States Post Office in the Town of Stanton in said Chilton county, Alabama, the following personal property belonging to the estate of Richard Coe, deceased, to wit:

55 shares of the Capital Stock of the Central City Insurance company;
10 shares of the Capital Stock of the Matthews Cotton Mill company;
3 shares of the Capital Stock of the Academy of Music;
One share of the Capital Stock of the Selma Bridge company;
40 shares of the Capital Stock of the Cahaba Timber Mining and Manufacturing company.

JOHN V. COE,
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Executors of Richard Coe, deceased.

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For all diseases peculiar to women and girls. It Tones up the Nerves, Improves the Appetite, Enriches the Blood, and gives Life, Health and Strength. It is the

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MAKES THE COMPLEXION CLEAR.

SHERI A Bottle of "Monthly" Regulating Pills with each bottle. For sale by all druggists or sent direct upon receipt of price by New Spencer Med. Co., Chattanooga, Tenn.

LADIES' SPECIAL TREATMENT: In cases resulting special treatment, address giving symptoms, Ladies' Medical Department. Advice and book on Female Diseases with testimonials, free.

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HAIR CUTTING
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In all the Latest City Styles. Reasonable Charges. Prompt Attention.
HOT AND COLD BATHS.
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Will practice in all the State and Federal Courts of Alabama

DIRECT FROM MILL TO WEARER.
Which Saves you 4 Big Profits.
The Commission House. The Wholesaler. The Jobber and Store Keeper.
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Our Great Bargains
$5.00 SUITS FOR $2.98
Boy's Adonis Suits, Sizes 3 to 15, with Extra Pair of Pants, $2.98

These Suits are GUARANTEED to be made from Imported Wool Cheviot, in Black, Blue, Grey, and Brown, in sizes from 3 to 9 years of age. Made up double-breasted, with Sailor Collar—Collar fancy embroidered—lined with fast Black Albert Twill Sateen and Patent Waist Bands. Trimming and Workmanship the very best. Same in Sizes for ages 10 to 15 years, without Sailor Collar. See Pattern's Below.

A CUSTOM MADE TO ORDER
$16. MAN'S SACK SUIT 7.50

Guaranteed to be made from All Wool, Fancy Brown, Gray, Black, or Blue Worsted Corded Cheviot, made in latest style, lined with Imported Farmer Satin, trimmed and finished in the best of Custom Tailor manner. You cannot duplicate it in your town for $16.00. Sizes 34 to 42.

The same goods made for Youth's, 13 to 18, in Long Pants, Coat and Vest, 6.25

How to measure for Men's and Youths Suits Measure around the Breast and Waist over the Vest, and from Crotch to Heel for Pants.

We Pay Express Charges, and should you not feel satisfied we will refund the money.

Remember You buy direct from one of the largest Clothing Manufacturers in America.

When ordering send Post Office, Express Money Order or Registered Letters, also age at last birthday, and if large of a man for his age. Money cheerfully refunded if not satisfactory. Send 2c. stamps for catalogue, tape measure, measurement blanks, etc.

Good Health by the Quart

Every bottle you take of Johnston's Sarsaparilla means better health, and every bottle contains a quart. It makes better blood—purer blood. For thirty years this famous remedy has been creating and maintaining good health.

Johnston's Sarsaparilla builds up the system, tones the nerves, and strengthens the muscles more promptly and effectually than any other remedy known. The pallor of the cheek disappears, energy takes the place of languor, and the rich color of health flows to the cheeks. Unequaled for all disorders of the stomach and liver, and for all weakening complaints of men, women, and children.

Sold everywhere. Price $1.00 per full quart bottle.
WILLIAMS, DAVIS, BROOKS & CO., Detroit, Mich.

Liverettes Cure Sick Headache and Biliousness. 25c.

For sale by Dr. J. S. Johnson, Jr., Clanton, & G. W. Dawson, Verbena

A rumor is current that four hearts which now beat separately will soon beat as two. Further particulars will be given later.

Tax-assessor A. C. Minis and collector T. J. Hubbard were in town Monday on their first round.

Mrs. J. C. Marcus died at her home at Swift Creek last Saturday and was buried at Clanton Sunday.

THE BANNER, enlarged to 8 pages and only $1.00 per year is the cheapest and best county paper in the State. Every home in Chilton should have a copy every week.

Mr. O. A. and Ned Duke have moved their families into the widow Aldridge house west end of Clanton.

The wife of Mr. I. M. Scott is one of the unfortunates who cannot get out of the capitol city, but we hope the good lady will escape the fever and return safely to her loved ones.

Massey's CHAIN OF Business Colleges

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The Great Schools of the South.

[illegible] Endorsed by Ex-Governors, Congressmen, State Superintendents of Education, Boards of Trade and Citizens of to-mer standing who are liberally live situations [illegible] are paid and [illegible] for half or tuition until [illegible] Board Cheap. The Massey Business Colleges receive [illegible] from Business Men for their graduates. Can any dozen schools in the south [illegible] students placed in situations in six months. Send at once for circulars. Address the respective school.

R. W. MASSEY,
President.

CAPITAL $50,000.00

We have hundreds of letters like the following:

MONTGOMERY, ALA., July 5, 1895.
R. W. Massey, President:
DEAR SIR—Five years ago I was working on a farm, getting $100.00 per year. I took a course in Telegraphy at your College on borrowed money. Immediately upon graduating, you secured for me a situation as telegrapher and station agent on the Ala. G. S. So. R. R. From that day to this my success has been onward and upward. To-day I am train dispatcher at a salary of $1200.00 per year.
J. E. COLE.

THE CROSS AND CROWN

Is the title of a treatise on the doctrine of perfection or sanctification, by A. L. Pattillo, of Verbena, now in the press. It is written in a plain, homely fashion by one deeply impressed with the necessity of Christians living a perfect life, who desires to see all professing religion imbued with the same spirit. The Author, who is also a poet, has written several poems, all on religious subjects. The whole when complete will make a book of over 200 pages, to be bound in a stiff board cover, which at the small charge of 50 cents, should speedily exhaust the edition.

This book has a double claim on the people of Chilton county and should find a place in every home in the county, from the fact that it is entirely a home production, being the first book ever written, printed, bound and published in Chilton. It will be ready early in October. Price only 50 cents. Orders can be sent to THE BANNER, Clanton, or to A. L. Pattillo, Verbena.

Non-Resident Notice.

State of Alabama, }
Chilton County. } To M. E. Taylor.

You will take notice that at the expiration of ten (10) days from the date hereof The Thorsby Lumber Co., will file in the office of the Judge of Probate of said county their lien on a certain house and lot situated at Thorsby in said State for material furnished by them for the building of said house.

The amount of said claim yet unpaid is $126.96 and The Thorsby Lumber Co. looks to their lien on the said house and lot for its payment.

The lot on which said house is situated and on which a lien is claimed is described as follows, to-wit:

Lot No. 3 in Block No. 21, facing Jones Street, on the East side of the L. & N. R.R. Co.'s track in the town of Thorsby, Ala.

Dated this October 14th, 1897.
THE THORSBY LUMBER CO,
By W. J. MARTIN, its Atttorney.

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NINE-TENTHS of all the pain and sickness from which women suffer is caused by weakness or derangement in the organs of menstruation. Nearly always when a woman is not well these organs are affected. But when they are strong and healthy a woman is very seldom sick.

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is nature's provision for the regulation of the menstrual function. It cures all "female troubles." It is equally effective for the girl in her teens, the young wife with domestic and maternal cares, and the woman approaching the period known as the "Change of Life." They all need it. They are all benefitted by it.

For advice in cases requiring special directions, address, giving symptoms, the "Ladies' Advisory Department," The Chattanooga Medicine Co., Chattanooga, Tenn.

THOS. I. COOPER, Tupelo, Miss., says: "My sister suffered from very irregular and painful menstruation and children could not relieve her. Wine of Cardui entirely cured her and she [illegible] ever through the change of life."

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Before purchasing tickets to any point write the Agent of the Louisville and Nashville Railroad at Clanton, Ala., or C. P. Ammen, G. P. A., Louisville, Ky.

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are essential to every community, and so is a first-class store where you can rely upon getting full value for your money. At the Postoffice Store I have a full line of
GROCERIES, DRY GOODS, HATS, SHOES, NOTIONS, JEWELRY, ETC.
AT PRICES WHICH DEFY COMPETITION.
New Stock of Fall and Winter Goods coming.
All the latest styles in Hats and Shoes.
ALL GRADES SEWING MACHINES AT YOUR OWN PRICE. AGENT FOR THE WHALEBONE BUGGY CO.
Highest price paid for Country Produce—Bring in your eggs and get 10 cents a dozen.
T. J. ARNOLD, Clanton

Oh Yes! Oh Yes!
This is to give Notice
I have opened up with a brand new stock of goods in the store next THE BANNER office and respectfully solicit your patronage.

Men's Suits from $3.45.	Ladies hose from 7½ cents.
Boy's Suits from 90 cents.	Corsets from 25 cents.
Men's underwear 49 cents.	Ladies' vests from 22½ cents.
Negligee shirts from 29 to 69 cents.	Hats, shoes, etc.

I am here to please you and and am going to do it. Everyone is respectfully invited to come and inspect my stock.
H. TURNANSKY, Clanton

RHEUMATISM, NEURALGIA, CATARRH, ASTHMA, HEADACHE
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Science of the 19th Century looks on with amazement at the most remarkable record of cures ever known in the World's history.

5 DROPS

Hundreds of thousands of Sufferers cured without a single failure by "FIVE DROPS."

Though so universally used and tested did you ever hear anyone speak ill of this great remedy? No, you never did and never will, for if taken as directed and in the proper quantity "5 Drops" cannot fail to cure any of the diseases for which it is recommended. What it has already done to relieve the suffering is told in thousands of letters of grateful praise.

Mr. J. P. Limburner, widely known for many years as the official representative of the Populists and Free Silver Press of the United States, has kindly forwarded the following letter for publication:

Jan 25, 1897.

DEAR SIRS—I am anxious for the sake of the suffering and out of gratitude to you to give my personal endorsement of your wonderful remedy. On the 8th of January 1897, I was in Washington and was suddenly seized with an alarming case of inflammatory rheumatism; so severe and painful was the attack that within 6 hours my left arm was paralyzed and I was only able to drag it with assistance. I secured a bottle of 5 DROPS and took a dose that night, rubbing some on externally as directed. The following morning I was surprised to find myself comparatively relieved and continuing treatment woke the second morning cured. My arm was entirely free from pain and all swelling and stiffness had disappeared. The quickness and complete relief of my case was remarkable. I have known for over a year of the great curative properties of your medicine and have several friends who have been cured by it of Neuralgia, Catarrh and Asthma. Wishing you every success and trusting that those similarly afflicted will at least give this remedy a trial. Sincerely yours,
J. P. LIMBURNER,
Bureau of Populist and Reform Papers, Old Stock Exchange Building, Chicago, Ill.

CURES THE INCURABLE.

DEAR SIRS:—I would like to thank you for your great remedy, "5 DROPS," and tell you what it has done for me. I had Rheumatism in every joint and in the heart, and I had Catarrh of the head for 30 years. I was nearly lost I had the use of my legs and arms and could not move without pain. I was so stiff I could not bend. I told one what my Rheumatism, seven years and our family physician said I could not live. But now, after taking "5 DROPS" only two months, I can truly say I have not felt so well in seven years. This medicine does more than is claimed for it. My Catarrh is cured, and I have scarcely any Rheumatism at all and the heart is cured and [illegible] is now good and my eyesight is much better. I have gained [illegible] pounds of flesh and can do a full day's work. It is the best medicine [illegible] I can say to any one who has a young child, for it has the same effect on the child as on the [illegible] It was death to croup and cures the hives of the child and causes sweet [illegible] to be healthy, young and old.
W. M. KELLEMS,
Perla, Perry Co., Ind.

Jan. 29, 1897.

We received the following letter from Mr. W. J. Wilson, of [illegible] Mr. Wilson has been for many years an invalid, and [illegible] wrote his testimonial, which we publish below. We received the letter referred to in Mr. Kellems' letter, asking if his endorsement was genuine, and [illegible] it to be genuine.

MR. J. J. WILSON.

DEAR SIR:—Your letter of recent date at hand, in which you ask if I am genuine. The company who manufactures and sells "5 Drops" published my testimonial just as I gave it to them and every word of it is true, and I could swear to it if it be necessary before many witnesses. The company did not pay me any money for this letter. I was in poor health in January for publication in your paper, and I was a cripple, incurable. I was so bad off that I could not walk without crutches. I now walk as well as you or any other man, and I am able to do a day's work on my farm. I believe I am cured for life, but time will tell. If it should not be cured, I can truly say I have received many letters like yours, which I have answered to the best of my ability, and I have told your neighbors what I have written you, and I am now in the habit of recommending "5 Drops" to all I see who are afflicted, for though I suffered so long, it is now a pleasure to me to do all I can to induce others who are afflicted to try "5 Drops." I also write this testimonial of my own free will and accord, without any pecuniary consideration whatever, and I am willing to make my signature good before any court in the land, if necessary, to the truth of the above statement. I also give you permission to publish my letter, if you think it will be of any benefit to others who are afflicted, and I will be glad to answer any letters from those who may be afflicted, if they will enclose a stamp for postage. I have no interest in the sale of the medicine, but I do it for the benefit of those who are afflicted, and I hope that this letter may be published in every paper in the United States, that all may know that there is a cure for the afflicted. I am yours, respectfully,
W. J. WILSON.

Dr. S. W. Kellems' mother, Mrs. [illegible] writes: "I have used 5 Drops in my family for years, and have found it a good medicine. I have recommended it to many others, and I believe it will do all that is claimed for it. I have used it for Rheumatism, Neuralgia, Sick Headache, Croup, Colic, Diarrhoea, Cholera Morbus, Sore Throat, Toothache, Earache, Bruises, Cuts, Burns, Scalds, Sprains, Stiff Joints, Pain in Chest, Pain in Back, Pain in Side, Pain in Limbs, Pain in Joints, Pain in Feet, Pain in Head, Pain in Face, Pain in Ear, Pain in Eye, Pain in Nose, Pain in Mouth, Pain in Throat, Pain in Neck, Pain in Shoulder, Pain in Arm, Pain in Hand, Pain in Finger, Pain in Nail, Pain in Toe, Pain in Foot, Pain in Leg, Pain in Knee, Pain in Thigh, Pain in Hip, Pain in Back, Pain in Side, Pain in Chest, Pain in Heart, Pain in Stomach, Pain in Bowels, Pain in Kidneys, Pain in Bladder, Pain in Urinary Organs, Pain in Generative Organs, Pain in Rectum, Pain in Anus, Pain in Skin, Pain in Hair, Pain in Eyes, Pain in Ears

The Millionaire's Regret.

Dismal Dawson—Funny' isn't it, that a millionaire ain't happy?

Everett Wrest—I see nothin' strange about it. It is the time they have wasted that makes 'em sore when they think of it.

"Time wasted?"

"Sure. Don't you know that most of 'em has spent their lives in hard work?—Indianapolis Journal.

If you pay your debts promptly, you are entitled to more credit than a man who is charitable, or a woman who is literary.

The proceedings of the House of Commons make very strange reading for an American occasionally. Recently that body of august legislators called up a usurer before it and lectured him solemnly upon the error of refusing to answer its summons and reply to certain questions of a committee. On the same day it refused to exercise similar authority toward a man of means who had offended it by the same cause. The "mother of parliaments" is not more just than other and newer bodies of lawmakers.

Pumice Stone in America.

Heretofore our supply of pumice stone has come almost exclusively from Italy. Now an American product is forcing its way into the market. This material has been found of excellent quality in Western Nebraska, and in a pulverized form. There are seven different deposits, these comprising in all about 400 acres. According to a report made by Prof. R. G. Salisbury of the University of Chicago, there are approximately 800,000 tons in sight. The deposits, with adjoining lands, have been acquired by the Chicago Pumice Company. They, however, desired also a lump pumice stone. After much search such a deposit was found in Utah, 245 miles south of Salt Lake City. This property comprises 120 acres, and it is virtually an entire mountain of the material of all degrees of purity.—Manufacturer.

New View of the Matter.

Mamma—"How hot you are, Tommy; your clothes are wet through, I declare!"

Tommy—"Can't help it, ma. The heat makes me cry all over."—Pick-Me-Up.

Occasionally there is found a man engaged in commercial pursuits who possesses great talent in artistic lines. Rogers, the poet, was a banker, and our own Halleck and Stedman were engaged in business having little to do with the muse. A noted poet of the West is a marker in a poolroom, and he doesn't write verse about Derby day, either, but about daffodils and azure skies. At least one successful merchant in Chicago dallies with literature, on the side, as it were. These remarks are called out by the discovery in London that the man who composed the music for its latest successful opera is a financier, whose musical accomplishments have never been suspected even by his intimate friends.

Keep on Scratching

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It is a singular fact that the reigns of female sovereigns have been distinguished by the number of medals issued, Queens and Empresses regnant apparently taking a greater pleasure than Emperors and Kings in thus commemorating events of their reigns. The medals of Catharine the Great, of Elizabeth, of Anna, of Catherine I., all of Russia; of Mary, of Elizabeth and Victoria, of England, and of Maria Theresa, of Austria, are far more numerous than the medals of any other sovereigns, so numerous, in fact, that, save in exceptional cases, only a nominal value attaches to them.

Gladstone's Career Equaled.

Mr. Gladstone, who celebrated his 87th birthday on the 29th of December, is younger than a former American Congressman and Cabinet minister whose old age is as vigorous as that of the great English statesman. Col. Richard W. Thompson, of Terre Haute, Ind., who was a Whig leader in the days of Jackson and Clay, who was the close friend of Lincoln, and who served as Secretary of the Navy under Hayes, will be 88 if he lives to the 9th of next June.

If, instead of being influenced by a hazy and undefined feeling, we bring clear thought to bear upon it, we shall find that the only supreme and final test of conduct must ever be the convictions which we hold at the time.

Not whether any other person or the whole world approve or disapprove, nor even whether we may or may not continue in future years to maintain them ourselves, must be our question, but whether at the present moment we believe in our inmost heart that such a course is the true and right one to pursue.

If this be not our guide—if any other voice, opposing that of conscience, be obeyed—then we act in defiance of our own moral sense, which is plainly the snapping of character.

Coining of Silver.

The common impression that the government is coining no silver is a mistake. The coinage of silver is still continued, although by the repeal of the purchasing clause of the Sherman act no bullion is now purchased by the government for use in coinage, there being on hand November 1, 1893, the enormous stock of 140,699,852.67 ounces.

Animals and the Weather.

Many naturalists insist that animals have a special sense which enables them to foresee approaching changes in the weather and conduct themselves accordingly. Hens, ducks and geese are well known to make preparations for rain, and hours before the change is apparent to human beings these creatures may be seen oiling and dressing their plumage. Pigs frequently prepare a shelter for themselves before a storm; a pig carrying a mouthful of straw is to the farmer a sure sign of rain. Dogs and horses exhibit unusual lassitude before rain, and the cat washing her face is, among housewives, a certain sign. The croaking of the "rain crow" is considered, in the country districts, as an indication of bad weather, while even ants and bees, when rain is approaching, seek their homes, the former retiring to their holes and closing the entrance, while the latter hurry to their hives as though conscious that danger was in the air.

A PECULATING GOOSE.

Carried Off a Gold Watch, and Got Servant in Trouble.

It is doubtful is another dumb animal ever caused greater mischief than a goose did recently in Lanesboro, N. Y. That goose stole a dozen valuable articles and brought about the discharge of a servant. For a long time the family of Mr. Albert Jenks has been missing valuables, and charged their disappearance to Miss Annie Coogan, a domestic. The girl was threatened with arrest to make her confess and when she protested her innocence she was discharged. As articles continued to disappear the family was in a quandary. A pet goose had a trick of knocking at the door in quest of dainties, and on being admitted would go all about the house. One afternoon recently Mrs. Jenks was amazed to see the goose take a gold watch and chain in its mouth and go outdoors. She followed and saw it hide the timepiece in its nest. Thus the mystery of the missing articles was explained. Among the dozen articles found in the nest were two gold thimbles, two scarfpins, a tortoise shell comb and a watch. The parents of the Coogan girl threaten to sue the Jenks for defaming their daughter's

GOOSE AND TIMEPIECE.

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8	" " " 5.00 each	40 00
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Your list should be made up at once, as this offer may not be made again, and the contest will close November 25, 1897, and the names of the successful contestants will be published in the St. Louis Post-Dispatch, November 30th, 1897.

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ALABAMA NEWS ITEMS.

Happenings of a Week Throughout Our Commonwealth.

Killed While Coupling Cars.

W. N. Waddell, of Opelika, was killed by a freight train at LaGrange, Ga., Saturday. He was a flagman and in coupling cars was knocked down and both legs severed from his body, and death quickly followed.

Fair Grounds Attached.

Saturday Sheriff O'Brien attached for debt all the lands, buildings, etc., composing the State Fair grounds, which are situated on the Birmingham & Bessemer railroad. The attachment was made on a writ sued out in the city court by Thomas G. Hewlitt against Hayden Dargin for $15,000.

Students Break Up an Institute.

The sale of the lands and building of the Alabama Mineral academy, at Huntsville, recently under a decree of the chancery court to Captain Milton Humes was continued Friday. The academy had a meteoric career several years ago, and while its prospects were brilliant for becoming a great institution, was broken up by a rebellion of students.

Lands for Northern Farmers.

John M. Green, of Chicago, general manager of the South Alabama Emigration and Development company has purchased a large tract of land located in Baldwin county from Messrs. Abbert, Samuel and Edgar Adler, of Birmingham. Mr. Green said it was the intention of the company to induce Northern farmers to remove to the South and settle on these lands.

Birmingham Quarantines Montgomery.

Birmingham has quarantined Montgomery. This action was taken at a special meeting of the city council held Saturday morning, and it was taken because of the report that suspicious cases of sickness, which it is thought may possibly be yellow fever, prevailed in the Capital city. The following places have also quarantined against Montgomery, Selma, Eufaula, Union Springs, Prattville, Ozark, Troy, Dothan and Columbus, Ga.

A Horrible Death.

Dr. Timothy Burke of Lowndes county, left Montgomery Thursday afternoon on the Hayneville macadamized road for his home at Hayneville, driving a mule to a buggy. As he was crossing the track of the Midland road a few miles west of the city his vehicle was truck by a gravel train and Dr. Burke was thrown upon the track and cut half in two by the wheels of the loaded cars. The mule was killed and the buggy demolished.

Will Make the Final Survey.

Colonel R. T. Barksdale, chief engineer of the Atlanta & Alabama Air Line, has located his camp three miles from Selma, preparatory to making the final survey, and work will be commenced immediately on the completion of the $100,000 subscription from the citizens of Selma. All but $11,000 of this amount has been subscribed and leading citizens are hustling to raise that amount. The first car load of grading tools has arrived and work is expected to begin on the 25th instant. The road is projected from Atlanta to Selma with New Orleans as its ultimate southern terminus.

Lawlessness in Dallas.

Lawlessness runs rampant near Richmond, in the southern end of Dallas county. Several months since West Ethridge rode up behind Allie Coleman, a wealthy farmer, and blew the top of his head off with a double barrel shotgun. He has managed to elude arrest. Later, Barrett Duckworth, Coleman's body servant, was assassinated in his house, and public opinion laid the crime at Ethridge's door. A month ago Shelby Sumner, a partner of Ethridge, was killed by Charles Nelson, a relative of Duckworth. Thursday night Frank Banks, a cousin of Nelson, was shot from the darkness while standing in the door of his home. All of the murders are thought to have grown out of the Ethridge-Coleman killing. Not an arrest has so far been made, although officers have made repeated raids. It is stated that a prominent citizen of the neighborhood, who has condemned the lawlessness, has had his life threatened.

A Refugee Train Wrecked.

Friday the regular passenger train running since the quarantine on the Mobile & Birmingham railroad between Thomasville and Selma, was totally wrecked between Eleanor and Safford, about twenty-five miles from Selma. There is no turn-table at Thomasville, and the engine was backing into the city pulling the baggage car and passenger coach. In some unaccountable manner the tender jumped the track, engine No. 11 passing over it and turning completely over down a 10-foot embankment. The baggage car turned over and rested on the engine, the coach doing likewise, falling on the tender. Engineer O. J. Munn was fatally scalded, so much so that he died a few hours later. Fireman Jere Godley was caught under his engine and horribly mangled. The passengers, all of whom escaped with a few scratches and bruises, succeeded in getting him out, but in twenty minutes death relieved his sufferings. The train flagman had his hand mashed, and Conductor Bradstreet was cut on the leg. Quarantine Officer Newman was also badly bruised on the leg.

Bill Gambrill, in a difficulty at Pinson, was shot and killed by a negro, last week.

James W. McCrary, a prominent merchant of Greensboro, died Thursday, aged 77.

Farmers in the vicinity of Ozark are preparing to plant from two to twenty acres of wheat each this fall.

Sam Fields, colored, who shot and killed his wife last July, was convicted last Thursday and sentenced to be hanged.

Montgomery has closed her pest house, all cases of smallpox having been discharged and no suspicious cases remaining in the city.

Will Hunter, the desperate negro convict, who escaped from Pratt Mines last week, was shot and captured at Warrior by Marshal Blackburn.

Judge Alex Boarman arrived in Birmingham from Washington last Thursday, and the United States Circuit and District court was opened Friday.

Hon. Charles A. Whitten has received his commission as chief enumerator to retake the Lowndes county school census under the special law of 1896 and 1897.

In case the yellow fever reports should prove true at Montgomery, the governor will be forced to temporarily locate the executive office of the state in Birmingham.

About noon Thursday E. P. Lacy, a grandson of Senator Pettus, and his private secretary, while out hunting was accidentally shot in the left arm, a wound being inflicted which necessitated amputation.

Captain Beckert, of the Government Secret Service, aided by a detective, last week captured and arrested, ten miles south of Tuscumbia, John Clakely and William Hooper, charged with making and circulating counterfeit silver money.

The Jefferson Volunteers, Birmingham Rifles and Troop D, will, in all probability go to Nashville on Alabama Day. It is expected that they will carry forty men each and will possibly be accompanied by the Bessemer Rifles and the Huey Guards.

Montgomery had a yellow fever scare the past week. The board of health met and made the following statement regarding the suspicious cases: "After a careful analysis of the symptoms of the few cases reported as suspicious, there is not a case that is at all typical of yellow fever and not a single case is seriously sick."

Had Unstamped Liquor.

Robert Strain, a Limestone county farmer, was arrested Monday for having unstamped liquor in his possession. He was tried before a United States commissioner and placed under a $500 bond.

Weems Surrenders.

Matt Weems, the young white man who shot and killed Will Gambel near Mt. Pinson last Tuesday, surrendered to the sheriff of Jefferson county Monday. He claims the killing was in self-defense.

Contract Signed.

A contract has been signed between the Erie Construction company and John A. Carson & Co. for the building of fifty miles of the Atlanta and Alabama Air Line railway. Mr. Carson is a Dallas county contractor of responsibility and experience. The new road, which means so much for Selma, is now a surety. Work will begin, unless yellow fever interferes, October 25.

Rock Run Furnace to be Operated.

John M. Bass, president of the Rock Run Furnace Co., in an interview Monday, says that his furnaces at Rock Run, Ala., Lenoir, Tenn., and his shops in Chicago, St. Louis and Fort Wayne have all been consolidated into one corporation with $7,000,000 capital and that they will all be put in operation at their full capacity. The bonding of these plants was perfected Saturday in the east.

Took Paris Green to End His Life.

B. H. Cooper, one of the best known and most prominent citizens of Tuscumbia, died Friday night at 11 o'clock from the effects of three spoonfuls of Paris green, taken with suicidal intent. He was apparently in good health Thursday, although dejected in spirits and despondent. He remarked to a physician prior to his death that the rash act was done premeditatedly; that he wished to die, and had taken the poison to bring about death. The deceased was 57 years old, a justice of the peace for this precinct. He was a widower, leaving a grown son and daughter. He was the eldest son of the late Lydal B. Cooper, one of the most prominent and distinguished lawyers of Northern Alabama. Several years ago Lang Cooper, his youngest brother, was found dead on the streets of a Missouri town with his throat cut.

A Nervy Farmer Captures a Murderer.

Joe Hughes, who shot and killed Wm. Henderson near Morris, in Jefferson county, about four weeks ago, was captured Saturday afternoon and is now in the county jail.

Saturday evening Sheriff O'Brien was notified that a man answering the description of Hughes was in custody at Double Springs, in Winston county, and he dispatched a deputy sheriff to the place.

The story of his capture is as follows: Last Saturday morning a man who had the appearance of being a tramp applied at the house of a farmer living near Double Springs for something to eat. He was asked to remain to dinner and did so. At the table the farmer noticed that his guest had a "double thumb," and, having read of the killing of Henderson and seen the published description, he decided at once that the man was Hughes. The only weapon in the house was a 22-calibre Flobert rifle, but the farmer decided to attempt the capture anyway, and presently he surprised his guest by leveling the rifle at him and telling him to march. Hughes gave up at once and walked on to Double Springs with the farmer following behind, rifle in hand. At Double Springs the prisoner was locked up.

A FINE RECORD.

More Students at the University Than at Any Time in Six Years.

The second week of the present session of the University closes today. A glance at the attendance as compared with the enrollment as shown by recent catalogues reveals the fact that there are more students now at the University than at any one time for six years. There are 172 students now there. The enrollment as shown by the last six catalogues was as follows

	Academic	Law	Total
1896–97	131	36	167
1895–96	154	31	185
1894–95	160	20	180
1893–94	148	18	166
1892–93	138	26	164
1891–92	148	19	167

Hence it is safe to say that at no time in these years has the attendance reached the present figures, 172. It is believed by President Powers that the enrollment this year will go to 200. When it is remembered that weeks ago he promised 100 new students and that there are already 99 such, it will be seen that his estimates are at least worthy of consideration.

Chas. A Dana Dead.

Charles A Dana, editor of the New York Sun, died at his home in Glen Cove, Long Island, at 1.20 o'clock last Sunday afternoon. Mr. Dana's death had been expected for several hours, and his family and physicians were at his bedside when the end came. His condition had been such for several months that the members of his family had kept themselves in constant readiness to go to his bedside at any moment. The cause of Mr. Dana's death was cirrhosis of the liver. On June 9 he was at his office apparently strong and healthy. The next day he was taken ill and he never afterwards visited New York. He was 78 years old.

Celebration of Alabama Day.

Governor Johnson has issued a proclamation, in which he calls on the people of the state to attend the Nashville Centennial on Alabama Day, the 22, and make that day a brilliant one. He reminds the people that the Centennial management have extended every courtesy to Alabama and has furnished the state a splendid opportunity to advertise its matchless resources. He suggests that Alabamians should show their appreciation by celebrating Alabama Day with enthusiasm and numbers worthy of their state.

HE WAS A BRILLLANT CLERK.

How a Virginia Prodigy Gave a 10 Per Cent. Discount.

I once had a promising bud of genius in my store down on the James River, said a Virginian to a reporter. I keep a general store there, and this bud, that promised to bloom into seven kinds of a loo loo flower, came to me from the far end of Prince George County, on the introduction of a friend of mine and his, who said as he wasn't good for anything else, perhaps he might be made handy in a store. I took him, just to be accommodating, of course, and promised to give him a chance to rise.

He was about 19 years old, and wrote poetry between times, so I put him to sweeping out as a starter. He could sweep well enough, and after a week I put him to doing the chores, and advised him to study the stock while he was resting.

After about six weeks of this kind of training I concluded he knew enough to take charge of my scrap counter, which was a counter where I put all my old stuff about every sixty days, with the most of it marked in big figures and with the additional information to those looking for bargains that there would be 10 off for cash.

Trade was lively the morning I put him at it, and he was doing as well, if not better, than the more experienced clerks, for I noticed several people getting around his way and getting out pretty quick with what they had bought. I didn't think much about the whys and wherefores until the young fellow came to me at the desk with a suit of clothes in his hands to ask me to explain something. The suit bore a large white card inscribed with a big black "$8."

"I don't quite understand this," says he. "The others I sold were marked $10.75, $11.50, $11.98, $12 and $12.48, and it was easy enough to calculate what 10 off would be and sell them for 75 cents, $1.50, $1.98, $2 and $2.48, but I'll be doggoned if I see how you're going to throw $10 off of an $8 suit, unless you want to give the customer $2, and I reckon you ain't that liberal, even at the scrap counter, are you?"

It mighty near gave me a spasm, that did, concluded the gentleman, and I put another clerk at my discount counter p. d. q.

A doctor, writing on the subject of the suppression of useless noises in cities, which he claims will hasten toward convalescence many a patient whose nerves are now too racked by perpetual racket to give the system a chance of recuperating, says he remembers one delightful ward in his training school wherein the "sister" used to insist on a "silent hour," from 2:30 to 3:30 daily. It was the only ward in the hospital which enforced this golden rule, alike beneficial to the nurses fortunate enough to be drafted there and the patients therein, who flourished and blossomed forth into amazing convalescence under the silence system and the good nursing which accompanied it. For the "sister" was a born nurse, and she had the real sympathy and womanliness which caused her to appreciate the balm and healing of that one quiet hour in the day.

It was a male surgical ward, and the patients, on first admission, used to chafe somewhat at "sister's" dictum—against which there was no appeal—of "no conversation or newspaper reading during the hour." But gradually each patient came to appreciate the soothing lull in the busy hum of the ward, and "sister" and her staff used to watch with satisfaction how patient after patient fell gradually under the soporific quiet of the time, and went off into comfortable sleep, which frequently lasted long after the prescribed limit. The good humor of the ward was most exceptional.

The senior surgeon of the hospital was never tired of saying, "The patients here, sister, get on as if by magic. What spells of witchcraft do you weave to heal them so quickly?"—Pittsburg Dispatch.

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NEWS SUMMARY.

Current Events of the Day Epitomized.

A NATIONAL BANK CLOSES.

Dakota State Officers Arrested for Embezzlement—Fire Destroys the Business Portion of Osceola, Ark.—A Boiler Explodes with Fatal Results—Other News Items.

The state board of health of Mississippi has quarantined that state against Alabama.

Tobacco experts will meet in New York November 1 to arrange a uniform method of classification.

The president appointed Matthew B. McFarlane, collector of customs for the district of Tampa, Fla.

A boiler of a steam launch belonging to the battleship Texas exploded at Boston Friday. Several were hurt, none fatally.

J. M. Hamilton & Co., one of the oldest hardware houses of Nashville, failed Thursday. Liabilities, $12,-000; assets, not given.

The president has appointed Medical Director W. K. Van Reypen to be surgeon general of the navy, to succeed Gen. Bates, deceased.

Several points in southwest Virginia report having experienced an earthquake shock Friday night.

State Auditor Mayhew, Ex-Auditor Popple and Chief Clerk Anderson, of South Dakota, were arrested on charges of embezzlement last Thursday.

The outhouses of the West Tennessee asylum for the insane at Bolivar, Tenn., were destroyed by fire. Damage $25,000. The main building gs escaped the flames.

Fire destroyed the business portion of the town of Osceola, Ark., a river town a few miles north of Memphis. Details are meager, but it is believed the loss will reach $100,000.

"Mac" Cannon, the leading merchant of Dalton, Ga., was pronounced guilty by the jury for buying stolen goods from Walter Bohannon, chief of the notorious robber gang.

George Westerman, aged 60, shot his young step-daughter at Madrid, Iowa, and then blew his own brains out. He had been suspected of criminal intimacy with his step-daughter for some time.

In his request the only announcement that the New York Sun of Monday contained was this simple note at the top of its editorial page: "Charles Anderson Dana, editor of the Sun, died yesterday afternoon."

At Lick, Ky., reports a wedding in which the bride and groom represented extremes of age, greater perhaps than any wedding on record. The groom, Joel Davis, is 70, and the bride, Belle Whitaker, is 12.

Thursday the jury in the case against T. J. Peebles, who has been on trial at Dalton, Ga., on the charge of receiving stolen goods, returned a verdict of "not guilty." This is the first trial in the car robbery cases.

A boiler in the Detroit, Mich., Cabinet company's factory exploded Friday with fatal and disastrous results. Just two men were fatally injured, one of whom has since died, and ten others were more or less seriously injured.

The National bank of Asheville, N. C., has closed its doors. No statement has yet been made. As soon as the announcement of the closing of the bank was circulated a run was begun on the Battery Park bank, the only bank remaining in Asheville.

Thursday morning George Young, a farmer residing two miles south of Northfield, Earth City, Minn., shot and killed his wife, his two boys, aged 2 and 4, and himself. All died instantly. Financial and domestic troubles form the only explanation of the deed.

For some time Thursday night there have been persistent rumors in Havana that Colonel Castillo, the well-known insurgent, has been killed in an engagement with the Spanish troops. The details, however, have not been officially confirmed.

The remains of George Eldridge were found floating in the Tennessee river near Lock's Ferry, six miles east of Clifton, Tenn. An ugly gash was in the head and his body otherwise mutilated. An ax, evidently the one with which the man was murdered, was found tied to his body with a hemp rope.

Miss Jessie Loomis and Lena Wood and Mr. Charles Beaman, all of Chattanooga, who have devoted themselves to the cause of Africa, will leave Monday for New York, where they will join the Christian service institute. They will sail Oct. 30 for Africa, where they will do missionary work.

At Tallahassee, Fla., A. McMahon, a prominent young member of the state militia, was shot and killed by Dr. Lightfoot, a Cherokee Indian and a professional gambler, in a quarrel over dice in a saloon. The assailant was recently released from jail at Paris, Texas.

Thursday night a museum exhibited at Holgate, O., in a large car, which had on exhibition a glass and wire cage containing 400 snakes. The crowd was so great that the cage was crushed, allowing the reptiles to run at large. Among the collection were a number of black diamond rattlesnakes, measuring from five to seven feet long. They were stepped upon by the crowd and several persons were bitten. All the doctors in town were summoned to give medical aid.

At Springfield, Mo., Raymond Allen, 12 years old, went to school carrying a portion of a stick of dynamite. The explosive, which the boy had found, was in his pocket with a knife, top and marbles. In getting to his seat the boy banged his dangerous collection against the desk, causing an explosion which will probably cost him his life and which was heard for two blocks. The teacher, Miss Mack, was close by and had her skirts torn into shreds, but she was not hurt.

MILLIONS WILL BE SPENT.

Annual Report of the Chief of Engineers the Army.

Gen. Wilson, chief of the engineers of the army, has made his annual report to the secretary of war. It is devoted to the fortifications and river and harbor improvements of the country. Estimats for coast defenses for the years 1898 99 are as follows:

Gun and mortar batteries, $5,000,-000; purchase of land for fortifications, $500,000; protection, preservation and repair of fortifications, $100,-000; preparation of plans for fortifications, $5,000; sea walls and embankments, $55,000; torpedoes for harbor defense, special purchase of sub-marine mines and necessary appliances to operate them, for closing the channels leading to principal seaports, for needful case maters, gale batteries, etc., to render it possible to separate sub-marine mines, $150,000. Total, $5-810,000.

For continuing work on the rivers and harbors the principal estimates in a number of Southern states are as follows:

Georgia—Savannah harbor, $450,-000; Savannah harbor maintenance, $100,000; Savannah river, $100,000; Darien harbor, $75,000; Altamaha river, $50,000; Oconee river, $50,000: Ocmulgee river, $50,000; Cumberland Sound, $450,000; inside water route between Savannah and Fernandina, Fla., $56,000; Flint river, $26,500.

Florida—St John's river, $500,000; Indian river, $29,000; Key West, harbor, $225,000; Charlotte harbor and Pease creek, $25,000; Saracotta bay, $42,500; Manatee river, $29,000; Apalachicola bay, $50,000; Pensacola harbor, $50,000.

Alabama—Chattahoochee river, $93,-500; Alabama river, $156,200; Coosa river between Rome, Ga., and the East Tennessee, Virginia and Georgia railway bridge, $256,922; Coosa river from the bridge to Wetumpka $1,000,-000; Mobile harbor, $60,000; Mobile harbor maintenance, $60,000; Black Warrior river, $190,500; Warrior river, $500,000; Tombigbee river, from mouth to Demopolis, $200,000; Tombigbee river from Demopolis, Ala., to Columbus, Miss, $500,000.

SPAIN'S REPLY

To Minister Woodford Summed Up in a Few Words.

In the special note to United States Minister Woodford the government declares that Spain has done all in her power to end the war in Cuba, and cites the many sacrifices which have been made by the nation, the number of troops sent to Cuba and the reforms which are to be carried out in the island, which are fully described.

The note ends with the statement that "Spain will not admit the right of any foreign power to interfere in any of her affairs."

The note also declares that if the United States does not stop the sailing of filibustering expeditions from American ports Spain will re-establish the right to search vessels anchoring in Cuba waters.

Wants Fabulous Prices.

On the steamship George W. Elder, which leaves next Friday night for Dyea, Alaska, Charles E. Vest, of Portland, Oregon, will ship 4,000 dozens of eggs and about a ton and a half of poultry, fresh meats and oysters, which he expects to transport over the Chilcoot Pass to Dawson City by dog train before Christmas. The eggs have all been prepared and are ready for shipment. They were broken into cans, sealed up and then frozen. Vest has four others associated with him, and they expect to realize $100,000 out of the venture. They expect to sell the eggs at $35 per dozen and the poultry at fabulous prices.

IRREGULAR.

Bradstreet's Reports a Further Falling Off in Demand.

SHARP DROP IN EXPORTS.

A General Restriction of Business in the Gulf States is Noted Because of Quarantine--Production of Iron is Enormous. Steel Mills Refuse Orders for 1898.

Bradstreet's says: While the general trade movement is somewhat irregular, and there are further evidences of falling off in demand, the volume of business continues of large proportions. Speculation in wool has ceased and demand for the staple is less than for weeks past. Cotton goods are dull on the weakness of raw cotton and jobbers report dry goods slower than a week ago. Interior merchants in the central west have not distributed fall stocks as promptly as expected, and many jobbers at western centers find that they overestimated the resumptive demand when securing fall goods. Unseasonably warm weather has interfered with the movement of heavy goods at the west, but rains in Kansas, Oklahoma and Nebraska have improved the agricultural outlook. Relatively, the greatest activity in trade is reported by Kansas City and Omaha merchants. While quarantine regulations have been raised in Texas and modified in Louisiana, business throughout most of the gulf states remains practically at a standstill. Almost all the larger eastern cities report a decreased movement of merchandise and a tendency of collections to fall away, notably Baltimore, owing to its southern connections.

The industrial situation continues to furnish employment to as many persons as at any preceding period this year and at higher wages. Production of iron, steel, machinery, stoves, car structural work, glass and woolen goods continues heavy. Steel mills have orders to carry them into 1898 and decline contracts for next year's delivery. This explains the advance in the price of Bessemer pig iron, while the foundry quotations remain unchanged. The extraordinary heavy and steadily increasing production of iron is starting up furnaces long out of blast, and although consumption is heavy, it is not improbable that production may outrun it in the near future, which constitutes an unfavorable point in the outlook.

Exports of wheat (flour included as wheat) from both coasts of the United States and from Canada this week amount to 5,552,171 bushels, against 6,089,000 bushels last week, 4,067,000 bushels in the week a year ago, 2,658,-000 bushels two years ago, 3,353,000 bushels three years ago, and as compared with 3,327,000 bushels in the like week of 1893.

There has been a sharp drop in the export movement of Indian corn this week, the total amounting to 1,177,-548 bushels, compared with 2,224,000 bushels last week, 2,979,000 bushels in the week a year ago, 1,348,000 bushels two years ago, 920,000 bushels three years ago, and as compared with 929,000 bushels in the like week of 1893.

There 205 business failures reported throughout the United States this week, against 196 last week, 232 in the week a year ago, 259 two years ago, 221 in the like week of 1894, and 329 in the third week of October, 1893.

There are 27 business failures reported from the Dominion of Canada this week, a total considerably smaller than that of last week or in the third week of October in any of the four preceding years.

Against Annexation.

It was definitely decided at Honolulu among Hawaiians opposed to annexation that a commission composed of five men should be sent to Washington to make a determined fight against the ratification of the annexation treaty. At least three Hawaiian societies will give their support to the movement. It is generally understood that J. O. Canter, a white man, will head the commission.

Counterfeiting Scheme Unearthed.

In a musty and darkened cellar at No. 131 Sangamon street, Chicago lawyers, detectives and constables unearthed what they claim to be one of the largest liquor counterfeiting schemes ever operated in this country. The liquor dealers of the world have been working to learn the location of the plant for over a year. After four hours work $25,000 in counterfeit labels, representing all the leading brands of liquor, bottles and cases were found. The loss to the liquor dealers and manufacturers through counterfeit has been nearly $500,000, and it may even reach a higher figure.

STILL INCREASING.

The Yellow Fever Situation Shows Marked Progress in Many Places.

The board of health reported the following new cases at Montgomery Friday night: Hugh McCutcheon, Mrs. Biggio, F. M. McQueen, Wm. McDaniel, Terrence R. Hardaway, R. O. Parker, D. L. Bray, Ed Biggio, Miss Mollie Mulcahy, child of J. Prendergrast, 6 years old. Dr. Guiteras, after visiting sixteen patients, six of whom were old cases, reported that the disease prevailing was the typical fever. In an address, he said the fever was not contagious; that the germs were responsible for its becoming epidemic. Pleasant McAdams died Friday night of yellow fever. He was only 18 years old.

A case of fever has developed at Notasulga, forty miles east of Montgomery, and two are reported at Robinson Springs, ten miles north.

Friday night at 7 o'clock the yellow fever cases had nearly reached fifty at New Orleans, and there had been five deaths.

Ten new cases were reported Friday at Mobile, five of whom were taken from the Italian bark Livomus. There were two deaths. Total cases to date, 197; deaths, 23; recoveries, 123, under treatment, 36.

President Thornton, of the Memphis board of health, Friday night officially declared that a case of yellow fever exists in Memphis. The case is that of B. H, McFerrin. He is a yard conductor, and was taken sick Sunday

One new case is reported from Cayuga, Miss.; under treatment, 15.

Bay St. Louis has 1 case.

Clinton has 11 cases under treatment.

At Edwards there are 4 new cases. Total to date, 487; deaths, 26; discharged, 436; convalescent, 48; under treatment, 37; in the country—deaths 4, all white; total cases, 55.

Selma reported a suspicious case of fever Friday night, and wired Dr. Guiteras to come and investigate.

RETURNED FROM HAWAII.

Senator Morgan Talks Enthusiastically About Annexation.

Senator Morgan and his daughter and F. M. Hatch, the new minister from Hawaii, were among the passengers who arrived at San Francisco from Honolulu upon the steamship Bolgic the past week.

Senator Morgan expressed himself as well pleased with what he saw and the manner in which he was entertained while on the islands. He is more than ever enthusiastic on the subject of annexation, and intimated that Hawaii may become a part of this country before the close of the coming year. He said:

"Hawaii is certainly going to be a state, but whether it will be at the time of its annexation or later remains to be seen. Should it be annexed as a territory the Hawaiian commissioners will recommend that the island should be admitted to statehood and a special act of congress would undoubtedly follow.

"I have favored annexation from the beginning, but I was surprised upon investigating the matter to find that the arguments in favor of the movement had been underestimated. In my opinion, Hawaii is absolutely indispensable to the United States, and we must have these islands. The only opposition found was that of a few of the Lilioukalani royalists who have no weight over there and are for the most part royalists for revenue only."

Senator and the Misses Morgans will leave here for their home at Selma, Ala., in a few days.

Secretly Arming.

It has just leaked out at Fort Smith, Ark., that the full-blood Cherokees have been secretly arming themselves and securing large quanties of ammunition for several weeks, but it has been especially brisk since the return of the attorney sent to Washington to enjoin the Dawes commission from proceeding to make the citizenship rolls. The majority of the Cherokees are opposed to the treaty, but the most bitter feeling is among the ignorant full-bloods. They are preparing to resist any attempt to change their tribal government. Several leading advocates of allotment and of treating with the Dawes commission have been warned to cease the negotiations or their lives will be taken.

Score of Women Preached.

In twenty Baltimore churches women occupied the pulpits the past Sunday, in accordance with arrangements announced at the meeting of the national board of managers of the Woman's Home Missionary Society of the Methodist Episcopal church.

Ordered to Keep Quiet.

The government has cabled to Lieutenant General Weyler strictly prohibiting any demonstration on the day of his departure from Spain, and intimating that if these instructions are not complied with by him he will be held strictly accountable.

ARMY REPORT.

General Miles Submits Estimates to the Secretary of War.

MORE SOLDIERS ARE NEEDED.

The General Wants Two More Regiments of Artillery and Five of Infantry—Will Take Fifty-eight Million Dollars to Put the Country in Condition of Defense.

Gen. Miles, major-general commanding the army, has made his report to the secretary of war. In it he makes reference to the reports of the general and other officers subordinate to him in rank. Gen. Miles says in part:

"The army, although inadequate in point of numbers, was never in a higher state of efficiency, both as to the character and qualifications of its officers and intelligence and loyalty of its soldiers. Important changes and improvements have been made along the Atlantic and gulf coasts, and especially in the mounting of modern artillery and the appliances adopted for the defense of the coast."

Attention is called to the condition of affairs in Alaska and a number of recommendations relative thereto are made.

Continuing, the report says: "During the last ten years much attention has been given by the government to the question of coast defenses, and most beneficial results are now becoming apparent. Approximately $26,000,000 has been appropriated by the government, which is nearly one-third of what is required to put the country in a safe condition of defense. Although the general desire of our people is to maintain a condition of peace with all nations and the policy of the government is one of good will and peaceful relations with all others, yet nothing could be more injudicious than to remain in a condition of insecurity and permit the lives of millions and the accumulated wealth of many generations to be destroyed or endangered by any foreign power with which we are liable to come in contact."

He recommends fortification appropriations as follows:

Hampton Roads, $463,000; approaches to Wilmington, N. C., $397,-000; Charleston harbor, S. C., $150,-000; Key West, Fla., $50,000; Pensacola harbor, $32,000; approaches to Mobile, Ala., $307,000; approaches to New Orleans, $319,000; Galveston, Tex., $419,000.

He recommends strongly an increase in the army of at least two additional regiments of artillery.

He also urges the necessity of adding five infantry regiments to the army and recommends that congress fix a standard of strength on a basis of the total population. This standard, he thinks, should be a maximum of one enlisted man to every 1,000 population and the minimum one soldier to every 2,000 population.

Fever Gives Way to Tragedy.

Interest in the progress of the fever in Biloxi was swallowed up in the contemplation and excitement of a most horrible murder and arson committed upon a most estimable couple of elderly people living out on Back Bay, about three or four miles from the city.

Word was brought to the city about 4 o'clock Friday morning that the Parkhurst property had been burned and that Mr. J. L. Parkhurst and his wife had been consumed in the flames. A man named Gibson, his wife and one Volkes are under arrest.

The autopsy held showed that the aged couple had been murdered, and evidence showed that they had been killed before they retired at night. Rumors and threats of lynching are rife.

No More Appointments at Present.

The president has determined not to consider any new appointments until congress meets, owing to many requests that have come from senators and representatives that consideration be held up until they can see the president; also the great pressure of other business, which is occupying the president's time.

Thousands of Lives Lost in a Cyclone.

Advices from Manila says a cyclone occurred October 12, and that Carigara and Suruyo, on the eastern coast of Leyte, one of the Phillipine Islands, have been wiped out, and that an immense wave swept inland, engulfing the villages. The cyclone also swept the island of Samar. The full extent of the catastrophe is not yet known.

The jury in the famous Luetgert case at Chicago has disagreed and have been discharged by Judge Tuthill. The jury stood nine for conviction and three for acquittal. It was deadlocked for thirty-eight hours. Luetgert was on trial for the murder of his wife.

ALABAMA NEWS ITEMS.

Happenings of a Week Throughout Our Commonwealth.

Gang of Box Car Thieves Arrested.

West Jones, Will Jordan, Josh Lee, Russell Banks, Lawrence Thompson and Reuben Jones, six alleged clever colored car thieves, have been landed in the Jefferson county jail.

Yellow Fever at Selma.

Selma is in the throes of the yellow fever scourge. The outcome of Dr. Guiteras' visit to that city is a report that seven cases were under treatment and that the fever has existed in a mild form for three or four weeks.

Ground in the Machinery.

Bone Bagley was caught in the machinery at Hagin's cotton gin, near Markton, twelve miles north of Gadsden, and was literally ground to pieces. When the fragments of flesh and bones were withdrawn from the ginnery they presented a ghastly and sickening sight, the largest member of his body being not larger than an ordinary sized gourd.

A Record Breaker.

The Howard-Harrison Iron Company, at Bessemer, cast its first 72-inch pipe last Saturday. It will be one of an order for twelve for the New Orleans and Northeastern railroad, to be used in culverts. This immense pipe will be the largest in existence, being 72 inches in diameter, 12 feet 6 inches long, 2 inches thick and will weigh ten tons.

Governor Cannot Remove Him.

At Rockford Judge Carmichael rendered his decision in the Moore vs. Nolen case Wednesday in favor of Mr. Moore. This case is the one in which the constitutionality of the law which gave the governor power to remove a tax assessor was assailed, Mr. Moore being the old assessor and the one Governor Johnston removed when Nolen was appointed.

Miners Organizing.

The miners of Alabama will officiate with the United Mine Workers of America, and will at once begin to perfect the organization. A convention of the miners of the Birmingham district was held Friday for the purpose of considering the question of affiliating with the United Mine Workers of America or of maintaining a distinct state organization. A vote was taken which resulted in a victory for the national organization by a majority of 33 votes out of a total of 77 cast.

Camps will be organized and a state convention will be called to perfect a district organization under a charter granted by the United Mine Workers of America. It is estimated that when the organization is perfected 10,000 men will be enrolled.

New Road Is Commenced.

The first dirt on the Atlanta and Selma Air-Line was broken Thursday in the eastern suburbs of Selma with imposing ceremonies. Mayor Meyer and members of the city council, Col. Mitchell, president of the road, and a large number of citizens were present when the first scraper, drawn by four mules, was imbedded into the earth by Mrs. Watkin M. Vaughan, who had been selected as the sponsor for the road. There was speech-making and cheering. Fifty mules and one hundred men were put to work and these will be quadrupled in a few days. When ten miles are graded track will be laid and trains put on. The road will then be pushed through Autauga, Chilton, Coosa, Elmore, Tallapoosa, Clay and Randolph counties and on to Atlanta.

Progress of the M. & O. Extension.

A well-known contractor has made the following statement regarding the state of affairs on the construction of the Montgomery & Columbus extension of the Mobile & Ohio: "Over 90 per cent of the grading has been completed. This work will have been completed in three weeks from date. The wood work is also nearly completed. Track-laying is in active progress. They have laid twenty five miles of rails from Columbus and eight miles from the Montgomery end, thirty-three miles altogether. The track-layers expect to arrive at the Warrior bridge at Tuskaloosa in sixty days, but will be probably later than that at that point. The bridge at Tuskaloosa will not be completed for three months yet. That will be the last work to be done. The road will then be ready to be operated. Contracts for depot buildings, section houses, round houses, etc., were to have been let at Tuskaloosa on October 7. The bids were received, but letting the contracts was delayed on account of the absence of President Woolfolk. An army of men is in the field and the work is being pushed rapidly. In five months the road will be in operation.

Ohio is to celebrate the one hundredth anniversary of its existence as a State with an exposition in 1903.

"Providence permitting, and unless the bottom drops out of the peace of Europe, there will be a world's fair in Paris in the year 1900," observes Harper's Weekly.

Mark Twain says "there are only fifty jokes in the world." Perhaps that is one of them.

The "plan to free China" would be more commendable if it was to free China from the Chinese.

A change of typewriters in a bank sometimes might render unnecessary a change of venue later on.

One of the largest electric light plants in the world is being made in New York for Southern Brazil, 15,000 lights.

Pensacola is advertising a "corn fair" to be held in the near future. What is this? A State convention of chiropodists?

Will some one kindly explain why a weather bureau which costs $900,000 a year turns out predictions worth only 9 cents a dozen?

Every day is a little life, and our whole life is but a day repeated. Those therefore that dare lose a day are dangerously prodigal.

Why on earth should any one want to pursue the little King of Spain with dynamite? Are there no laths or trunk straps in all Castile?

There are, in round numbers, 16,000,000 horses in the country, nominally valued at $1,000,000,000, but now not worth over $770,000,000.

The English laws are very rigorous, but it is much easier even in London for a rich kleptomaniac to get out of prison than for a poor thief to do so.

One of the agencies which could be directed against this country in case of a war is the $15,000,000 recently acquired by his Grace the Duke of Marlborough.

A New York paper raises a question as to whether a kiss has any value or not. That depends—a New York kiss has no commercial value in Chicago, for instance.

A railroad exchange says it costs $1.17 to stop a train going at full speed. If it is stopped by another train going in the opposite direction it sometimes costs more.

A Nebraska man was shown about town by two affable Chicago strangers and it cost him $1,100. "Personally conducted" tours of that sort come pretty high usually.

An Alabama conductor has just had to pay $245 for kissing a pretty girl passenger. No man with such a blasting, destructive kiss as that ought to be allowed at large.

The St. Paul Theosophical Society is billed to discuss "Dreams and Their Causes." Makers of mince pies probably will be interested in the outcome of this investigation.

The total length of common roads in this country, mostly bad, is 1,300,000 miles. Much is said concerning plans for their improvement, but not too much for the size of the field.

England owns a little island made entirely of chalk. It doesn't amount to much in a commercial point of view, but the power that attempts to wipe it off the map will get into trouble.

A New Jersey youngster who was rejected by a girl the other day hasn't tried yet to shoot her, nor has he committed suicide. It is now thought that the unfortunate young man is hopelessly sane.

Although America claims to be ahead of the world in all kinds of mechanical devices, it is noted that underground trolleys have been operated for some time in Budapest, but cannot be made to work in this country.

"The estate of the late Mr. Havemeyer, the sugar king," remarks a New York paper, "is less than $4,000,000." We never realized before what a close resemblance there was between Mr. Havemeyer and ourselves in money matters.

James Johnson, who is described by a St. Louis paper as "the toughest convict in the Missouri penitentiary," has petitioned the Governor for a pardon on the ground that he "wants to go to the Klondike gold fields." Wouldn't he prefer some good seaside resort?

As long as promises are flippantly and plentifully made, without care or thought or judgment, so long will they be lightly and frequently broken. If they are to be kept with strictness and fidelity, they must be made with intelligence and circumspection.

A contemporary in Yazoo City, Miss., says: "Miss Flora Bowney, of Valley View, is seeking health and pleasure in our midst, and many of our young men are suffering the sweet torture of her presence." Jamacia ginger is said to be good for that sort of thing.

Japan's Diet voted $45,000,000 for the construction of railroads, telegraphs and cables at its last session, and $97,000,000 for the construction and purchase of war materials and ships. Since January, 1895, $600,000,000 has been invested by Japanese in banks, railroads, and other companies.

But there is a fatality, a feeling so irresistible and inevitable that it has the force of doom, which almost invariably compels human beings to linger around and haunt the spot where some great and marked event has given color to their life time, and still more irresistibly, the darker the tinge that saddens it.

We must have a weak spot or two in a character before we can love it much. People that do not laugh or cry, or take more of anything than is good for them, or use anything but dictionary words, are admirable subjects for biographies. But we don't always care most for those flat pattern flowers that press best in the herbarium.

A New York man who has the Klondike fever is not disposed to be satisfied with a grub-stake merely. He advertises in one of the papers of that city: "Gentleman (39) desires to meet lady with money to go to Alaska; matrimony." Shooting the rapids in Alaska on a raft built for two would not be an unromantic wedding journey.

A New York laborer accumulated a stock of horse shoes, to the number of 200, as luck breeders, and he did this in thirteen years. All but one shoe missed fire, and the exception was, when he was detained at home with a toothache and his wife could not join a theater party that night. The theater burned down and there is where the shoe counted.

When a New York lawyer locks horns with the English language Webster's dictionary has no chance at all to win even a place. The other day the cigarette trust was indicted for "having lawfully, wickedly, unjustly, oppressively and maliciously conspired, combined, confederated and agreed to control and monopolize the making and vending of cigarettes." And yet they claim language was invented to conceal thought.

A girl who is blind and deaf and who is without the senses of smell and taste has passed the Harvard examination and will enter the annex to the university, Radcliffe, at a younger age than most freshmen. She is Miss Helen Keller, singularly afflicted with burdens, conspicuously endowed with genius. What matchless perseverance and patience must this maid possess thus to surmount obstacles that seem to tower miles above the possibilities of human endeavor.

It is suggested that what some people want is sleep holidays. They do not need to go to watering-places and summer hotels and to be entertained by a round of gayety, with a band always playing. There may be something in the contention that a greater amount of sleep is required by people nowadays—especially brain-workers—than was formerly the case. Nicola Tesla, the electrician, is credited with saying that he believes a man might live two hundred years if he would sleep most of the time. That is why negroes often live to advanced old age—because they sleep so much. He also alluded to the current report that Mr. Gladstone now sleeps seventeen hours every day.

A pathetic appeal for aid comes to the Government from Chamberlain, S. D. "Chasing Crane," who is described as a "Lower Brule Sioux," has sacrificed his health for Uncle Sam, and he asks a pension. Chasing's case seems to demand prompt attention. The aged Sioux is battle-scarred and the hero of many a fight, but for these he asks no rewards. He has served for a year as a soldier in the regular army, and has been stationed during this time in Fort Omaha, but this he passes by without demur. Endowed with a strong constitution, he endured the rigors of fort life with fortitude, until confronted by the Government rations. It appears he struggled bravely with the insidious foe. Thrice daily he met the enemy, and seldom failed to down it. But his vigor was being sapped by the unequal battle, and after these many days of struggle he stands confessed a conquered and broken Sioux. It is a sad story, this of Chasing Crane. If he proves he ate these rations daily throughout all this year it is difficult to see how a pension can be withheld, and the papers can be expected soon, duly indorsed, "Wounded by a Nation's rations."

Influence of the Imagination.

Fear has killed many a man before to-day. There is an old story of a king whose favorite was condemned to die for a crime. Before his execution, however, it was discovered that he was innocent, and the king, in order to give his favorite and agreeable surprise, took the place of the executioner, using a towel instead of an axe. But the man was killed as instantly as if his head had been cut off.

In modern times some French men of science obtained permission to perform similar experiment on a man condemned to be guillotined. They bound him to a table, and told him that arteries would be opened in various parts of his body, and that he would be bled to death. He could not expect to live more than half an hour. He was then blindfolded. He was pricked in various parts of the body, and at the end of half an hour was dead, although he had lost very little blood.

The Common Goal.

Hurry—What's the great aim of modern life?

Scurry—To be rich enough to get everything one doesn't want.—Brooklyn Life.

HOW TO MANIPULATE COINS.

You Must Be Quick, and Be Prepared to Deceive.

The art of conjuring is to puzzle people. With nothing more expensive than a cent, a dime, or a quarter, and a little art in the cutting and boring of metal, the amateur will find that some very effective tricks are within his power.

The conjurer may flaunt a coin before the eyes of the company and then, like a flash of lightning, cause it to disappear and show both of his hands empty. Then the coin will suddenly reappear between the tips of the conjurer's fingers. The coin has two little holes bored through it, and a piece of silk is looped through these. When commanding the coin to disappear the performer slips the loop of silk over his thumb, and, keeping the front of his hand toward the audience, allows the coin to quickly drop between his fingers and rest on the back of his hand. When he wishes it to reappear he pulls the silk, and, presto! it is again between his finger-tips.

The wonderful "electrified" coin is easily made, and is warranted to cause some fun. The conjurer throws it in the air. "Behold!" he cries, "it will always return to me. See how affectionate it is." The coin, falling, touches the lapel of his coat and remains there.

THE MAGIC PENNIES.

This is not surprising, since about a quarter of an inch of a pin projects from each side of it.

The six magic pennies pass through a table, or appear to do so. As a preliminary step, the conjurer takes six pennies of his own, and fastens them together by running a rivet through them. He then obtains a little cap that will fit neatly over the coins. Having done this, he proceeds to borrow six cents from the audience, which he places unobserved in his left hand. In his right hand he holds his prepared pennies, so that all may see them. These he places on the table, and covering them with the cap, commands them to drop through to the other side. After a moment he withdraws the cap, and incidentally, with the cap, the pennies—an easy enough matter, as they are joined together—and it is seen that they are no longer on the table. He puts his left hand under the table, and apparently catches the cents as they drop through into his palm. He returns them to the audience, who find that they are unaffected by their journey through the deal board.

To be able to throw half a dozen coins through a silk hat in such a way that they will clearly be heard to drop on the inside, leaving, however, no trace behind them, is a trick of which any one might be proud. The conjurer borrows a hat, conceals six cents in his left hand, and shows six cents in his right. He then picks up the hat in his left

THE VANISHING CENT.

hand and holds the cents at the same time in such a way that he may easily drop them in when required.

Taking a coin from his right hand he shows it to the audience, and pretends to throw it at the hat. A click of a coin dropping on the inside is heard, and on examination a coin will be found in the hat. As a matter of fact, however, no penny left the conjurer's right hand. He merely put it through the process known as "palming," and at the same time allowed a penny to drop from his left hand.

A very effective addition may be made to the trick in this way. A penny is fastened in a lathe, and a little groove is cut round its edge. It is then divided into two pieces, one being a little larger than the other, and these are joined loosely together by a small elastic band which is placed in the groove. A needle is brazed into the larger portion of the penny at right angles to the edge, a recess being cut into the smaller portion to accommodate it.

Having made this penny or bought it, the conjurer, when performing his trick of throwing the pennies through a hat, takes the trick penny in his right hand, and bending back one half, swiftly inserts the needle in the hat. This gives it the appearance of having passed half way through; it looks, in fact, as though

THE HAT TRICK.

the conjurer had not thrown it hard enough. He apologizes, draws out the trick penny, and pretends to throw it again, this time allowing a penny from his left hand to drop into the hat.

A penny that will pass through the narrow neck of a bottle is made in the same way. It is divided into three pieces, which are held together by elastic. It is folded up, and put into the bottle, and so soon as it has passed the neck the sides spring out and make it look like an ordinary penny.

Granted a small amount of skill in

THE ELASTIC COIN.

copper-cutting, which, with the aid of a lathe and suitable tools is a simple trick, any number of very effective trick-pennies may be constructed.

PRINCESS OF THE KAFFIRS.

Barney Barnato's Little Daughter Who Will Inherit Millions.

Barney Barnato left a little "princess of the Kaffirs" to inherit his great wealth. If the noted financier and promoter really possessed all the money he was said to have been worth this little lady will come into one of the biggest private fortunes in the world. Barney left another and an elder child, if Mrs. W. W. Blackman, of Cleveland, is right in her claim, for she says that she, too, is the daughter of the diamond king of Africa. Mrs. Blackman's mother has gone to England to contest Barnato's will. The mother is a Russian, and she says that Barnato married her in Russia twenty-seven years ago. The Kaffir king was known at that time as Barney Brolobjitschy, and he disap-

PRINCESS OF THE KAFFIRS.

peared in a most mysterious manner many years ago. Mrs. Blackman says that, although she was very young when her father disappeared, she remembers him very well and readily recognizes him from his latest photographs. Her mother is now at work with her lawyers in England, making arrangements to go into court and contest the will, in which Barnato left the bulk of his hundreds of millions to his widow and his little daughter. The case promises a big fight.

FRENCH LITERARY CRITIC.

Jules Lemaitre Is Recognized as One of the Best.

Jules Lemaitre is recognized as one of the best of French literary critics. He has done good work in a half-dozen departments of literature, but he is primarily a critic, who has made literary criticism as great an art as Saint-Beuve did in his day or Brunetiere does in our time. It is a pity that some of his best critical work has not been put into English. Though French to

JULES LEMAITRE.

the core, Lemaitre is singularly cosmopolitan, and he is one of the few Frenchmen who have comprehended Shakspeare. He loves the classical writers, but he most delights in the moderns, and his keen analysis of Renan, Zola, Daudet, Ohnet, Scribe and other writers is a liberal education in contemporary French literature.

Natural Selection.

"I don't know what's going to become of that boy of mine. He was never known to get anything right."

"Make a weather prophet of him."—Exchange.

A rich man's wife has a better time than a poor man's wife, but the richest man is always the hardest working man in every community.

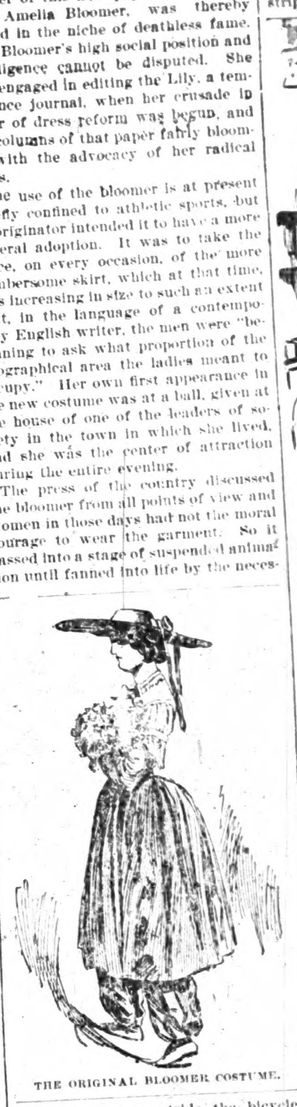
BIRTH OF THE BLOOMER.

It Is Forty-six Years Since They First Came Into View.

Forty-six years ago the bifurcated garment for female dress was ushered into a cold and critical world, and the mother of this now popular invention, Mrs. Amelia Bloomer, was thereby placed in the niche of deathless fame. Mrs. Bloomer's high social position and intelligence cannot be disputed. She was engaged in editing the Lily, a temperance journal, when her crusade in favor of dress reform was begun, and the columns of that paper fairly bloomed with the advocacy of her radical ideas.

The use of the bloomer is at present chiefly confined to athletic sports, but its originator intended it to have a more general adoption. It was to take the place, on every occasion, of the more cumbersome skirt, which at that time, was increasing in size to such an extent that, in the language of a contemporary English writer, the men were "beginning to ask what proportion of the geographical area the ladies meant to occupy." Her own first appearance in the new costume was at a ball, given at the house of one of the leaders of society in the town in which she lived, and she was the center of attraction during the entire evening.

The press of the country discussed the bloomer from all points of view and women in those days had not the moral courage to wear the garment. So it passed into a stage of suspended animation until fanned into life by the neces-



THE ORIGINAL BLOOMER COSTUME.

sities of women astride the bicycle. Mrs. Bloomer wore her garment until she died, but her personal following was small.

Within thirty-five miles of Philadelphia there is a community, a large proportion of the female population of which at one time wore regularly the "rational" garb. When in 1861 Charles K. Landis laid out and opened for settlement the town of Vineland, N. J., the inducements offered by him to intending purchasers of land early attracted a large influx of a very mixed element. Among them were the "Bloomers," in faith Spiritualistic and all firm adherents of the trouser cult. All were agriculturists and men and women alike labored in the fields, so that at a little distance it was a matter of some difficulty to distinguish the sex of the toiler. The dress of the women consisted of a sort of blouse, coming in some instances just above the knee, in others a little below it. Beneath this the inevitable trousers, reaching half way to the ankle, where they were met by a sort of woolen legging, covering the upper part of the shoe. This costume was generally of light cloth, usually of a faded reddish color, the whole surmounted by a broad-brimmed slouch hat, such as the Dunkards are accustomed to wear. Sometimes in summer linen would be substituted for the more weighty cloth, but the style invariably remained the same. At one time there were between twenty and thirty "bloomer" families living in and about Vineland, but at the present time only two representatives of the sect remain.

Kind Forbearance.

Frederick Walker, who did such beautiful work in art, and who died so young that all the great promise in him could not be disclosed, began his drawings for the Cornhill Magazine by an interview with Thackeray, wherein he was much agitated, and the great writer proved correspondingly kind.

Walker had an exceeding reverence for Thackeray, and greatly dreaded an interview with him.

"Bring him here," Thackeray had said, "and we shall soon see whether he can draw."

So, early one morning, the young man was taken to the author's house in Onslow Square. The drive was a silent one, for the artist became every instant more agitated and distressed. This Thackeray noticed at once, and did his best to set him at ease.

"Can you draw?" he asked, after a little general conversation. "Mr. Smith says you can."

"Yaces, I think so," stammered Walker.

"I'm going to shave," said Mr. Thackeray. "Would you mind drawing my back?"

So he turned about, and Walker made a most excellent likeness of him in that position. If the lion had faced him, subjecting him to the ordeal of scrutiny, it was probable that he could not have worked at all. Doubtless Thackeray knew this, and so took his delicate precaution.

Whenever a woman's favorite doctor loses a patient by death, she always explains it by saying that he was not "called soon enough."

CHICAGO'S VETERAN P

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OWNER OF DAWSON.

BARNEY BARNATO OF THE KLONDYKE.

Notable Success of Joseph Ladue in the Land of Untold Value—One Of Many Who Went Out Penniless Now Rolling in Millions at Their Feet.

A Fortune in One Year.

Joseph Ladue, the founder of Dawson, in the Klondyke gold region, returned to his former home at Niagara Falls, New York. He returns from bleak Alaska to claim his bride, the woman whose letter from home upon his suit years before sent him home in 1882 for the Northwest. At that time he was a young man. When the gold fever broke out in 1896 he was a two years ago he was a failure in business and to Alaska he went. He found enough to stake him later on. He became one of the great later went to Alaska as a clerk in the employ of a company paid for a quantity of which was a fabulous figure, and made a fortune. Settlers there found that the place was too small and sold off small parcels at a profit. Dawson grew and became a town, having been platted by Barnato of Alaska. Barnato cannot be classed with many times a millionaire, for he struck it rich, and made a good thing when he saw it, selling to another tale of African diamonds, but much nearer home. If you want to get to Alaska, seriously, there are two ways. If you take the route you can start by steamship from Seattle, and crossing the Gulf of Alaska, touch at Unalaska, passing through the Aleutian Islands. From this point the route lies directly north, getting colder and colder every minute. You will need all the Arctic wraps you can bring with you. The ship's fare will be warm, nourishing food—

JOSEPH LADUE.

chocolate, meats and spices. Of course, that you will need fur overshoes, blanket wraps, woolen clothes and big, warm, fur-lined bags to sleep in. For one going from warm city into this region the change is so great and so sudden that there is bound to be great suffering, and many would be Barnatos turn back.

Steamship stops at St. Michael's; within sight of Bering sea, within hailing distance of the Russian frontier, you leave the steamship and land to search for gold. Steamboats have nearly all followed the action. It leads into Klondyke, one of its tributaries is the Klondyke River. Dawson, Joseph Ladue's town, is on the Yukon; and this another rich spot, lies on the Yukon. Land is for sale here very cheap. You can do as many prospectors do—start in hunting for gold, taking too many inquiring friends, and so sudden that there is no line drawn between that which belongs to the Government and that which belongs to the Uncle Sam, and a man is free to take what he will. For your own comfort, it is well to have some arrangement made with the Indians, so as to avoid trouble of a kind. The way to reach the gold fields is a long one. Many journey in winter, as they went to Klondyke years ago. The pass is terrible and follows the Yukon, past Juneau and the White Horse pass, and so north

SCENE IN DAWSON.

to the gold fields to Dawson. The journey is a severe one, and when Klondyke is reached, on the other side of the mountains, finds himself in the heart of the gold country. The journey is great and the road is a hard one, but, despite this, thousands are turning their faces Alaska-wards.

Ladue nothing to become a millionaire. But those who want to follow in his footsteps will need something in money. The country is overrun now and prices are as high as they used to be in Alaska. At Circle City you may pay $50 for a fur coat when you can get one for $5. And flour, bacon, the absolute necessities, advanced 50 per cent. The same with coffee, eggs and butter—at fancy prices, so that a man must have ten times the sum required a year ago for traveling through the settlements of Alaska.

It is certainly true that better "finds" are being made in American territory than in British Columbia. Four hundred miles southeast of Dawson, on the Peili river, there has been a "find" located that is richer than any yet discovered. Prospectors say that as soon as attention is called towards the American side of the gold field line and working upon it becomes general there will be gold mined there in greater quantities than has ever been found on the British side of the Klondyke fields.

The way to travel to Alaska is in parties of four. These can easily be oc-

JACK M'QUESTEN.
"The Father of the Yukon."

commodated, in one room, and can travel in one small conveyance. One of the party should be a practical chemist, or understand the compiling of drugs, and one should be able to sew. A woman is of the utmost assistance, but few of the sex have ventured out. In the baggage which the four carry should be pieces of tanned skins, shoe leather, flannel and wool, everything for repairing the Alaskan wearing apparel. One of the number should be able to cook and the fourth should understand the art of putting up a quick shelter. All should be willing and ready to share and share alike in hardship.

One of the hardest things the prospector has to endure is the sight of the sacks of gold dust that are being shipped from every seaport and the tons of ore that are being sent down from St. Michael's and south from Juneau. In one day there came advices from St. Michael's that $1,400,000 worth of gold dust would be shipped by the Wells-Fargo south, and that $768,000 in dust was awaiting transportation. In one day there came down on the Puget Sound steamship $200,000 in Alaska gold.

Ladue was one of the first to strike the Yukon region, rich in gold. He settled Dawson City and built a sawmill. However, he found it difficult to get men to work for him at $15 a day. He has made a fortune out of the mines and will return to Dawson in the spring with his wife.

None of His Business.

Philosophers, lazy men and Turks have many qualities in common. So, at least, it would appear from the reply of a Turkish pasha to the British minister at Constantinople, who had asked for information concerning the population and trade of a certain province.

"Illustrious friend, joy of my liver!" the pasha's letter began. "The thing you ask of me is both difficult and useless.

"Although I have passed all my days in this place, I have neither counted the houses nor have I inquired into the number of the inhabitants; and as to what one person loads on his mules and another stows away in the bottom of his ships, that is no business of mine.

"O my soul! O my lamb! seek not after the things that concern thee not. Thou comest to us and we welcome thee; go in peace.

"Of a truth thou hast spoken many words, and there is no harm done, for the speaker is one and the listener is another.

"After the fashion of thy people thou hast wandered from one place to another, until thou art happy and content in none."

Nelson's Famous Order.

Captain Alfred T. Mahan contributes to the Century an article on "Nelson at Trafalgar." Concerning Nelson's famous order, Captain Mahan says: After returning to the deck, Nelson asked Blackwood whether he did not think another signal was needed. The captain replied that he thought every one understood perfectly what was expected of him. After musing a while, Nelson said, "Suppose we telegraph that 'Nelson expects every man to do his duty.'" The officer to whom the remark was made suggested whether it would not read better, "England expects." In the fleet, or, for the matter of that, to the country, the change signified little, for no two names were ever more closely identified than those of England and Nelson; but the latter welcomed it eagerly, and at 11:30 the signal which has achieved world-wide celebrity flew from the Victory's masthead, and was received with a shout throughout the fleet.

Hands Off.

In connection with the recent death of Blondin, the greatest of funambulists, it is recalled that President Lincoln once made use of him for one of his characteristically apt illustrations. To a fault-finding delegation that visited him, Mr. Lincoln said:

Gentlemen, suppose all the property you were worth was in gold, and you had put it into the hands of Blondin to carry across Niagara Falls on a rope; would you shake the cable, or keep shouting out to him, "Blondin, stand up a little straighter! Blondin, stoop a little more; go a little faster; lean more to the south?" No, you would hold your breath, as well as your tongue, and keep your hands off until he was safe over.

THE FIRST ELECTRIC CAR.

The Memory of Farmer, Its Inventor, Honored This Week.

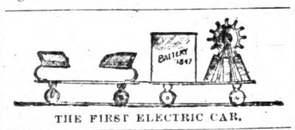
The first electric passenger car ever made in the United States was displayed to the public for the first time at Dover, N. H., July 26, 1847. The fiftieth anniversary of the event, which occurred recently, has bee nfittingly observed at Eliot, Me., where lived the

MOSES G. FARMER.

inventor of the car, Moses G. Farmer. His daughter still lives there, conducting a summer school of science and literature, and it was at her home that the event was celebrated by a company of electricians.

Moses Farmer was a native of New Hampshire and was born in 1820. He received a college education and taught school. Of a mechanical bent of mind, he spent many of his spare moments in experimenting. He early became interested in electricity and the subject of applying this force to propel vehicles occupied his attention. His experiments resulted in the construction of a train of two cars, on one of which was monuted the motor and battery which furnished the current, the other being a passenger car.

The rails of the track as built in 1847 were of cast iron, and the ties, or sleepers, of wood. On these rails ran the two cars, one for carrying passengers, the other being the locomotive. The electric current was generated in forty-eight cells of a Groves battery, the



THE FIRST ELECTRIC CAR.

size of each cell being about one pint in capacity.

The cars were exhibited in various cities and attracted some attention, but the time was not ripe for electric transit and Farmer's scheme was not utilized. It formed the basis, however, upon which engineers subsequently built the electric cars of the present day. Farmer died in Chicago during the World's Fair in 1893.

WOMAN'S LONG RIDE.

Mrs. Margaret Le Long Wheeled from Chicago to San Francisco.

Mrs. Margaret Valentine Le Long is a plucky little woman with a long name who recently rode, alone, from Chicago to San Francisco, her home, on a bicycle. She was on the road ninety days, covering the distance, 2,000 miles, with-

MRS. MARGARET LE LONG.

out a puncture. She made the journey not to save expenses, for it cost twice as much as by rail, but for the sake of the adventure and the experience. She had only one accident, a broken pedal, when she had piled herself up at the foot of a hill in the dark. She did her own washing, had the good sense not to try for a record, and rested when she was tired. Eighty-six miles in one day was her best performance. On the way she lost eight pounds, made a detour from Ogden to Salt Lake, rode the railroad track for numberless rough and bumpety miles, and walked on an average ten miles a day. She is muscular as few women are, and is as brown as the proverbial berry, for she even tanned her hands through her thick chamois gloves. But she is not the least bit footsore or weary, and she would do it again.

Slightly Daft.

"Bobson is certainly daft about that new baby of his."

"What has he done?"

"Why, we were all talking about the tariff at the office last Saturday, but Bobson only made one remark."

"What did he say?"

"He wanted to know if they had raised the duty on catnip tea."—Cleveland Plain Dealer.

Dieting the Kaiser.

The German Emperor has been put on an almost entirely fruit diet. He is not allowed to drink tea or coffee, and his physicians consider it imperative that he should always have eight hours' sleep.

The Answer.

"Say, aren't those woolen clothes warm this kind of a day?"

"I don't know; I haven't asked them. If they are like me they are, though."—Cincinnati Commercial Tribune.

COL. TOM OCHILTREE.

The Famous Texas Wit Who Has Made Two Continents Laugh.

Col. Thomas P. Ochiltree, the famous Texas wit and statesman, became a national character a few years ago when he came to Congress as a Representative from Texas. He was conspicuous to look upon, and he rarely said anything that was not conspicuous. He made friends, and he was so good-natured to his enemies and so quick with his wit that the men who were opposed to him were anxious to get over their tilts. He was pointed out on the floor of the House as the first native Congressman from his State. It was also related that his district was wider and longer than many of the states of Europe, reaching over a territory of twenty-seven counties, and running from the Gulf to Eagle Pass, on the Rio Grande. This area comprised 37,600 square miles. Ochiltree was practically the king of it.

Ochiltree went to the top of capital favoritism at a single bound. He was a prince of story-tellers. The beauty of his humor was that it hit no one so hard as it hit himself. He rarely appeared upon the floor of the Forty-eighth Congress that he did not put the House into a furore of laughter. The country members used to declare that he was more fun than the minstrels. His bills and appropriations were jested through. He called himself the "Red-headed Ranger from Texas," and the title was enough to get him a hearing before the busiest committee. It was his custom to send in word to an important session of a close-mouthed and dignified committee that the "Red-headed Ranger from Texas" had a few remarks he would like to make covering a few points in a measure the august body had in its pigeon holes. The admission of Ochiltree meant a good laugh—a long series of good laughs—and it is a part of legislative tradition that the Colonel's stories have done for him what plain, unvarnished and prosaic logic failed to do for others.

Judge William B. Ochiltree, a lawyer of great repute in the South, was determined that young Tom should be brought up in the strait and narrow path. He thought his son would be a quiet man, of gentle habits, and there-

COL. THOS. P. OCHILTREE.

upon placed him under the care and tutelage of two Catholic priests. The priests labored in Nacogdoches parish, where the boy was born, and they tried industriously to keep their pupil in lines of thought that might possibly take him into the clergy. The lad stood it for a time, and at the age of 15 suddenly took the matter into his own hands. He wanted to fight Indians. The priests were powerless, and, with a great deal of shrewd planning, young Tom made an enlistment as a private in the Texas Rangers, starting west for the scalps of the Apaches and Comanches in 1854. A year knocked all the romance out of this boyish ambition, and he was willing to come home and buckle down to his books. He always had some outside plan in his head, and while he was still under his majority in years he was editor of a paper and had been sent as a delegate to the conventions in Charleston and Baltimore. He studied law and was barely out of his teens when his father took him into his office as a partner. The father went away from town one day, and while he was gone the boy had the sign changed. San Antonio awakened the next morning to laugh for years at the strange name of the firm — "Thomas P. Ochiltree and Father, Attorneys." The grown man was no less original than the boy had been, and his wit increased as the years brought the stubby, fat youngster into a rotund, broad-girthed statesman.

Ochiltree fought his way to a colonelcy in the Confederate army. After the war he told the people of Texas, through his Galveston paper, "to stop crying and get solace in work." His ability was marked enough to attract the attention of President Grant, and Grant made him the marshal for Texas. He and the President became great friends. It is said that Grant delighted in seeing no one more than he did in seeing Tom Ochiltree.

Texas owes as much to Ochiltree as it does to any other man that ever came from the State. He has been untiring in his efforts to keep the State before the public. He did so much in this respect with the papers that he edited he was at one time sent to Europe as emigrant commissioner for Texas. This gave him opportunity for many trips abroad, and he became as fluent in the continental languages as in English. He actually became a feature in the London papers, and the old journals used to advertise interviews with him as the New York papers now advertise their weekly grist of Sunday matter.

Col. Ochiltree has a reputation for knowing more about good things to eat, for having eaten more good things, for having helped more people to eat the best things than any other living man in this country. He is also no second on the proposition of beverages. The good taste in eating and drinking was natural for him, and he declares he protested loudly and industriously because the nurse insisted he should have nothing but milk during his very early life. He likes the good things of life no more than he does the bright men in life. Where he is there is a certain center of keen wit and ringing stories. He is versatile in his eating, as well as in his mind. He stands the chuck of the plains as well as the chef d'ouvres of the metropolis, and he will relish the poor stuff of the chapparel if the men are about the table that make the diners forget the dinner.

A MONSTER BELL.

It's the Biggest in the World that Is in Ringing Order.

On the principle that a living dog is better than a dead lion, a bell that is whole should be better than one that is cracked, even though the latter be the bigger of the two. For some time past there has been a sort of dead-heat between the two biggest bells in the

THE BELL, AS IT HANGS.

world, the one at the cathedral in Moscow, and the other at the unfinished pagoda of Mengoon, a little north of Mandalay. If the former was the bigger of the two, it was cracked, and therefore useless as a bell, while the latter, though whole, had dragged its supports down till it rested on the ground, and would not emit any sound. Now, however, it has been reswung, and can claim attention as the biggest bell, in working order, in the world.

In 1896 the Burmese community decided to have the bell raised, and employed the Irrawaddy Flotilla Company, limited, to do the work. The work has been successfully accomplished. The bell hangs on a large steel girder, with a distributing girder on the top of it, and the main girder rests on two large iron columns, 25 feet high, which rest on concrete foundations. The bell swings, with its lower rim about three feet from the ground. The weight is about 98 tons, the circumference at the base being 51½ and at the top 26 feet. It averages over a foot in thickness. The bell itself is over 12 feet high, and the shackle, which was intended for logs of timber, about 12 feet. The pin in the shackle has a diameter of 16 inches. The bell was cast about the beginning of the century by King Bodaw-paya as an accompaniment to the huge brick pagoda which he never finished.

BABY HEIRESS.

Dorothy Waters Creede to Inherit a Big Fortune.

Dorothy Waters Creede is the little girl to whom N. C. Creede, the famous Colorado prospector, left his fortune of

BABY CREEDE.

half a million dollars. Mr. Creede adopted Dorothy when a mere babe and became passionately fond of the winsome child. Dorothy is not to remain in undisturbed possession of the fortune, for the widow of Creede has signified her intention of fighting for a big share of the estate of her dead husband.

Indignant.

"He merely kissed my hand. I could not speak for indignation."

"Yes."

"He must have thought me deaf and dumb."

But even in such a contingency, was it to be assumed that the hand was to perform all of the multiplex functions that usually devolve upon the lips?—Detroit Journal.

A Consoling Thought.

Professor (disgustedly)—It's hard to get any knowledge into your head, your skull is so thick.

Pupil—But, remember, professor, for the same reason it will be hard for the knowledge to ever get out.

The unmarried men are becoming more coy and more timid every day, and the unmarried women are becoming more aggressive and bolder.

SHEAR NONSENSE

It seems strange that when a man is taken in he usually feels put out about it.—Philadelphia Record.

The rescuer—How did you come to fall in? The rescued—I didn't come to fall in; I came to fish.—Harper's Weekly.

Browne—Salt is cheap the world over. Towne—Humph! Did you ever buy chloride of sodium at a drug store?—Life.

"Has his lordship exhibited any symptoms of affection?" "Yes. He has tried to find out how much we are worth."—Life.

"Oh, George, our dinner decorations are only white and red." "Well, when we get the bill everything will be blue."—Boston Post.

William Good—It's shocking the way some young men spend money. Jack Dasher—Isn't it! Now I get everything on credit.—Brooklyn Life.

Moss—It drives me frantic to see women standing in a street car. Fern—Yes; I've noticed that it turns your head.—Philadelphia North American.

Irate citizen (to scorcher)—Hi, there! Have pedestrians no rights in this city? Scorcher (whizzing by)—Certainly; they have funeral rites.—Brooklyn Life.

Aid (charging furiously up)—General, the enemy has captured our left wing. What shall we do? The commander—Fly with the other.—Philadelphia Inquirer.

He—I understand that Miss Derwent is quite a composer. She—Yes, she composes the greater part of what you see of her, every morning.—Cleveland Leader.

Twynn—Dornblazer won't catch any fish if he wears that suit. I doubt if he'll even see one. Triplett—He should at least seersucker with that coat on.—Boston Post.

Molly—Jack called on me last night and stayed until 12 o'clock. Dolly—He told me this morning that it was very late before he could get away.—New York Journal.

"Have you seen Maud's rainy day costume? It's too sweet for any use." "Why doesn't she wear it to-day?" "It looks so much like rain."—Cleveland Plain Dealer.

First tramp—Did yer give her dat gag about bein' too feeble ter work? Second tramp—Yes. She said dat wuz what wuz der matter wid de gag.—New York Journal.

Mr. Cumso—Fangle, what is the difference between a hectic flush and a bobtail flush? Mr. Fangle—A hectic flush is red, while a bobtail flush leaves someone blue.—Boston Post.

"Then, proud beauty, you refuse my love?" said he. "Well," said the summer girl, thoughtfully, "I don't know but that I might be willing to take an option on it."—Indianapolis Journal.

She—I am quite sure you had too much champagne when you called on me yesterday afternoon. He—Yes; I thought I'd just look around to-day to see if I was engaged to you.—Punch.

Agnes—I put a plaster on Reggy when he went to ask papa for my hand. Meg—That was to draw him out, eh? Agnes—Yes, and it also mustered up his courage.—New York Journal.

"They say your minister and ours had a race to see which would perform the most marriage ceremonies during June. How did it come out?" "Oh, it was a tie, of course."—Philadelphia Inquirer.

"We have rather a long account to settle with Turkey," said Prince Constantine, grimly. "Yes," said King George, with a slight smile, "and it's a running account at that."—Cleveland Plain Dealer.

"You old plug," said the farmer to his balky horse, "you actually ain't worth killin'—unless," he added, after second thought, "unless I could manage to git you killed by the railroad."—Cincinnati Enquirer.

Weary Watkins: "Say, what is moral courage, anyway?" Hungry Higgins: "I heard a preacher say it was the power to say 'no.' Weary Watkins: "When you're asked to drink, or to work?"—Indianapolis Journal.

Hicks: "Did you hear about Macklin? They called the Rev. Mr. Dudley to his bedside last evening." Wicks: "You don't mean to say he is in a dying condition?" Hicks: "Oh, no; only a bad case of insomnia."—Boston Transcript.

She: "Do you really believe that Gabriel will sound a trumpet for all of us on the last day?" He: "Well, I am sometimes half inclined to believe that some folks will insist upon blowing their own horns, even then."—Cleveland Leader.

Awkward young dramatist (to manager)—Might I ask how my three-act drama is coming on, sir? Has it been accepted? "The three members of the reading committee have read it and think it will do with one act cut out." "I am glad to hear it is no worse, sir." "But," continued the manager, "unfortunately, each one wants to strike out a different act."—Fliegende Blatter.

The red-faced youngster had consented to become the new office boy. "I'll give you $4 per week," said the great and eminent lawyer, as he looked at the successful applicant in a benignant and indulgent way. "Say, boss," responded the youngster, "why don'tcher say $4 a week. Per sounds as though I wouldn't get it."—New York Telegram.

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REMEMBER our guessing contest closes on Monday next. Renew your subscription now and register your guess.

TEN new cases and one death is the latest fever news we have from Montgomery. Selma has five cases, and on Sunday last twenty-two hundred people cleared out of that city; only about 300 white people are now in Selma.

THE sickness of the Editor of THE BANNER has prevented us from making the full change to THE BANNER we had intended. Under the circumstances we are glad to be able to get out the paper at all. We request all our correspondents to send in their communications early next week to enable us to produce the best county paper Chilton has ever seen. All friends of the paper can greatly assist us by showing this issue to their friends and neighbors and inducing them to become subscribers.

CLANTON is quarantined against infected towns, but whomever is supposed to see that the quarantine is enforced certainly cannot be commended for vigilence. Sunday morning a train load of refugees from Montgomery pulled up at the depot. Hundreds of heads, arms and bodies were protuding from the open windows. On the track was apparently all the negroes in town, as well as some white people exchanging greetings with the refuges. As the train pulled out a negro leaned out of the window, snatched a hat from the head of a colored gentleman on the track, throwing him in exchange a dirty, greasy cap, which said colored gentleman has been wearing ever since—fever germs or not. Great is our quarantine.

SOME weeks ago Gov. Johnston, acting upon the report of that eminent mathematician, Examiner Cowan, declared the office of Tax Assessor of Coosa county to be vacant and appointed J. M. Nolen to the vacancy. S. L. Moore, the Tax Assessor elected by the people, could not see the force of being removed for nothing in this summary manner, and declined to recognize the Governor's appointee, and went on as usual with his appointments. Nolen also issued a list of appointments. Moore brought suit against Nolen in the Circuit Court which has been in session at Rockford the last two weeks, with the result that the Judge ruled the appointment of Nolen by the Governor was unconstitutional and consequently void. The case is to be carried to the Supreme Court. We congratulate Mr. Moore upon his victory.

Something to Depend On.

Mr. James Jones, of the drug firm of Jones & Son, Cowden, Ill., in speaking of Dr. King's New Discovery says, that last winter his wife was attacked with La Grippe and her case grew so serious that physicians at Cowden and Pana could do nothing for her. It seemed to develop into Hasty Consumption. Having Dr. King's New Discovery in store, and selling lots of it, he took a bottle home, and to the surprise of all she began to get better from first dose, and half dozen dollar bottles cured her sound and well. Dr. King's New Discovery for Consumption, Coughs and Colds is guaranteed to do this good work. Try it. Free trial bottle at Dr. J. S. Johnson's Drug Store.

Political Pointers.

People's Press Bureau, St. Louis, Mo., Oct. 28, 1897.

Secretary Gage's infamous financial plans are given out and are substantially as follows: The issue of gold bonds, redeemable at the option of the government after 20 and within 50 years, bearing interest at the rate of 2½ per cent., these bonds to be used for refunding the whole present bonded debt of the United States $200,000,000 of them to be sold for cash.

The establishment of a separate bureau in the Treasury, to be devoted to and entitled "Issue and Redemption"; a fund of $325,000 000 of gold to be deposited in this bureau; to redeem outstanding paper money, but to disburse none of this paper money except for gold; the extension of the national banking system, so as to permit the organization of banks with only $25,000 capital in towns of 4,000 inhabitants or less, the repeal of all the tax on bank circulation; authority to the banks to deposit the 2½ per cent. refunding bonds and issue notes up to their par value, first to the extent of each bank's capital, and then to 25 per cent. above that. The restriction of bank notes to denominations of $10 and upwards, with discretion vested in the Secretary of the Treasury to issue silver certificates and all government notes, except ones, twos, fives and higher denominations, as his best judgment may dictate. Analysis of this much heralded plan will show it to be but a concentration of all the previous schemes to contract the money supply, pile up the nation's bonded debt and place us at the mercy of the money sharks.

Although the reform press of the country has been discussing the disposal of the Union Pacific Railroad for years and frequent mention of the approaching settlement has been made in these columns, not until the last week has the metropolitan press taken it up. Now flaming headlines announce that unless the president interferes the country will be robbed by a syndicate formed for that purpose, of many millions. So far no one has expressed either hope or belief that the chief executive will make any motion to prevent the robbery. Senator Foraker claims that President McKinley is powerless in the matter as he found the deal really closed before he became president. Cleveland has thus to take the blame, but those of us who remember the two millions donated by the men who make up the syndicate that is ready to take possession of this road, to the Hanna campaign fund, believe that the chief blame rests on the present administration. November 2 is the time set for the so-called sale of the road. No more splendid opportunity for testing government ownership than this can be desired, but it is manifest that the people will be robbed, after having already enriched beyond the dreams of avarice the first owners of this road which seems destined to be as linked with infamy as the historic star routes and whisky rings of the Grant administration.

German law makers are busy getting up a set of tariff laws that they announce through the German press are intended to be sufficiently retaliatory to satisfy the feelings of those manufacturers who feel aggrieved by the McKinley Bill.

The Single taxers of all the great cities are sending money to aid Henry George in his campaign in New York, feeling that his election would be a triumph for the faith of which he is a chief exponent.

Tamany has issued a circular in which the George boom is spoken of as a matter too small to deserve attention. Nobody is fooled thereby.

A. R.

Worn Out?

Do you come to the close of the day thoroughly exhausted? Does this continue day after day, possibly week after week? Perhaps you are even too exhausted to sleep. Then something is wrong. All these things indicate that you are suffering from nervous exhaustion. Your nerves need feeding and your blood enriching.

Scott's Emulsion

of Cod-liver Oil, with Hypophosphites of Lime and Soda, contains just the remedies to meet these wants. The cod-liver oil gives the needed strength, enriches the blood, feeds the nerves, and the hypophosphites give them tone and vigor. Be sure you get SCOTT'S Emulsion.

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Turn-Round Topics.

Miss Ella Pyron is visiting relatives at Deatsville.

Mrs. Rainwater, of Verbena, is visiting Rev. E. L. Manning this week.

Mr. Walter Kendrick has returned from a visit to friends in Plantersville. He reports a lovely time in Selma one day.

F. M. Connell, jr., and wife were with friends here Sunday.

H. Kendrick has sugarcane that measures 8 ft. tall. Who can beat that?

Mr L. Alexander and wife, of Montgomery, are now staying with us on account of yellow fever in that city.

Messrs. Walter Kendrick and Hal Faulkner returned from Montgomery in good time.

A bevy of our young people went to Bozeman Sunday to see the ruins of the mill. The damage is said to be $20,000.

Quite a number are expecting a good time at Pine Flat church next Sunday. THE ROYAL BUMPER.

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Timely Warning.

Have you tried "Electric Bitters," for Malaria or Chills and Fever? If taken in time Yellow Fever may be averted. Try it at once and you may save a fatal sickness. For sale at all drug stores.

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Musical Convention.

The Chilton County Musical convention will hold its second and last session at Pleasant Grove church, four miles south-west of Jemison, the third Sunday and Saturday before in November.

COMMITTEES:

On musical education, Robert Durham, J. C. Veazey. Elis Scott

On church music, R. L. Grant, N. A. Logan, Z. J. Jones.

On Sunday-school music, A. H. Glass, Enoch Foshee, W. L. Brown.

All music teachers and leaders are expected to be present on Saturday by 9 o'clock a.m., as some important business will come before the convention.

J. B. NORTHCUTT, Sec.

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JURY LIST.

The following jurors have been drawn for the Fall Term of Circuit Court, which convenes on Monday, November 22, 1897:

GRAND JURY.

F A Gulledge, George Shaw sr, J J Letcher, W D Nix, W L Sampey, R J Young, Albert Patterson, T J Littlejohn, E G Coffer, N F Easterling, J W Reed, J D Glasscock, Crofford Harris, J A Logan, W T Kemp, J P Stonesipher, Pinkney Littleton, M M Durbin, W H Robinson, D H Gentry, J H Burkhalter.

PETIT JURY—First Week.

G W Gothard, John Foshee, W H Cox John Wright, S J Miller, T U Crumpton, W N Childress, J C Culp, G B Armstrong, J N Billingsley, L J Pery, W H Parrish, Wiley Letcher, T L Dickinson, N J Littlejohn, C C Cost, W E Maddox, John Crumpton, I N Brantley, W Q Childress, J R Caine, R A Hardy, C W Hubbard, Alex Rachels, John W Baker, A J Williams, C C Hayes, A J Ellison, G S Collins, W D Z Foshee, J W Riggins, C B Gaines, W M Trawick, P E Harris,

Second Week.

J R Popwell, William Walker, W A Huckabee, Secar Harris, A J Aldridge, T J Bates, Samuel Griffin, T G Letcher, J W Maddox, H Hardy, Bolling Nelson, J Popwell, Joseph Thomas, John A Strock, J M Murphey, T E Elam, Samuel Abney, R A Hancock, G W Mims H M Hesler, P W Davenporte Henry Holditch, J R Thompson, Joseph Gore, S S Scott, Joseph Burnitt, W R Pate, J W Dennis, J P Gore, Joseph Littleton B H McCary, Elijah Jones, John Edwards, J M Honeycutt, B H Chesnutt, J C Veazey.

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TAX NOTICE.

ASSESSOR'S & COLLECTOR'S SECOND ROUND.

We will attend at the following times and places for the purpose of assessing the State and County taxes of Chilton county for the year 1898 and collecting the taxes for the year 1897:

	1897
Kincheon	November 8
Pletcher's Mill 8 to 11 am	" 9
Clanton Ford 12 to 4 p m	" 9
Stanton	" 10
Dixie	" 11
Shoults	" 12
Maplesville	" 13
Benson	" 15
Macedonia	" 16
Providence (Beat 2)	" 17
Smith's School House	" 18
Mineral Springs	" 19
Strasburg	" 20
James Maddox's Mill	" 22
Providence (Beat 5)	" 23
Coopers	" 24
Verbena	25 & 26
Davis & Rollins' Gin	" 27
Jemison	Dec'r 1 & 2
Clanton	" 3 & 4

A. C. MIMS, Tax Assessor.
T. J. HUBBARD, Tax Collector.

I will a so attend at Clanton from January 1 to January 31, 1898.

A. C. MIMS, Tax Assessor.

I will also attend at Clanton from December 21 to Dec. 31, 1897.

T. J. HUBBARD, Tax Collector.

HOW TO FIND OUT.

Fill a bottle or common glass with urine and let it stand twenty-four hours; a sediment or settling indicates an unhealthy condition of the kidneys. When urine stains linen it is positive evidence of kidney trouble Too frequent desire to urinate or pain in the back, is also convincing proof that the kidneys and bladder are out of order.

WHAT TO DO.

There is comfort in the knowledge so often expressed, that Dr. Kilmer's Swamp-Root, the great kidney remedy fulfills every wish in relieving pain in the back, kidneys, liver, bladder and every part of the urinary passages. It corrects inability to hold urine and scalding pain in passing it, or bad effects following use of liquor, wine or beer, and overcomes that unpleasant necessity of being compelled to get up many times during the night to urinate. The mild and the extraordinary effect of Swamp-Root is soon realized. It stands the highest for its wonderful cures of the most distressing cases. If you need a medicine you should have the best. Sold by druggists, price fifty cents and one dollar. You may have a sample bottle and pamphlet both sent free by mail Mention THE BANNER and send your address to Dr. Kilmer & Co., Binghamton, N.Y. The proprietor of this paper guarantees the genuineness of this offer.

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The A. & A. Air Line.

The first dirt on the Atlanta and Selma Air Line was broken last Thursday with imposing ceremonies. Fifty mules and one hundred men were put to work and these will be quadrupled in a few days. When ten miles is graded track will be laid and trains put on. The road will then be rushed through Autauga, Chilton, Coosa, Elmore, Tallapoosa, Clay and Randolph counties and on to Atlanta. The road will, when completed, form the short line from Atlanta to New Orleans.

A few weeks ago the editor was taken with a very severe cold that caused him to be in a most miserable condition. It was undoubtedly a bad case of la grippe and recognizing it as dangerous he took immediate steps to bring about a speedy cure From the advertisement of Chamberlain's Cough Remedy and the many recommendations included therein, we concluded to make a first trial of the medicine. To say that it was satisfactory in its results, is putting it very mildly, indeed. It acted like magic and the result was a speedy and permanent cure We have no hesitancy in recommending this excellent Cough Remedy to every one afflicted with a cough or cold in any form—The Banner of Liberty, Libertytown, Maryland. The 25 and 50 cent sizes for sale by Dr. J. S. Johnson, Jr. Druggist.

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Messrs. W. L. Sampey, W. L. Mullins and W. M. Wilson have kindly consented to act as Committee of Award and their decision will be final.

The number of bales marketed at Clanton up to Dec. 31, for each year during the last three years has been

1894	3165.
1895	1962.
1896	3295.

Every subscriber to THE BANNER who pays a year's subscription in advance is entitled to a guess. Subscribe now, and register your guess.

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Ben H. Wells, of Coopers, was in town Monday. Ben looks thin after his sickness, but we are glad to find he is getting better every day.

S. S. Scott, of Verbena, was among our visitors Monday.

Mrs. M. A. Moore, of Elmore, is visiting her brother, Capt. W. A. Mullins, this week.

Hugh Shelley went to Birmingham Saturday.

H. C. Clinton and wife are visiting relatives at Ganadarque this week.

Prof. S. C. Thornton has a flourishing school at Yellow Leaf.

The music of the Clanton Orchestra added much to the literary meeting of the Epworth League on last Friday evening.

The consecration service of the League will be held at the M. E. Church Friday evening, October 29, beginning at 7:30. Everybody invited and solicited to attend. Applicants for membership requested to be present.

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The new house Dr. Matthews has been building is about complete, W. H. Taylor finishing the painting this week. Mr and Mrs Evan Pinckard will move into it next week.

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Marriage licenses have been granted this week by the Probate Judge to the following persons.

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Those who believe chronic diarrhoea to be incurable should read what Mr. P. E. Grisham, of Gears Mills, Ia., has to say on the subject, viz: "I have been a sufferer from chronic diarrhoea ever since the war and have tried all kinds of medicines for it. At last I found a remedy that effected a cure and that was Chamberlain's Colic, Cholera and Diarrhoea Remedy." This medicine can always be depended upon for cholera infantum, cholera morbus, dysentery and diarrhoea. It is pleasant to take and never fails to effect a cure. 25 and 50 cent sizes for sale by Dr. J. S. Johnson, Jr. Druggist.

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This book has a double claim on the people of Chilton county and should find a place in every home in the county, from the fact that it is entirely a home production, being the first book ever written, printed, bound and published in Chilton. It will be ready early in October. Price only 50 cents. Orders can be sent to THE BANNER, Clanton, or to A. L. Pattillo, Verbena.

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State of Alabama, Chilton County. } To M. E. Taylor.

You will take notice that at the expiration of ten (10) days from the date hereof The Thorsby Lumber Co., will file in the office of the Judge of Probate of said county their lien on a certain house and lot situated at Thorsby in said State for material furnished by them for the building of said house.

The amount of said claim yet unpaid is $126.96 and The Thorsby Lumber Co. looks to their lien on the said house and lot for its payment.

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Lot No. 3 in Block No. 21, facing Jones Street, on the East sideof the L. & N. R.R. Co.'s track in the town of Thorsby, Ala.

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If we knew the woe and heartache
Waiting for us down the road,
If our lips could taste the wormwood,
If our backs could feel the load;
Would we waste to-day in wishing
For a time that ne'er can be;
Would we wait in such impatience
For our ships to come from sea?

If we knew the baby fingers
Pressed against the window pane
Would be stiff and cold to-morrow—
Never trouble us again;
Would the bright eyes of our darling
Catch the frown upon our brow?
Would the print of rosy fingers
Vex us then as they do now?

Ah! those little ice-cold fingers,
How they point our memories back
To the hasty words and actions
Strewn along our backward track!
How those little hands remind us,
As in snowy grace they lie,
Not to scatter thorns, but roses,
For our reaping by-and-by!

Strange we never prize the music
Till the sweet-voiced bird has flown!
Strange that we should slight the violets
Till the lovely flowers are gone!
Strange that summer skies and sunshine
Never seem one-half so fair
As when winter's snowy pinions
Shake their white down in the air!

Lips from which the seal of silence
None but God can roll away
Never blossomed in such beauty
As adorns the mouth to-day!
And sweet words that freight our memory
With their beautiful perfume
Come to us in sweeter accents
Through the portals of the tomb.

Let us gather up the sunbeams
Lying all along our path;
Let us keep the wheat and roses,
Casting out the thorns and chaff;
Let us find our sweetest comfort
In the blossoms of to-day,
With a patient hand removing
All the briers from the way.

WHALEN'S SHEEP-RANCH.

Whalen's luck was copious, and it became proverbial; the facts here recorded are but specimen pages from the book of his experience.

When the Consolidated Canal Company went into insolvency, its assets consisted of a mortgaged right of way through the sagebrush and several completed but detached sections of a big ditch.

Mr. Brick Whalen, the contractor on section three, had finished the heavy work there and was preparing to move camp to section six when the company went broke. It was, in fact, upon the very day the suspension was posted that Whalen, having had his contract work inspected, took the engineer's certificate up to headquarters to get his check. He received instead a statement that the company was in temporary difficulties, and an assurance that it would soon resume.

Whalen had before this worked for shaky corporations; he knew better, and lost no time in acting on his knowledge.

"No good howlin' over a broken pipe or tryin' to save the pieces," he told himself. To his gang of twenty men, he said: "By's the company's broke and so am I. I can't pay ye and I can't feed ye. You got to rustle."

"What's the matter with us taking the mules?" said one.

"These mules and scrapers don't belong to me, as I've often told ye," said Whalen, whose custom it was to refer to a legendary backer. "This ditching outfit is the property of Martin, of San Francisco, and any man that meddles with it will get the sheriff after him."

"I'll take one, just the same," said Shorty, "and tell Martin he can have him again when my wages is paid. That's about fair."

A few others took the same view of the equities involved, and took mules, to which Whalen made only a wordy resistance. Most of the men were induced to accept orders on the defunct company for the amount due them, payable with large interest. "And if you don't get it very soon, the interest will double your money," said Whalen.

When the last man had gone, Whalen went out to the corral and counted the mules. "Forty-one head; that was a close call," said he.

It was late in the season to find another job of scraping, but the mules could not live on sagebrush and were at once started for the railroad. On a small stream where camp was made one night a band of trail sheep was also camped. Whalen eyed them disdainfully.

"I see the beggars eat sage," said he.

"Why, certainly," replied the sheepman; "that's the finest kind of feed for sheep."

"I wish work-mules would do that," said Brick. "I never was so near a sheep in my life," he continued; "the smell of 'em a mile away is enough for me. Funny little fellows, and they look some like mules, with ears and tails cut off. What do you do with them?"

"Double our money on them every twelve months," was the reply.

No extended description of sheep-farming would have impressed the fancy of the veteran mule-skinner, but "double your money" was his own familiar phrase for describing any hopeful venture, and on that evening he smoked many pipes of black plug over it. A brute that can thrive on a brush diet and double your money every year is an interesting creature.

At daybreak Whalen was in the sheep-camp negotiating a trade of sheep for mules on a basis of fifty to one, and prepared to accept much less. Three days later he sat in the door of the shack which had long done duty as mess-house on section three of the canal, as many an evening before he had sat watching the mules come in from water. To-night there was never a mule in sight. Down the breeze came a pungent odor and a tinkling of little bells. Over the crest of an adjacent hill appeared the flock browsing on the rank sage.

"They do look some like mules," he soliloquized, "and I'll bet I'm the only Irishman in America ever owned a herd of sheep."

Winter came and passed, and the only Irishman prospered. By roofing in a cut with brush he had commodious sheds, and cross-sections of poles divided the broad ditch into as many corals as he chose. The sheep were fat and carried heavy fleeces.

Whalen had for help two boys who had wandered there and asked for work. He had proposed to hire one of them, but the boys protested that they had never been separated, and that if they got jobs at different ranches "the other one wouldn't know where the other one was," a contingency which they could not abide. So Whalen offered to take the two at the price of one, and on that basis they shared with him the shack, herded the flock, and cooked the grub. They soon knew as much, or as little, about sheep as Brick himself; and the proprietor found opportunity to break the monotony of camp life by occasional trips to the railroad and once to San Francisco.

"I'm going to see my friend Martin," he told the boys. "Now tend to business and don't let any get away." And the boys gave their word that not one should escape.

During Whalen's absence in the city he went out of the sheep business even more abruptly than he went into it the previous autumn. The instruction to the boys was fulfilled to the letter—not any got away.

It happened on a hot day in June when, contrary to usual custom, the boys brought the flock to camp and the shade of sheds at noontime. It never rains in that arid region, but sometimes pours. This was one of those times. Charged with ice and water, a great black cloud came drifting down the wind, and emptied out its load upon the camp and the hill-side above it. The canal, curving around its base, formed an eave-trough for the whole mountain and poured several thousand inches of water into Whalen's improvised sheep-sheds. The flood very soon subsided, but when the cloud had passed and the sun again shone forth, there were no living sheep. Not many minutes are required to drown a rat in a hole.

Meanwhile the boys, greatly frightened by the sudden storm, and with no thought for the safety of the flock, were in the shack. The hail pounded and the wind shook it. Water covered the floor.

"Pray, Billy," said the one on the barrel.

"No, you do it," he answered from the table-top.

The shack had no window, and, with the door closed, it was pretty dark in there. When Whalen reached home two hours later, the floor was still wet and the boys were yet roosting on table and barrel, but outside, in the bright sunlight, the ground appeared already almost dry. A solitary goat stood upon the shed roof; he had been among the sheep in the pen.

"You can't keep a good man down any more than you can a goat," was Brick's comment on the catastrophe.

While Whalen was working the boys double time at pulling the wool from the dead sheep, he had the happy thought of stocking his ranch with bees. Having money enough from the proceeds of his wool sale to buy a hundred stands, he promptly carried the thought into effect.

Again he sat down in the door of his shack to "double his money."

"This is better than sheep," said he; "for they herds themselves. And they are like mules in one thing—you are liable to get hurt if you fool with 'em."

This wave of prosperity broke up as soon as former ones had done, for he had imported a bad case of foul brood, and within a year the hundred swarms had petered out. When we went down there last summer in the interest of a new company which has taken up the work of completing the canal, Whalen gathered the bones out of the old shed in the cut and hauled them to the railroad, where he sold them for fertilizer, realizing enough to buy two more mules. With his four-mule team he is at work in the ditch for day's wages. Somewhat grizzled now, and not so brick-red of hair and whisker as formerly, he is happy as ever, and sanguine that he will double his money.

"Here's hoping" that he may.—San Francisco Argonaut.

Title of Admiral.

It should here be explained that the title of "Admiral" was not used in England in the earlier days, says the London Nautical Magazine. In fact, the better opinion, is that it was not so used before the beginning of the fourteenth century. He was called Capitaneus Maris (Captain of the Sea), "Keeper of the seacoasts," "Captain of the King's mariners." The title "Admiral" or "Amiral," probably derived from the Arabic amir or emir (prefect), was used in foreign countries much earlier than in England, and came to us from France. Prynne ("Animadversions," page 106), states that there were admirals and an admiralty court in England as early as the time of Henry I., derived from our ancient Saxon kings—Alfred, Edgar, Ethelred and others who had the dominion of the British ocean. None of these kings probably was more potent than King Edgar, who, possessing an absolute dominion of the neighboring sea, sailed around about it every year and secured it with a constant guard. These ships, being very stout ones, were in number 1,200; some writers even affirm that there were 4,800 sailing ships.

Whenever you hear anyone speak of himself as "high spirited," it is nearly always a sign that he is a little bit silly.

PASSING OF THE MUSTANG.

Wild Horses Are No Longer of Any Value.

The wild horse of Texas has become one of the greatest nuisances within the border of the Lone Star State. Not satisfied with its own freedom the wild horse has adopted the tactics of the Apache and of the Sioux and stampedes its brethren. Novelists have taught us to believe that the wild mustang is emblematic of freedom pure and noble. The Texas ranchman regards him as an emissary of the evil one, for he brings to his ranch despair and loss.

For the last decade the droves of horses that run in Texas have been steadily increasing in number and strength. Years ago it was worth while to catch these animals to sell. Nowadays it is hard work to sell a mustang for use even as a cow pony. Formerly it was the case that there was no horse for the stockman, the cattle-grower, like the Texas pony which had run wild for the first four or five years of its life. Lean and sinewy as an Arab with the endurance of an Indian and a capacity for steady speed that can only be likened to a locomotive he was a treasure. Well seasoned, a cow-pony could be ridden 100 miles in a single day and come out of the encounter with fatigue with flying colors.

The wild horse, however—that same animal which the 10-cent novelist describes as the "fiery untamed steed"—believes the sweets of freedom are so very sweet that all his brethern in bondage should share them. With this in mind therefore he swoops down upon the inclosure of the ranchman, induces the cow ponies to brave the terrors of jumping a barbwire fence and takes chances on clearing the sides of the corral. The result is that the stockman, unless one of the riders stops on guard, is likely to wake up in the morning and find his herd stampeded.

If it is the round-up the first thing the wranglers know a thunder of hoofs comes from the prairie, a shrill neighing, which the herd answers in equally shrill notes. The hoof beats sound nearer and nearer, the herd grows more and more excited and uneasy, until finally the wild mustangs dash in and mingle with the cow ponies and in a moment more all are off for some place, no one knows where. The wranglers, or herders, will be fortunate, indeed, if they can control their own animals and avoid being forced to join in the stampede.

Nothing Daunted.

There are brave men everywhere, among all classes of humanity, but the man who has the courage to fight despair, who sets himself resolutely to work out a future from what would seem to be the ruins of a shattered life, is not the least of the world's heroes. Forty years ago such a man met fate, and conquered, and in the conquering laid the foundation of an industry that had before existed only as an adjunct to another calling.

The making of models of newly patented machines, models that embody an inventor's idea, and yet are so small that they can conveniently be carried in the pocket or in a hand-bag, is an industry very useful, and indeed essential, in this age of invention. Without it the inventor could not well sell his goods, for a customer cannot be induced to wade through a pamphlet of description, though he will look at a miniature working model, and at once see its advantages.

The making of such models used to be left solely to watchmakers. These men had no knowledge of practical engineering, and sometimes could not follow the idea of the inventor. Yet to them he was bound to apply until about forty years ago.

At that time a misfortune befell a skillful London mechanic, intrusted with the most delicate work in a large engineering establishment. He was attacked by partial paralysis, which deprived him of the use of his legs, but left his arms uninjured. He could never again hope to leave his chair, and his former work was now an impossibility.

He was, however, too brave a man to despair. His arms were free, and he determined to devote himself to such engineering work as was still possible to him. He turned his attention to miniature models—microscopic models, they might be called, since it was impossible to make out the parts without a magnifier. To his efforts it is due that the making of working models is now a distinct branch of industry.

Two of his models, described in Chambers' Journal, were masterpieces of workmanship. One was a model of the engines of the ironclad Warrior, and the other a tiny copy of the steamship Great Britain, engines and all. The first was the most minute pair of engines the world had ever seen. They stood on a three-penny piece, and the same coin balanced them in the scales. Every detail was there in its exact proportion, and the engines worked with amazing speed when simply blown with the breath.

The other model was equally wonderful. It was the smallest steamship ever fashioned. It was eight inches long, and its screw propeller was hardly larger than a pea. Its whole weight, when ready for sea, was an ounce and a quarter. The engines weighed less than half an ounce. It was a sight to see the tiny ship plowing its way across a bath-tub.

An Obnoxious Rivalry.

There are two policemen in Cambridge, Mass., who have been striving for records in the number of arrests they make. So annoying has this become that the citizens in that one section of the town have made complaint to the authorities.

Lacks Tears and Smiles.

Charles Dickens said of "Robinson Crusoe" that it was "the most popular story in the world, and yet one which never drew a smile or tear."

CHILDREN'S COLUMN.

A DEPARTMENT FOR LITTLE BOYS AND GIRLS.

Something that Will Interest the Juvenile Members of Every Household—Quaint Actions and Bright Sayings of Many Cute and Cunning Children.

Do All that You Can.

"I can not do much," said a little star,
"To make this dark world bright;
My silvery beams cannot pierce far
Into the gloom of night;
Yet I am a part of God's great plan,
And so I will do the best that I can."

"What can be the use," said a fleecy cloud,
"Of these few drops that I hold?
They will hardly bend the lily proud,
If caught in her chalice of gold;
But I am part of God's great plan,
So my treasures I'll give as well as I can."

A child went merrily forth to play,
But, thought, like a silver thread,
Kept winding in and out all day
Though the happy golden head—
Mother said: "Darling, do all that you can,
For you are a part of God's great plan."
—Mrs. M. E. Sangster, in Farm and Ranch.

Quite Enough to Laugh About.

First Little Boy.—What are you laughin' at?

Second Little Boy.—Father's scoldin' everybody in the house 'cause he says he can't lay a thing down a minute without some one pickin' it up an' losin' it—he, he, he!

"What's he lost?"

"His pencil."

"Where is it?"

"Behind his ear all the time."

Not a Coward.

While a number of white boys were skating in Kentucky, a negro boy came to the creek and commenced putting on his skates. The skaters tried to drive him away, but he would not go. This aroused their anger, and one of them challenged him to fight and called him a coward when he refused.

A little while later the pugilistic boy broke through the ice. The white boys ran frantically about, too excited and frightened to try to rescue him from his peril; but the negro threw off his coat, dived into the icy water, and happily succeeded in saving the life of the youngster who had called him a coward.

The rescued boy cannot be destitute of the sense of shame, and in this he has no doubt been sufficiently punished without having his name printed. The name of the colored boy is Wilbur Travis.

A wicked old Wam-bel-lee Woo,
Goes about in the dark crying: 'Boo!"
And I tremble o' nights, when the light is put out,
For fear that this creature, in roaming about,
May chance upon me and then wickedly shout
His weird and uncanny cry: "Boo!"

That this wandering Wam-bel-lee Woo
May be harmless, I'll grant may be true;
But his shadowy form and his great glaring eyes,
And the swish of his inky black wings, as he flies,
Will alarm me, I'm sure, as he passes and cries,
In the night, by my bedside, his "Boo!"

This wicked old Wam-bel-lee Woo
I have never yet seen—nor have you—
But I have a queer feeling that, roaming about,
There is just such a creature, without any doubt;
And some night he'll scare me, I'm sure, with his shout—
His startling and terrible "Boo!"

Who Stole the Eggs?

Sometimes a monkey is quite as smart at mischief-making as a boy. A French writer who has studied monkeys for many years tells this little story:

At the Saintes, an island dependent upon Guadaloupe, a small detachment of infantry was quartered in a house in which it messed, and in which there was consequently a supply of provisions distributed all about. The supply of eggs was placed upon a shelf over a door, so as to put it out of reach of rats and other marauders.

One day the cook, upon going to get some eggs, came near falling to the floor with the entire stock upon observing that five or six eggs, placed at the top of the basket, consisted of nothing but empty shells. Upon examining them he saw that the thief, after making a very small hole at the point, had sucked out the contents and then carefully placed the egg in the same spot whence he had taken it.

There was a negro in the employ of the post, and as negroes are gourmands there was no one else to suspect. So he was accused and threatened with a flogging. He protested his innocence, and swore that, if he were spared, he would do his best to discover the guilty person.

In addition to the negro there was a monkey at the post, and the former, knowing better than the Europeans the malice of the monkey, said to himself at once: "It was that monkey that sucked those eggs."

He therefore set himself to watch, and after two or three days that the thief had allowed to elapse, doubtless in order that his crime might be forgotten, he saw the monkey climb up the door frame, put his hand up to the shelf and seat himself thereon. Thus master of the place, the animal delicately picked up an egg, made a hole in it with the nail of his fore finger, and then sucked out the contents.

Then, with all sorts of precautions, he replaced the egg, when the negro, allowing himself to be seen, closed the door and siezed the thief as he was about to jump to the floor.

The monkey was dragged before the captain, acting very much ashamed, and the negro thus proved his innocence.

A Sparrow that Rode a Wheel.

Birds have all sorts of queer adventures, and one of the oddest of recent days is that which befell a sparrow at Anderson, Ind. It flew into a knife and bar manufactory, and, getting too near a small wheel, was sucked in. The workmen noticed it go into the wheel, but, knowing that the cylinder was revolving at a speed of 130 revolutions a minute, took it for granted that the bird had been killed. When the factory shut down at noon the men were astonished to hear a gentle chirp from the wheel, and, lo! there was the sparrow, as well as ever. They found that the bird had clung to the strengthening rod, on the inside of the wheel, and was in a scandalized condition. They picked it up and put it on a table, and thence, after collecting its wits, the little bird flew to freedom. The wheel in which the bird rode made 31,000 revolutions while he was in it, and so the tiny feathered creature traveled seventy-three and eight-tenths miles in the embrace of a fly-wheel.

A Battle in the Air.

A gallantly contested battle between a small sparrowhawk and a flock of black martins was seen the other day among the hills near Duarte, reports an Arizona paper. The hawk had captured a half-grown dove and was flying low and heavily when he was vigorously attacked by a flock of black martins.

He dropped his prey and dashed upward, then swooped down upon one of the martins. With the little bird in his claws the hawk dropped toward the earth, tearing at his unfortunate little antagonist as he came. A trail of black feathers followed the pair until they were about fifty feet from the ground, when the martin fell like a stone and the hawk shot upward again. The flock of martins instantly closed around him, and within another moment or two a second bird was torn to pieces and dropped. This maneuver was repeated three or four times, each time ending in the death of a bird, before the flock of martins gave up the pursuit and allowed the hawk to escape. Upon examination each one of the birds was found to be disemboweled and terribly mutilated.

Queensland Beef in London.

The low prices in London for Queensland, Australia, meat have adversely affected the meat trade, writes the Rockhampton Bulletin. A very active discussion is going on at present as to the causes of these low prices, and it is evident from the various contributions to the controversy that the old explanation of the all-powerful and rapacious middleman is falling into disrepute. In Britain capital is ever scouring this country for investments which will yield even modest returns, and it is impossible to suppose that if there were such enormous profits in retailing Queensland beef as some people would have us believe, there would not have been a rush into that business which would quickly have brought profits to the level of those returned by other retail concerns. It is a very comforting thing to put down all our troubles in the meat industry to the rascally middleman. The middleman has no friends, and everyone is free to hit him. But the middleman is not the criminal he is made out to be. The criminal, there is some reason to believe, will have to be sought in Queensland. The facts appear to be that our beef is not so good as that of our rivals, and our methods of putting it on the market are far from satisfactory. There are too many complaints heard of meat being landed in a wretched state for them all to be false or exaggerated. The difficulties in the way of a perfect preparation and handling of the meat are no doubt serious; but they will not be removed by ignoring them and placing the blame for the unsatisfactory results on the wrong shoulders.

Texan Fondness for Oratory.

As Judge Lurton of Tennessee was once going through Texas he met an old Texan who described at length the people who had settled in his neighborhood, a large number of them having come from Kentucky. "And there's them Kaintucklians," said he. "They're the speakin'est people I ever see in my life, fer a fact. Why, whenever we hev a shootin' match, a campmeetin', a weddin' or a fun'ral, you can jest bet that them Kaintucklians will be thar, and afore you knows it they'll be offerin' resolutions and a-makin' speeches tell you cain't rest. To tell the truth, jedge, they can't cut a watermelon without a speech."

Thomas Jefferson.

The story that Thomas Jefferson was a descendant of Pocahontas, though often repeated, is not credited by his most reliable biographers. It probably arose from the fact that the Randolph, Bolling, Fleming and other influential families of Virginia, with some of whom the Jefferson family was allied by marriage, were descended from Thomas Rolfe, the son of Pocahontas.

Senator Mills' Long Service.

Of the twenty-six Senators who served terms in the lower house before coming to the Senate, Senator Mills of Texas served longest, his term being from 1873 to 1892.

HUSBANDS ARE PLENTIFUL.

Colonies Where Any Spinster Stands a Good Chance.

The spinster who wants a husband need only emigrate, for if all accounts are true, the different European colonies in Africa and Asia as well as in distant regions in Canada are destitute of women. In the French colonies even where the conditions are the most favorable for colonization, as in Algeria, there are four to six Frenchmen for every French woman. For the most part, there is no family life, and dissipation is more general than would be the case if there were more homes and more of the social life that is possible only when the sexes are nearly equal in numbers.

It is not so easy to solve the problem in the French colonies, for the young women of France are not at all eager to expatriate themselves, even in find good husbands and comfortable homes. There are hundreds of colonists who would like to get married.

British and Dutch colonies do not find it so difficult to induce the fair sex of their old homes to share their lot in newer parts of the world, or at least they have found it really difficult to prevent wives from the mother country, many of the Dutch in the last half have not disdained to be married in the wedlock with the daughters of the native.

Even to-day, in large parts of Canada, Australia and Cape Colony, there are not women enough to supply the demand for wives.

But when the societies that promote the emigration of women to the colonies send out a party, the last thing in their minds, apparently, is the better chance these women will have of getting husbands. They send women who lack work to colonies that lack women.

Their character and fitness for emigration must be approved, and then they are sent on the long journey in charge of matrons, who see to their comfort, and are responsible for their safety until situations that will yield them a living are found for them.

The United Women's British Emigration Association, the largest of all these societies, would refuse to assist any woman to emigrate if she should openly avow that she was seeking a husband rather than opportunities for work.

Gruel in the Parlor.

The old-time hospitality of the South included certain established customs, the importance of which was felt by all, from the master to the youngest servant on the place. How sacred these observances were may be judged from the difficulty which Mr. John Howard Payne, the author of "Home, Sweet Home," once had in obtaining a humble bowl of gruel instead of the more elegant refreshments usually offered to visitors. He was living at a little tavern in a Southern town, and went with woebegone face to a friend's house one morning.

"Miss Mary," he patiently inquired, "do you know what gruel is?"

"Indeed, I do. Why, what is the matter?"

"Oh, those horrid biscuit at the tavern seem compounded of saleratus, lard and half-baked flour. Could you have me a dish of gruel prepared?"

"Certainly I can," she answered, and hastened to the kitchen to lay the case before Aunt Minda, the family cook.

"Lor, Miss Mary," exclaimed the ebony priestess of pots and pans, "yes know yer maw not gwine ter like that. I never knowed gruel carried inter the parlor ter company. Yer got no pride, chile."

"But, Aunt Minda—"

"Go 'long inter the house an' give yer frien' fruit-cake an' pineapple cheese, Miss Mary."

"But, Aunt Minda—"

"Don' keer chile! Gruel ain' ter be carried inter the parlor, nohow."

"But Mr. Payne has dyspepsia, Aunt Minda. He's sick, and doesn't want anything but your gruel."

This appeal conquered the old negress, who prided herself as much on nursing as on cooking, and the gruel was prepared.

But Rob, the house-boy, had yet to be reckoned with. He was as flustered as Aunt Minda by such a compromise of dignity. He would have proudly and promptly presented cake and wine, but gruel, in his opinion, would besmirch the family escutcheon forever. He entered into a long argument, which ended in his sulkily carrying the tray of gruel to the visitor. His wounded feelings were mollified, however, when he saw the steaming beverage quaffed like nectar.

"Rob," said Mr. Payne, "is there any more gruel where that came from?"

"Lor, yes, Mr. Payne! There is barrels!"

"Well, bring me another bowl, then," said the visitor, gratefully, slipping a dollar into the boy's hand.

The Thing He Forgot.

The absent-minded German professor continues to contribute to the gaiety of the nations. Lately he had late in night in his chamber, disrobed himself, when he sat down with his head in his hands.

"Donnerwetter!" he said. "There was something I was to do. What was it now?"

He sat and pondered intensely for half an hour, growing colder and colder. Finally he sprang up.

"Ah, I have it!" he exclaimed. "I intended to go to bed!"

Last of the Grisi Family.

It has been stated in many quarters that Mme. Ernesta Grisi, who at the age of 80 recently died in Paris, was the last of the Grisi family. This is an error. A married daughter of the great prima donna is living in England.

It doesn't make any difference how hot a man is in summer, he is all right if he doesn't look as if he perspired grease.

A poor miner in Pennsylvania is said to have fallen heir to $75,000 by the death of an uncle who came to him in the disguise of a tramp and was kindly received. This story reads as though it had been written by some William Westlake with a fancy for [illegible] and a desire to make [illegible] well by those who [illegible] in the future solicit for "charity."

[illegible] the women will do when [illegible] power will be to [illegible] a man to love [illegible] at a time.

Ant Pie.

[illegible] know, indulge in such [illegible] and locusts, but for a man to finish up his dinner of raw ants seems too [illegible]. Yet in Mexico [illegible] and a custom adopted [illegible] and visitors.

[illegible] called the honey ant, [illegible] as curious an insect as [illegible] head and legs, it has [illegible] as a large pea, and [illegible] and swollen with excel-

[illegible] there are 300 or 400 of [illegible] which are attended [illegible] others. The honey ants [illegible] roof of the cells in the [illegible] others feed them. They [illegible] storehouses of win-[illegible] observer says that if one [illegible] falls from his perch [illegible] go and pick him up and [illegible]. This is as if a man were [illegible] the face of a cliff carrying [illegible] buffalo or cart horse on his back.

Value and Price.

"[illegible] of course, that's a $100 [illegible]."

"That's what it is."

"How much did you pay for it?"—Chicago Post.

[illegible] of a farmer has often been [illegible] of drudgery. There is no [illegible] has a larger ratio of in-[illegible] to only those whose tastes are [illegible] rural life. The weak point in American farming has been the lack of appreciation of the equipment [illegible] to a successful career. Too [illegible] have been willing to be the [illegible] of the soil's resources, that they may swell their bank accounts. To the young man or young woman fairly [illegible] there is no more promising field of enterprise.

Prayer and Profanity

[illegible] either proper place, but if you [illegible] for a man, or Seth Rhodes, or [illegible] save your breath and buy [illegible] a box at drug stores, or [illegible] Shoptaw, Savannah, Ga.

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SUNDAY'S DISCOURSE BY THE NOTED DIVINE.

Story of the Three Taverns—The Ruin Wrought by Liquor—Crimson Wave of Dissipation Has Destroyed More Sailors Than the Ocean—Mankind's Curse.

TEXT: "They came to meet us as far as Appii Forum and the Three Taverns."—Acts xxviii., 15.

Seventeen miles south of Rome, Italy, there was a village of unfortunate name and bibulous suggestion. A tavern is a place of entertainment, and, in our time, part of the entertainment is a provision of intoxicants. One such place you would think would have been enough for that Italian village. No! There were three of them, with doors open for entertainment and obfuscation. The world has never lacked stimulating drinks. You remember the condition of Noah on one occasion, and of Abigail's husband, Nabal, and the story of Belshazzar's feast, and Benhadad, and the new wine in old bottles, and whole paragraphs on prohibition enactment thousands of years before Neal Dow was born; and no doubt there were whole shelves of inflammatory liquid in these hotels which gave the name to the village where Paul's friends came to meet him; namely, the Three Taverns. In vain I search ancient geography for some satisfying account of that village. Two roads came from the sea coast to that place; the one from Actium and the other from Puteoli, the last road being the one which Paul traveled. There were, no doubt, in that village houses of merchandise and mechanics' shops and professional offices, but nothing is known of them. All we know of that village is that it had a profusion of inns—the Three Taverns. Paul did not choose any one of these taverns as the place to meet his friends. He certainly was very alectemous, but they made the selection. He had enlarged about keeping the body under, though once he prescribed for a young theological student a stimulating cordial for a stomachic disorder, but he told him to take only a small dose—"a little wine for thy stomach's sake."

One of the worst things about these Three Taverns was that they had especial temptation for those who had just come ashore. People who had just landed at Actium or Puteoli were soon tempted by these three hotels, which were only a little way up from the beach. Those who are disordered of the sea (for it is a physical disorganizer), instead of waiting for the gradual return of physical equipoise, are apt to take artificial means to brace up. Of the one million sailors now on the sea, how few of them coming ashore will escape the Three Taverns! After surviving hurricanes, cyclones, icebergs, collisions, many of them are wrecked in harbor. I warrant that if a calculation were made of the comparative number of sailors lost at sea and lost ashore, those drowned by the crimson wave of dissipation would far outnumber those drowned by the salt water.

Alas! that the large majority of those who go down to the sea in ships should have twice to pass the Three Taverns, namely: Before they go out and after they come in. That fact was what aroused Father Taylor, the great sailors' preacher, at the Sailors' Bethel, Boston, and at a public meeting at Charlestown he said, "All the machinery of the drunkard-making, soul-destroying business is in perfect running order, from the low grog holes on the docks, kept open to ruin my poor sailor boys, to the great establishments in Still House Square, and when we ask men what is to be done about it, they say 'you can't help it,' and yet there is Bunker Hill, and you say you can't stop it; and up there are Lexington and Concord." We might answer Father Taylor's remark by saying, "The trouble is not that we can't stop it, but that we won't stop it." We must have more generations slain before the world will fully wake up to the evil. That which tempted the travelers of old who came up from the seaports of Actium and Puteoli is now the ruin of seafaring men as they come up from the coasts of all the continents, namely, the Three Taverns.

There are streets in some of our cities where there are three or four taverns on every block; aye, where every other house is a tavern. You can take the Arabic numeral of my text, the three, and put on the right hand side of it one cipher, and two ciphers, and four ciphers, and that reinforcement of numerals will not express the statistics of American rummeries. Even if it were a good, healthy business, supplying a necessity, an article superbly nutritious, it is a business mightily overdone, and there are three taverns where there ought to be only one.

The fact is, there are, in another sense, Three Taverns now; the gorgeous tavern for the affluent, the medium tavern for the working classes, and the tavern of the slums, and they stand in line, and many people, beginning with the first, come down, through the second, and come out at the third. At the first of the three taverns, the wines are of celebrated vintage, and the whiskies are said to be pure, and they are quaffed from cut glass, at marble side-tables, under pictures approaching master-pieces. The patrons pull off their kid gloves, and hand their silk hats to the waiter, and push back their hair with a hand on one finger of which is a cameo.

But those patrons are apt to stop visiting that place. It is not the money that a man pays for drinks, for what are a few hundred or a few thousand dollars to a man of large income; but their brain gets touched, and that unbalances their judgment, and they can see fortunes in enterprises surcharged with disaster. In longer or shorter time they change taverns, and they come down to tavern the second, where the pictures are not quite so scrupulous of suggestion and the small table is rougher and the castor standing on it is of German silver and the air has been kept over from the night before and that which they sip from the pewter mug has a larger percentage of benzine, ambergris, creosote, henbane, strychnine, prussic acid, cocculus indicus, plaster of paris, copperas, and nightshade. The patron may be seen almost every day, and perhaps many times the same day at this tavern the second, but he is preparing to graduate. Brain, liver, heart, nerves, are rapidly giving way. That tavern the second has its dismal echo in his business destroyed and family scattered and woes that choke one's vocabulary. Time passes on, and he enters tavern the third; a red light outside, a big coughing and besotted group inside. He will be dragged out of doors about 2 o'clock in the morning and left on the sidewalk, because the bartender wants to shut up. The poor victim has taken the regular course in the college of degradation. He has his diploma written on his swollen, bruised and blotched physiognomy. He is a regular graduate of the Three Taverns. As the police take him up and put him in the ambulance the wheels seem to rumble with two rolls of thunder, one of which says, "Look not upon the wine when it is red, when it moveth itself aright in the cup, for at the last it bitteth like a serpent and stingeth like an adder." The other thunder roll says, "Whoremongers shall have their place in the lake that burneth with fire and with brimstone."

I am glad to find in this sermon of the text that there is such a thing as looking successfully great Tavernian temptations. I can see from what Paul said and did after he had traveled the following seventeen miles of his journey, that he did not receive no damage at the Three Taverns. How much he was tempted I know not. Do not suppose that he was superior to temptation. That particular temptation has destroyed many of the grandest, mightiest, noblest statesmen, philosophers, heroes, clergymen, apostles of law and medicine and government and religion. Paul was not physically well under any circumstances; it was not in mock depreciation that he said he was "in bodily presence weak." It seems that his eyesight was so poor that he did his writing through an amanuensis, for he mentions it is something remarkable that his shortest Epistle, the one to Philemon, was in his own penmanship, saying: "I, Paul, have written it with my own hand." He had been thrown from his horse, he had been stoned, he had been endungeoned, he had had his nerves pulled on by preaching at Athens to the most scholarly audience of all the earth, and at Corinth to the most brilliantly profligate assemblage, and been howled upon by the Ephesian worshipers of Diana, tried for his life before Felix, charged by Festus with being insane, and crawled up on the beach, drenched in the shipwreck, and much of the time had an iron handcuff on his wrist, and if any man needed stimulus, Paul needed it, but with all his physical exhaustion, he got past the Three Taverns undamaged, and stepped into Rome all ready for the tremendous ordeal to which he was subjected. Oh! How many mighty men, feeling that they must brace up after extraordinary service, and prepare themselves for other service, have called on the spirit of wine for inspiration, and in a few years have been sacrificed on the altar of a Moloch, who sits on a throne of human carcasses. Shall I call the names of fifty of the victims, all of them illustrious in American history? No! It not would be wise, or kind, or Christian to call their names in public, but you call them out of your own memory. Oh, how many splendid men could not get past the Three Taverns.

Long ago an arch fiend arrived in our world, and he built an invisible cauldron of temptation. He built that cauldron strong and stout for all ages and all nations. First he squeezed into the cauldron the juices of the forbidden fruit of paradise; then he gathered for it a distillation from the harvest fields and the orchards of the hemispheres; then he poured into this cauldron capsicum and logwood and assault and battery and vitriol and opium and rum and murder and sulphuric acid and theft and potash and cochineal and red carrots and poverty and death and hops. But it was a dry compound, and it must be moistened and it must be liquefied, and so the arch fiend poured into the cauldron the blood of twenty thousand assassinations. And then the arch fiend took a shovel that he had brought up from the furnaces beneath, and he put the shovel into this great cauldron and began to stir, and the cauldron began to heave and rock and boil and sputter and hiss and smoke, and the nations gathered around it with cups and tankards and demijohns and kegs, and there was enough for all, and the arch fiend cried: "Aha! Champion fiend am I! Who has done more than I have for coffins and graveyards and prisons and the populating of the lost world? And when this cauldron is emptied I'll fill it again, and I'll stir it again, and it will smoke again, and that smoke will join another smoke—the smoke of a torment—that ascendeth for ever and ever. I drove fifty ships on the rocks of Newfoundland and the Skerries and the Goodwins. I have ruined more Senators than will gather next winter in the national councils. I have ruined more Lords than will be gathered in the House of Peers. The cup out of which I ordinarily drink is a bleached human skull, and the upholstery of my palaces is so rich a crimson because it is dyed in human gore, and the mosaic of my floors is made up of the bones of children darned to death by drunken parents, and my favorite music, sweeter than Te Deum or triumphal march—my favorite music is the cry of daughters turned out at midnight on the street because father has come home from a carousal, and the seven-hundred-voiced shriek of the sinking steamer because the captain was not himself when he put the ship on the wrong course. Champion fiend am I! I have kindled more fires, I have wrung out more agonies, I have stretched out more midnight shadows, I have opened more Golgothas, I have rolled more Juggernauts, I have damned more souls, than any other emissary of diabolism. Champion fiend am I. Ha! ha! ha! ha!"

But what a glad time when the world comes to its last Three Taverns for the sale of intoxicants. Now there are so many of them that statistics are only a more or less accurate guess as to their number. We sit with half-closed eyes and undisturbed nerves and hear that in 1872 in the United States there were 1964 breweries, 3340 distilleries, and 171,669 retail dealers, and that possibly by this time these figures may be truthfully doubled. The fact is that these establishments are innumerable, and the discussion is always disheartening, and the impression is abroad that the plague is so mighty and universal it can never be cured, and the most of sermons on this subject close with the Book of Lamentations, and not with the Book of Revelations. Excuse me from adopting any such infidel theory. The Bible reiterates it until there is no more power in inspiration to make it plainer that the earth is to be, not half, or three-quarters, but wholly redeemed. On that rock I take my triumphant stand and join in the chorus of Hosannahs.

One of the most advantageous movements in the right direction is taking this whole subject into the education of the young. On the same school-desk with the grammar, the geography, the arithmetic are books telling the lads and lasses of ten and twelve and fifteen years of age what are the physiological effects of strong drink, what it does with the tissue of the liver and the ventricles of the brain: and whereas other generations did not realize the evil until their own bodies were blasted, we are to have a generation taught what the viper is before it stings them, what the hyena is before it rends them, how deep is the abyss before it swallows them. Oh! boards of education, teachers in schools, professors in colleges, Legislatures, and Congresses, widen and augment that work, and you hasten the complete overthrow of this evil.

It will go down. I have the word of Almighty God for that in the assured extirpation of all sin. But shall we have a share in the universal victory? The liquor saloons will drop from the hundreds of thousands into the score of thousands, and then from the thousands into the hundreds, and then from the hundreds into the tens, and from the tens to Three. The first of these last three taverns will be where the educated and philosophic and the high-up will take their dram, but that class, aware of the power of the example they have been setting, will turn their back upon the evil custom and be satisfied with two natural beverages that God intended for the stimulus of the race—the Java coffee plantations furnishing the best of the one and the Chinese tea fields the best of the other. And some day the barroom will be crowded with people at the vendue and the auctioneer's mallet will pound at the sale of the appurtenances.

The second of these last three taverns will take down its flaming sign and extinguish its red light and close its doors, for the working class will have concluded to buy their own horses and furnish their own beautiful homes and replenish linely the wardrobe of their own wives and daughters instead of providing the distillers, the brewers, and liquor sellers with warbrobes and mirrors and carriages. And the next time that second tavern is opened it will be a drug store, or a bakery, or a dry goods establishment, or a school. Then there will be only one more of the three dissipating Taverns left. I don't know in what country, or city, or neighborhood it will be, but look at it, for it is the very last. The last inebriate will have staggered up to its counter and put down his pennies for his dram. Its last horrible adulteration will be mixed and quaffed to eat out the vitals and inflame the brain. The last drunkard will have stumbled down its front steps. The last spasms of delirium tremens caused by it will be struggled through. The old rookery will be torn down, and with its demolition will close the earth's abominations. The last of the dissipating Three Taverns of all the world will be as thoroughly blotted out as were the Three Taverns of my text.

THE SABBATH SCHOOL.

INTERNATIONAL LESSON COMMENTS FOR OCTOBER 31.

Lesson Text: "Paul's Voyage and Shipwreck," Acts xxvii., 13-26—Golden Text: Acts xxvii., 25—Commentary on the Day's Lesson by Rev. D. M. Stearns.

13. "And when the south wind blew softly, supposing that they had obtained their purpose, loosing thence they sailed close by Crete." Paul, with Aristarchus, a former fellow traveler, and afterward a fellow prisoner (Acts xix., 29; Col. iv., 10), is now at sea on his way to Rome. They touched at Sidom and thence near Cyprus to Myra on the mainland of Lycia, in Asia Minor. There he was transferred to a ship of Alexandria bound for Italy, and after many days of slow sailing rounded the east end of Crete and reached the Fair Havens, on the south coast of Crete. Here they spent much time, until Paul advised them not to venture further on account of the season, but the master and owner and the majority advised to try and reach the port of Phenice, a little farther west in Crete, and winter there. So with a light wind they started, keeping as near the land as possible. Paul is in the hands, humanly speaking, of those who know not God; but he is really in the hands of God and can trust Him to manage.

14, 15. A mighty wind from the land arose, against which the ship could not bear up, and they were compelled to let her run before it. Was this of God or the devil that they were thus driven out to sea? We know that satan is the prince of the power of the air, and that he caused the wind that blew down the house upon Job's children and killed them (Job i., 12, 19), but he could not do it without God's permission. God controls the angels who control the winds, and even the stormy wind fulfills His word (Rev. vii., 1; Ps. cxlviii., 8). We must see God alone.

16, 17. The storm increased. Under the lee of the island of Clauda they get the small boat on board which had evidently been towing astern. They somehow undergird the ship, then lower the sail and let her drive under bare poles. What about the condition of the passengers among the 276 souls on board? (Verse 37.) Sailors are not supposed to feel anything, never to know they are sick till they are dead, but many ordinary people do get awfully sick in a storm. This must have been a sad ship. And yet there were some on it very dear to the Lord Jesus.

18, 19. "Exceedingly tossed with a tempest." Well, there is no use to say a word about this unless you have been in such circumstances yourself. It was a bad case, and many doubtless wished that there was no more sea (Rev. xxi., 1). Yet even under such circumstances the Prince of Peace can control one's heart. In health or sickness, life or death, we can be quiet in His loving care.

20. "All hope that we should be saved was then taken away." Surely they were at their wits' end (Ps. cvii., 27), or, as in the margin, "All their wisdom was swallowed up." The case was, as far as human eyes could see, utterly hopeless. It makes one think of the sinner having no hope and without God in the world (Eph. ii., 12), or, as in Rom. v., 6, "without strength." But there is a Saviour for the lost, and only for such. He said, "I came not to call the righteous, but sinners, to repentance."

21. "But after long abstinence Paul stood forth in the midst of them." They had fasted for fourteen days (verse 33), and must have felt forlorn indeed and ready for a word of comfort from any one who might have it for them. None but God could help or comfort them, and His servant is ready to be the messenger. He is the Father of mercies and the God of all comfort (II Cor. i., 3), but we cannot fully appreciate It or Him till we get into strait places.

22. "And now I exhort you to be of good cheer, for there shall be no loss of any man's life among you, but of the ship." He emphasized it by adding, "There shall not an hair fall from the head of any of you," and he took bread and gave thanks to God in the presence of them all and began to eat (verses 34, 35).

23. "For there stood by me this night the angel of God, whose I am and whom I serve." This and the next two verses are to me the very heart of this lesson. Take the words, "God, whose I am," and think of what is included. His property, which He will certainly care for, His child, whom He will certainly see to, loved by the Lord Jesus as the Father loves Him (John xv., 9), bought with the precious blood of Christ, and therefore as precious to God as that blood is; a part of Christ Himself, a member of His body. We need not hesitate to say, "The most high God, the possessor of heaven and earth, owns me," and take all the comfort there is for us. Then consider "whom I serve," and remember that we cannot serve God and Mammon; neither can we serve Christ and please men (Math. vi., 24; Gal. i., 10).

24. "Saying, Fear not, Paul! Thou must be brought before Cæsar, and, lo, God hath given thee all them that sail with thee." This is a confirmation of the Lord's testimony to him in Jerusalem—"Thou must bear witness at Rome (chapter xxiii., 11). The Lord's "musts" are as sure as God Himself, whether "ye must be born again" or "all things must be fulfilled." Every purpose of the Lord shall be performed, and all His thoughts shall come to pass (Jer. li. 29; Isa. xiv., 24). It was the Lord's purpose that Paul should be His witness at Rome, and therefore it was as good as done, although in this storm everything seemed against it. How blessed are the "fear nots" of God from the first one in Gen. xv., 1, to the last in Revelation! His perfect love casts out all fear, and the soul that rests in Him can truly say, "What time I am afraid I will trust in Thee. I will trust and not be afraid."

25. "Wherefore, sirs, be of good cheer, for I believe God, that it shall be even as it was told me." Verse 44 says, "And so it came to pass." Whatever God says is as sure as if it had already come to pass, so we should say continually, "I believe God." The first "believe" in the Bible is in Gen. xv., 6, where it is said of Abraham, "He believed in the Lord, and He counted it to Him for righteousness." It might be literally translated "Abraham amened God," or said amen to God. So did Jeremiah long afterward. See Jer. xl., 5, in the margin. It becomes us to be ever saying, "Even so, Father, or, as Mary said, "Be it unto me according to Thy word."

26. "Howbeit we must be cast upon a certain island." There must have been a good reason for that also or it would not have been so. It is written in Ezek. xiv., 23, "Thou shalt know that I have not done without cause all that I have done in it, saith the Lord God." Everything in the life of a child of God is beforehand arranged for God's glory and his highest good. Let us not seek to introduce additions of our own, but be content with His plan.—Lesson Helper.

No Heart Can Hold All Christian Love.

The self-giving love of Christ awakens a responsive love in all who contemplate it. As they muse the fire burns, as they enter into Christ's love his love enters into them, filled with its fullness, the pent-up floods within them are bound to find an outlet. The love of Christ is too large for any heart to hold it. The heart of Christ is a costly thing to own. If it cost him the cross, it will cost them no less.—J. M. Campbell.

Now mark how the Father draweth men unto Christ. When somewhat of this perfect good is discovered and revealed within the soul of man, as it were in a glance or flash, the soul conceiveth a longing to approach unto the perfect goodness and unite herself unto the Father. And the stronger the yearning groweth, the more is revealed unto her, the more she is drawn toward the Father.—Theoler's Germanica.

Persons afflicted with blackheads should scrub the face with hot water and castile soap nightly, and avoid all greasy or fatty foods, rich soups, cake, pastry, pie, pork, salted meats, rich deserts, butter to excess, cheese, sausage, cocoa and chocolate, and, above all, intoxicants.

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If All Goldbugs will Commit the Following to Memory They Need Not Expose Their Ignorance—Money and Prices.

About a year ago Judge C. J. Hillyer of Washington, D. C., published an article entitled "Money and Prices," the republication of which, in view of the recent talk about the separation in price of silver and wheat, is most appropriate. Judge Hillyer then said:

"I notice some confusion in drawing conclusions as to what prices, at any given time indicate, which seems to make it worth while to restate what every intelligent man knows and recognizes when he stops to think. The price or money value of any article depends invariably on four conditions: First, the quantity of the article for sale; second, the demand for the article; third, the quantity of money available for purchase, and fourth, the demand for the money. More succinctly and with equal accuracy it may be expressed by saying that prices depend upon, first, the supply of any article relative to the demand for such article, and, second, the supply of money relative to the demand for money. These four, or in the latter expression, two factors, always operate concurrently, and their joint influence absolutely determines at any given time the price of everything which is bought and sold. With money conditions unchanged, and the demand for any article remaining the same, its scarcity will always increase its price, and the quantity remaining the same, an increased demand for it will have the same effect. So with conditions relating to the article unchanged; a scarcity of money while the demand remains the same will reduce the price, or the money quantity remaining the same, an increased demand for it will produce the same result. The essential thing to bear in mind is that, however much prices may fluctuate from other causes, the influence of monetary conditions upon them is never absent or impaired. Owing to insufficiency of supply to meet demand, the price of any one thing may be higher although money is scarce, but in every such case the price would be correspondingly higher if money were plenty. Take for an illustration wheat. Suppose, first, an average supply and demand for it as an article of commerce and that with the world's money supply of eight billions of dollars in gold and silver, available for its purchase, its price is one dollar per bushel. Now suppose a half crop for a year or series of years with the demand for it and money conditions unchanged the price would rise to two dollars per bushel. Then suppose a double crop, with no increase of demand, the price would fall to fifty cents. Now postulate the steady continuance of an average wheat crop, but that by political action silver is demonetized, and the money quantity available for its purchase reduced to four billions instead of eight billions. The demand for money being universal, and therefore always equally operative, the price of wheat will be fifty cents; with a half crop it would rise to one dollar, and with a double crop sink to twenty-five cents. Of course, in actual experience these fluctuations do not occur with mathematical accuracy because the conditions are never as in an abstract case absolute. But the law is inflexible and the visible results are always proximate."

At the time the above was written it was, although suggested by a flurry in the price of cotton and iron, substantially the enunciation of an abstract economical proposition. The occasion seems now to have arisen for its practical application. For many years the variations in the price of wheat or of most marketable articles had coincided quite closely with those of silver relative to gold. Now the price of wheat has advanced, and at the same time that of silver, as measured by gold, has fallen. If any one will carefully read the above statement as to the theory of prices and also take accurate note of present conditions, the explanation of this divergence will be very simple.

The demand for wheat has been abnormally increased by a deficient harvest both in the countries which usually produce a certain portion of their supply, and also in those which are usually competitors with us in supplying the deficiency. Contemporaneously, the demand for silver has been weakened by the crop failure in India cutting off grain exports and thereby silver imports, and by the political action of Japan in changing from a nominal double standard and an actual silver basis to a half weight standard of gold. The result is exactly in accordance with the well-established economic theories recapitulated in Judge Hillyer's former article. It is simply stupid to suppose that it in the slightest degree impairs the force of the argument for silver restoration.

A Suggested Change.

Let us change the order, and, instead of putting the plundered and homeless tramp at work on the stone pile for the crime of being poor, let us see to it that a system is established where the rich idler will be obliged to earn his own living or be consigned to the rock pile.—Rights of Man, Minneapolis.

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POINTS FROM THE PRESS.

Money that is just in its purchasing power is to civilization what light is to darkness.—Bloomington Trades Review.

We call the gold dollar a thieving dollar because it has doubled the fortunes of those who own it and own bonds payable in dollars, and has confiscated the property of the masses. Its value as compared with property has changed every day, always in one direction, ever since silver was demonetized. — Silver Knight-Watchman.

Yes, a dollar a bushel is a pretty good price for wheat, but it is none too high. Under proper conditions, with no famines in foreign countries, wheat should never bring less than a dollar, and, with famines abroad, it should never bring less than $2. Any sensible person knows this. If every person who is willing to work had employment, at fair wages, wheat would never drop below the dollar mark.—Kansas Agitator.

What do you think of giving to railroads more than 179,000,000 acres of the public lands—enough to make a dozen states—besides guaranteeing $100,000,000 of railroad bonds? What is crowding this country—immigration or land stealing?—Cincinnati Common Cause.

We often hear the remark made that popular government is a failure. We should want to see it tried before saying this, for up to the present hour the government has been run by political machines as corrupt as ever debauched the courts of Rome or any monarchy on earth. With a government by the people it might be different.—Chicago Express.

Prosperity has struck the machinists of the C. & A. shops in this city. They now work ten hours per day and receive $2.10 per day. Before prosperity struck here on the first of the month they received $2.60 for the same work.—Bloomington Trades Review.

The Chicago Record is again hollering for free bath houses for Chicago. It's a good idea. With free bath houses the unemployed of Chicago could employ themselves bathing.—Helena (Mont.) Independent.

Why do the goldbugs shout good times when prices rise, notwithstanding the fact that they insist that contraction and falling prices are the sum of human happiness and progress? Because they know the people feel good when prices go up, and they want to make the masses believe that they will put prices up for their benefit.—Silver Knight-Watchman.

If the gold finds in Alaska continue as fabulous as reported, in another year or two we will be getting enough gold from Alaska to pay from one-fourth to one-half of the interest on our bonds.—West Plains Quill.

What will the farmers do with all this money they are getting for their wheat? Why, they'll take it to the banks and pay their debts with it. That'll make their credit good again, and the banks will loan them back their money on a new set of mortgages, and then—prosperity will be here, and "business" will boom like a house afire!—Chicago Social Democrat.

Klondike gold may relieve, in some measure, the financial stringency but under our present financial system it will not prevent the stock gamblers from making another stringency when they find it will be profitable to them to do so.—Equity.

As a result of land monopoly and the rent system there are 210 families —1,200 people—living in one tenement house in the city of New York. Think of bringing up children in such a pen as that must be and then decide whether you are a friend of the present system of land tenure. This tenement house belongs to one of the large estates of New York city and descends from generation to generation, without regard to the production of wealth or the industry of those who own it!—Nebraska Independent.

Government by Injunction.

Under our system of justice persons charged with crime are entitled to a trial of the facts by jury; but persons charged with disobeying an injunction are not entitled to trial by jury. Consequently, by issuing an injunction against crime, and proceeding against an alleged offender for contempt, a judge is enabled to pass upon a charge without a jury. To illustrate with an extreme case: Arson is a crime; whoever stands charged with committing it is entitled to a jury trial. But if an injunction against arson were issued—and that would be the same principle as one against riot—the accused could be deprived of that fundamental right. It is this usurpation which constitutes the essential evil of government by injunction.—East Oregonian.

Different in Australia.

In Australia, on a government-owned railway line, you can ride 1,000 miles for $6.50, and workingmen ride six miles for two cents, 12 miles for four cents, and 30 miles for ten, and railroaders secure more wages on the eight hour basis than they are paid in this country for ten hours. This is the difference between having the railroads run on the Populist plan and having them run on the goldbug party plan.—Journal of the Knights of Labor.

PANICS INEVITABLE.

SO ASSERT THE GOLDBUG HIGH PRIESTS.

Tom Reed's Fatalism and the Chicago Tribune's Effrontery—They Teach Us the Doctrine of Hopelessness—Sponsors for Ignorance.

Thomas B. Reed has furnished, at great length and a greater price, to the New York World, his theory of panics and booms. He professes to believe that we are now having a business boom of Republican proportions, but warns us that we must prepare for another panic and industrial depression, because under the only social arrangements that he knows anything about panics will continue to come and there is no way of stopping them. Mr. Reed says:

"Men and nations and the whole civilized part of the race go from one extreme to another. These alternations seem as necessary as the ebb and flow of the tides of the ocean. When the business of the world gets inflated at certain periods it will go too far, and then there must be a settlement. It must be settled who owns the property, and until that is established nothing else can be done. Those who nominally own property resist this. They hope some miracle will help. Then after settlement if any laws be deemed necessary they must be passed or there will be further delay. Some false starts may be taken, like that to which the Venezuelan war cloud gave such a chilling frost.

"The returns from the wheat crop and the other cereals spent in purchases starts the nation to work. When the nation once gets to work, it will not stop until it gets out of gear again, and then it will halt, and then it will go on again, a succession of like events forever and forever."

This is the best cheer we can get from the greatest man in the Republican party, "the man who made McKinley." Probably it never occurred to Mr. Reed that the nation might just as easily have been set to work years ago by the returns from silver mining spent in purchases.

About how soon may we expect the old machine to get out of gear again and another industrial depression to take its turn? Next year. Because next year there will in all probability be large crops all over the world, gold standard prices for farm products will reappear, and the returns from the sale of wheat and other cereals not being sufficient to make many purchases, the factories will once more close down and a large proportion if not a majority of our population will again be face to face will starvation.

So let us make the most of our present prosperity. It is with us for but one year, and then "men who nominally own property" will have to begin giving it up again to their creditors, who really own it.

And even when we have prosperity some people don't know how to enjoy it. The latest issue of a paper published in Speaker Reed's own region, the Johnston, R. I., Beacon, says:

"The times may well be called troublous. The cotton mills of New England are closing their doors on all sides and the managers are busy explaining that McKinley and the tariff have nothing to do with it. The docile wage slaves who ambled meekly along in protection and prosperity parades—purely to please themselves and by no means at the behest of their bosses—are acting as though they didn't hear aright. None of them has the courage to cry out: 'Sold again.' That is their condition nevertheless."

The New Time asks the Chicago Tribune, the Chicago Times-Herald, the New York Sun, the New York Herald, the St. Louis Globe-Democrat, the Louisville Courier-Journal and other papers which pose as public educators if they expect another panic. It asks them to give logical reasons why history shall not repeat itself. It asks them to defend a system which condemns the world to enforced idleness and suffering seven years out of every ten. It asks them what remedy they have to propose if any.

They have no remedy. They regard panics as inevitable. Listen to the Chicago Tribune: "There is a regular order about all business disorder. 'Panics' come on an average once in seventeen years" (the Tribune figured the average from 1819 to 1867 and omitted the panic of 1887. It also fails to give the present average, which is one in about six years,) "and last from one to six years. They are usually followed by a slow recovery, then by a period of good times, then by a boom, and the boom usually brings another collapse from over speculation."

"Perfectly correct," says the New Time, "excepting 'overspeculation.' The collapse is brought about by the fact that the people cannot purchase back that which they have produced. Their wages will not buy that which they have created. They cannot consume the surplus. The factories cannot sell their products. They shut down. The men are thrown out of work. They are no longer producers, and if they consume it is by an expenditure of their savings while at work or by the grace of charity. Prices fail. Merchants are ruined. Interest goes on. Banks cannot realize on their loans. The people who have deposited $2,000,000,000 or $3,000,000,000 in the banks try to draw it out and fail for the simple reason that there is only $1,500,000,000 in the country and but a percentage of that in the banks. This is a panic."

The New Time is more than half right. But no factory ever expects its workmen to buy its products. The basis of the market is the farmer. There is never a panic when farm products are high in price, because then the farmer's demand for goods keeps the mills open. When farm products fall so low that it takes the whole crop to pay taxes and interest, a panic is due. Such a time is any year, under the gold standard, when the world's crops are heavy. Besides, the increase in the rent of land, which always approaches nearer and nearer to the point at which production becomes impossible, would alone cause periodical depressions. We must abolish land monopoly. We must have postal banks. And, first of all, we must open the mints to silver and provide a volume of currency large enough to maintain prices.

Panics are totally unnecessary. But it is absolutely certain that we shall have our regular periodical panics as long as we take our politics from the Chicago Tribune and vote for such men as Thomas B. Reed and the President whose fame Reed made by appointing him chairman of the ways and means committee.

The Real Issue.

Not many months ago in address before a bar association Ex-President Harrison spoke of the necessity of a complete change in our laws regarding corporations. The vast powers which a few great corporations now hold and their brazen abuse of those powers, have aroused the most conservative of the American leaders of thought to the need of immediate and radical reform in this direction. In a personal letter to the editor of the Farmers' Voice, one of the leading officials of the state of Kansas writes as follows upon this subject:

"To my mind the vital interests of the day can all be embraced in the one proposition :'The Corporations vs. the People,' and in the near future the question that will be asked with reference to any candidate for official position will be, not is he a Republican or a Democrat or a Populist? But is he for the people or for the corporations?

"All the evils of which we complain can be traced directly to corporation rule. It is the corporation that corrupts legislatures, courts and public officials. In fact, if the people may live corporations must die. Ultimately all corporations except those that are purely co-operative must be wiped out; this power of combining capital must be confined to organizations for the people's good and not for private gain."

The growth of private monopoly now going forward in this country is the most threatening danger to the republic, and it is a hopeful sign that such men as the writer of the letter quoted from are seeking means to check and ultimately destroy it.—Farmers' Voice.

His Model.

The Czar of Russia winked at the Sultan of Turkey.

"How do you treat the working classes?" asked the Czar.

"I never treat 'em," answered the Sultan. "I only treat my friends."

"But," said the Czar, "I mean what do you do to the working classes in order to keep them down?"

"I have a variety of ways," answered the Sultan, "but not one of them is any good."

"That's what I thought," said the Czar. "Now look at me. I don't have any trouble with the working classes."

"But you said last year that you had. I remember well hearing you say you wish you knew how the toilers could be kept quiet while they were being robbed and exploited."

"Well, I've found the way to do it since then."

"Then tell me, for heaven's sake!"

"I treat the working classes in my empire just as they are treated in the United States."

And with tumultuous enthusiasm the pair of potentates proceeded to sing something about the home of the brave and the land of the free.—Twentieth Century.

The Reason Why.

Ex-Governor John P. St. John says: "The reason why silver is so low and wheat so high is because there is no wheat in India to be bought by England, and, therefore, England has no use for our silver. Hence the demand is cut short and the price goes down. When India has wheat to sell again the price of silver will go up and our wheat will go down.

"The remedy for this disloyal discrimination in favor of England and against our own people will be found in free coinage at the ratio of 16 to 1. Then the bullion in a silver dollar will be worth 100 cents, and that is what it will cost England, thus restoring to our own people the advantage that England is now using against us.

"With short crops in all foreign countries, were we not measuring values with a 200-cent single gold standard dollar, our wheat today would be worth $2 a bushel."

The Remedy for Trusts.

Senator Jones of Nevada lucidly stated, in a New York Journal interview, the cause of and remedy for trusts. Continued falling prices compels and prevents competition. Rising prices encourage expansion and stimulate trade. Free silver coinage, he says, will put twice as much new money in circulation each year as we now have, which will immediately raise prices. On a rising market money will be invested in all kinds of property. On a falling market no one dares engage in business, as the result will be certain bankruptcy. Senator Jones has a clear conception of economics and speaks at all times with authority.—Silver Knight-Watchman.

MEXICAN TRADE.

Alabama Coal Invading the Southern Republic.

Captain W. H. Hughes, representative of the Louisville and Nashville railroad and the Tennessee Coal, Iron and Railroad company, has just returned from Mexico, where he went to introduce Alabama coal, with a view to opening up an extensive trade in that country. Captain Hughes took with him through the ports of Pensacola a sample car of 1,200 tons of the Alabama black diamond, which was sold to the Inter-Oceanic railroad, which terminates at Vera Cruz. The railroad management liked the coal so well that it closed a contract for a year's supply, amounting to 100,000 tons. The contract dates from January 1, and the coal will take the place of English coal and native woods, which the road has been using as fuel. Captain Hughes received assurances that other large consumers of coal will buy from Alabama as soon as their existing contracts with English operators expire. The recent action of congress in removing the discriminating duty imposed on Mexican vessels loading coal shipments at American ports has enabled Alabama operators to place their product in Mexico on equal footing with English coal—free of duty. However, the Alabama article has a big advantage in the matter of freight rates. It is believed that the Alabama operators will be able to build up a large coal trade in Mexico.

NINETEEN LIVES FIND WATERY GRAVES

A Passenger Train on the New York Central Plunges Into the Hudson.

When nearly opposite Garrison, N. Y., Sunday morning, an eastbound New York Central passenger train, which left Buffalo Saturday night, plunged into the river.

Neither engineer nor fireman will ever tell the story of that terrible moment, for with his hand upon the throttle, the engineer plunged with his engine to the river bottom, and the fireman, too, was at his post. Behind them came the express car, the combination car and the sleepers, and these piled on top of the engine.

What seems to have happened was that underneath the tracks and ties the heavy wall had given way and when the great weight of the engine struck the unsupported tracks it went crashing through the rest of the wall and toppled over into the river.

Then there happened what on the railroad at any other time would have caused disaster, but now proved a very blessing. As the train plunged over the embankment the coupling that held the last three sleepers broke and they miraculously remained on the broken track. In that way some sixty lives were saved.

The number who lost their lives in the watery grave is placed at nineteen, and there is little doubt that this is the total number of killed. The bodies of the engineer, fireman and Mr. Van Etten's secretary are still in the river, with little hope of their recovery.

To Extend to Montgomery.

Henry L. Lamb, of New York, vice president of the Chattanooga Southern railroad, has been in Chattanooga for the past two weeks. Mr. Lamb stated before leaving that the company had decided to extend the road to Montgomery at once. The extension will begin at Gadsden and go by way of Anniston. The road at present runs from Chattanooga to Gadsden and is there bottled up. It is the purpose of the management to make connection with the Plant system at Montgomery for a southern connection. The road will be constructed of the heaviest steel rails and will develop a section now remote from railroad connections. Engineers are to be put to work making the permanent survey.

Young Girl Gets $25,000,000.

After a search for heirs extending over a score of years, the vast estate of Imblay Clarke, at San Francisco, now appraised at $25,000,000, seems about to come to its rightful possessor, the daughter of Clarke, a mine owner who died in Australia over twenty years ago. She is Grace M. Elliott, adopted daughter of William H. Elliott, a saloon keeper, who took her from the Home for the Friendless in 1878, when the matron assured him her parents were dead, her father, Imblay Clarke, leaving her in the home, and that he afterwards died in Australia.

Tragedy at Selma.

Monday afternoon a bloody tragedy took place at Matthews' bar, Selma, resulting in the killing of Orange Peebles, a colored man, by another negro named Big Joe Wilson. He and Bishop had been playing dominoes. They went to the bar and Peebles asked Bishop to drink. They had some words and Wilson commenced an attack on Peebles, cutting his jugular vein and inflicting a terrible wound in close proximity to the heart. Peebles fell forward on the counter and then staggered to the alley and fell inside the billiard room, bleeding profusely. He expired in a few minutes. Wilson was apprehended after an exciting chase and sent to jail.

More Cases at Memphis.

The board of health officially announces four new cases of yellow fever at Memphis. All four cases are directly traceable to the McFerrin residence.

The people seem to have confidence in the ability of the board of health to hold the disease in check, and there is no excitement.

Storm Raged.

One of the worst gales of the year swept over the lower Jersey coast and up Delaware Bay Sunday morning. Many vessels have been stranded.

ALABAMA NEWS ITEMS

Happenings of a Week Throughout Our Commonwealth.

Large Still Destroyed.

Deputy Collector John E. [illegible] and United States Deputy Marshal P. McIntyre, of Huntsville, [illegible] raid in Colbert county recently destroyed a fine copper still, the [illegible] of unknown parties.

Suicide in Cherokee.

William Sandlin, a prominent citizen of Cherokee county, for [illegible] four years postmaster at [illegible] committed suicide near Centre Sunday evening by shooting himself with a shotgun. No cause has yet been assigned for the deed.

Train Service Badly Crippled.

All passenger trains on the [illegible] Great Southern road have [illegible] been abandoned south of Birmingham on account of the yellow fever in that place. Trains Nos. 3 and 4 are annulled, while Nos. 1 and 2, the mail train; do not discharge or take passengers, express or baggage north of Meridian or Mississippi south of Birmingham.

No Modification.

Governor Johnston, after taking the opinion of the state board of health and other eminent physicians as to whether it would be safe to allow refugees from infected places to enter any where in the state, has refused to permit any modification of the state quarantine regulations. The consensus of opinion is that it would not be safe to permit refugees to enter the state, hence the governor's action.

Patient Died by the Roadside.

The dead body of an unknown man, apparently an Irish laborer of middle age, was found Sunday afternoon by the Washington Ferry roadside, about four miles from Montgomery. The skin was yellow and his eyes were sunken. He was shabbily dressed. Neglect had evidently contributed to his death. It is likely he was stricken from the effects of yellow fever and died by the roadside and died.

Saloon Unearthed in an Abandoned [illegible]

Last Saturday the Marshal of Warrior unearthed a novel saloon and landed an alleged enterprising saloon keeper in jail. For some time negroes about Warrior have been obtaining whisky from a mysterious source, and the officials have been anxious to locate the "wild cat." Crowds of negroes were followed and watched on frequent occasions, and it was found that the old unused Hoehne furnace had a strange attraction for them. The investigation resulted in finding a saloon room flourishing in defiance of the law. A white man named [illegible] Creele was arrested on the charge of selling whisky without license and now languishes in jail.

LATE FEVER REPORTS.

Situation at Montgomery Does Not Improve—Selma Depopulated.

At Montgomery Sunday [illegible] new cases of fever was the record. [illegible] two deaths occurred—Alderman Manning and David Jones. Up to [illegible] o'clock Monday afternoon five new cases developed, and one death reported—Mrs. J. F. Suggs.

Selma's board of health reports [illegible] new cases for Sunday, and one death, that of H. L. Chapin. No new cases nor deaths were reported Monday.

Seven new cases and one death, with four recoveries was Mobile's record published by the board of health Monday evening. There had been [illegible] deaths in Mobile proper in the previous seventy-two hours. Total cases to date, 216; deaths, 26; recoveries, 150; remaining under treatment, [illegible].

New Orleans—Cases of yellow fever Monday, 57; deaths, 11; [illegible] cases of yellow fever to date, [illegible]; total deaths from yellow fever, 138; total cases absolutely recovered, 622; total cases under treatment, [illegible].

A well defined case of yellow fever arrived in Cincinnati from [illegible] Monday.

Other places report as follows: [illegible]wards 16 new cases, 1 death; [illegible] Miss., 1 case; McHenry, 1, death; Bay St. Louis, 8; Biloxi, 18; [illegible]goula, 2; Scranton, 10.

Selma is Now Depopulated.

The city of Selma is practically deserted. About $1,100 worth of [illegible] were sold over the Southern [illegible] morning. Out of 2,500 white population but 300 remain to face the [illegible] of the epidemic.

Good Work of a Jury.

The United States grand jury [illegible] has been in session for two weeks at Huntsville, made a final report [illegible] Judge Bruce, returning several indictments. One hundred and [illegible] cases were considered by the jury.

Yellow Jack in Atlanta.

A case of yellow fever appeared in Atlanta Sunday. The victim is [illegible] Commor, who refuged from Montgomery several days ago. There are also three suspects in the [illegible] camp.

Lives Lost in a Burning [illegible]

Three persons were burned to death and seven more were severely burned in a fire that destroyed the [illegible] Brooklyn, at Kelletsville, [illegible] Sunday.

Our advertising rates are [illegible]

Probate Judge

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THE NEEDS OF AGRICULTURE IN THE SOUTH

In the current number of The Southern States Farm Magazine Dr. Charles W. Dabney, Jr., discusses some of the needs of agriculture in this section. On account of the timeliness of this article The Constitution feels warranted in calling the attention of its readers to some of the salient points therein discussed. As Dr. Dabney puts it, the great problem of southern agriculture is to make farming in this section pay. Up to the present time the farmers of the south have not derived from the soil that measure of recompense which its unsurpassed fertillity is calculated to yield, and the reason which Dr. Dabney gives for this unsatisfactory experience is that our farmers, like those the world over, are disposed to move along in certain ruts. He contends that for twenty years or more the farmers of the south have devoted themselves almost exclusively to the raising of cotton and tobacco, and that present conditions in the south are largely the result of this restriction. The high price of cotton and tobacco which prevailed twenty years ago," says Dr. Dabney, "naturally betrayed our farmers into raising these crops and simply because they knew how to grow them easily they continue to raise cotton and tobacco, in spite of the fact that prices have fallen almost to the cost of production. This tendency marks the world over. It is far easier to keep in the old rut than to pull out of it." As a remedy for these evils Dr. Dabney urges our southern farmers to study the resources of their farms for the purpose of raising supplies needed to support the workers employed thereon, and also, at the same time, to study the demands of the market. He argues that our farmers are wrong to raise money crops without giving any attention to those needed supplies for which large sums are to be paid out during the year. In this connection Dr. Dabney says:

One special need of southern agriculture is to make still more meat and milk. With the increased production of forage in the south the production of meat, milk and butter is greatly increased during the past ten years. The increased crops of corn means more hogs, and larger crops of hay and oats mean more cattle and stock of all kind. * * * Dairy products will always be in great demand among civilized people. The more highly civilized they are the more of these products they consume. It is estimated by the United States department of agriculture that the milk from 5,000,000 cows is annually consumed as milk in the United States, the average being about twenty-five and a half gallons per year for each person. * * * Butter is becoming more and more a necessity to all well-conditioned people, and within recent years cream has become an important article of commerce. The demand for condensed milk is said to be steadily growing. Cheese is also being used more and more in this country as an article of food.

To show how little the south has contributed toward supplying the demand for dairy product, pointed out in the foregoing paragraph, Dr. Dabney continues:

The facts show that the southern farmers have many fewer cows than the farmers of any other section of the country. The populations of Georgia and Michigan are approximately the same, and so are the number of improved acres in farms, but Georgia had in 1889 less than 300,000 milch cows, against 1,000,000 in the state of Michigan; Virginia and Wisconsin have approximately the same total population, and the same number of improved acres in farms. Many portions of Virginia are just as well adapted for dairying as is Wisconsin, while Virginia has every advantage in the way of climate and accessibility to market. But Virginia had in 1889 only 275,000 milch cows, as against 800,000 in Wisconsin.—Constitution.

Lily Lyrics.

The long dry spell was broken last week by a nice little shower, which was very much appreciated.

Mr. Will Garner, of the railroad was married to Miss Ella Gunlock, of Demopolis, last Monday. We wish for them a happy and prosperous life. The entertainment was given at Mr. B. W. Garnef's Wednesday night in honor to Will and his new made bride.

Miss Ollie, who is teaching at Valley Creek, was at home for this occasion.

Rev. F. M. Woods preached two able and very interesting sermons at his last appointment at Mulberry.

Miss Celeste Jones has secured a school near Plantersville and will begin teaching Monday.

Mr. Carter entertained the people at the Isabella school house two nights last week, with lectures etc. which seemed to be very much appreciated by old and young.

Mr. Robt. Wooly and family, of Selma, are spending awhile with his mother-in-law, Mrs. Williams, at this place, until the yellow fever scare is over.

Messrs. Moodie Rasberry and Robert L. Veazey, returned from Birmingham last week.

Mr. Lige Deason was over to hear the lecture the other night, he was wearing his usual smile and pleasant looks, come again "old boy" we welcome you.

Miss Minnie Rasberry and J. C. Veazey visited Billingsley last Saturday. We congratulate our good editor for giving us a larger and better paper, and hope for the BANNER much success. CLINT.

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Fatal Accident.

On Tuesday Oct. 26 while working at the steam threshing machine at Crofford Hayes gin near Providence church in the northern end of the county, the belt slipped off and struck Robert Killingsworth in the abdomen, and in a few hours he died. It was one of those unfortunate, unavoidable accidents which occasionally occur. He was a man well liked and respected in the community and his sad death has cast a gloom over the neighborhood.

SORE THROAT.

In a letter to Dr. Hartman, dated Dec. 27, 1896, George A. Blanchard, of Washington Ga., writes: "My throat had been in the habit of getting sore every year for the last twenty years, and if any medical skill did me any good it was so little I did not know it. Two years ago my wife was down sick two months, tried two doctors; but the case was a stubborn one of female trouble. I found in Pe-ru-na not only a good, safe remedy for sore throat, but one for weakness and nervous prostration. I quit the doctors and purchased a bottle of Pe-ru-na, and in three days after my wife got up and she has been going ever since, and I have not been bothered with that bad sore throat. It used to last fifteen or twenty days. Since we have used your medicine my wife has not lost a single day, and she has gained over fifty pounds."

In a later letter, July 22nd, 1897, Mr. Blanchard writes: "All of the sickness we have in the family is when we cannot get Pe-ru-na. We people in the South think Pe-ru-na is a God-sent blessing. I recommended Pe-ru-na to friends of mine that had asthma and one bottle cured them. Whenever Pe-ru-na is used it speaks loudly for itself."

Dr. Hartman, the original compounder of Pe-ru-na, has a recent book on chronic catarrh which will be sent free by The Pe-ru-na Drug M'f'g Co., Columbus, O.

Ask your druggist for a free Pe-ru-na Almanac for 1898.

CORRESPONDENCE.

[We are willing to publish our subscribers views at any time, but it must be distinctly understood we do not hold ourselves responsible for these opinions.—EDITOR.]

Montgomery, Oct. 29, 1897.

Editor BANNER. Will you be so kind as to give me space in your columns to pen a few lines. We are here with the fever, trying to discharge our duty. The citizens of Montgomery are, and will take care of their sick and needy. They are a generous and brave people in need and distress. A great many have left and others go as chances present themselves. Many go out, say four or five miles, and remain over-night, and return in the morning about eight or nine. They close up about four and the city looks deserted by dusk. I think the people away from here are frightened more than the people here. I understand Bozeman has quarantined against Mountain Creek and Verbena. I see no use in this as they have no good water and not even a hotel. During the year 1873 when the fever was so bad in Montgomery a goodly number came up to Clanton and some of them are now living there. It was said by Drs. Lanier and Davis that the yellow fever could not live in Chilton county as the air and water was pure and good, and no local causes to give it life. Some of our people had better attend church more regularly and trust in God more and keep cool. I was informed yesterday that if I should go home to Verbena I would not be permitted to remain at home. I wish to state to my friends that if I should go home (I may or may not) but if so, I want to say that there is not any man can dislodge me when there. I mean just what I say.

My family came down here and spent one night; they were not within a mile of a case, and left before it was officially announced and yet everybody is afraid to go about them. I know there are some weak-kneed people in Chilton, and the good Lord may visit them some way yet. The idea of quarantining any county north of Montgomery, the only thing that is small about me is my pocket book. I was in the war and never deserted my post of duty, and never betrayed a friend intentially. I hope to live and die on this line. We are hopeful and by the help of God we will try to discharge our duty. Officirl report to day: new cases 7; deaths 1, all confined in words 1 and 2. Respectfully,

W. F. CLAUGHTON.

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How to Cure Bilious Colic.

I suffered for weeks with colic and pains in my stomach cuused by biliousness and had to take medicine all the while until I used Chamberlain's Colic, Cholera and Diarrhoea Remedy which cured me. I have since recommended it to a good many people. Mrs. F. Butler, Fairhaven, Conn. Persons who are subject to btlious colic can ward off the attack by taking this remedy as soon as the first symptoms appear. Sold by J. S. Johnson jr. Druggist.

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Jemison, Nov. 2, 1897.

Once more we are blessed with gentle rain, and so also an approaching blizzard is about to blize. How glad everysne will be to thus see yellow fever rushed back into the gulf. There let it remain till we can offer better welcome. Let each day be a separate one of thanks giving.

Let us hasten to congratulate the readers of the BANNER in the pleasure of enjoying an enlarged interesting weekly. The farmer now has a page for each day besides an extra one for desert.

We trust the generous Editor will in the future have better health so that he can better enjoy and continue his faithful task, which he has previously so diligently manifested.

At present the health of Jemison and surrounding community is fairly good except Mr. J. P. Allen and Mr. P. Quigley, two of the oldest men round about. They have for some time elicited anxiety from from friends and acquaintances. May health be restored and their usefulness continue.

We are glad to say that Mr. Claud Mooney has recently opened a store at Jemison. Success to his efforts. He was raised without a father, by an intelligent good mother. He richly deserves patronage, more especially because he seems to wish others to live and have room on earth along with himself and his. This is the most religious view man can look at fellow mortals. Mrs. IRA CAMPBELL.

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Maplesville.

Shelton Cooper has paid home-folks a visit.

Many are regretting the removal of Mr. Savage's family to Montevallo.

Miss Minnie Lathram is now at school in Montevallo.

Misses Ethel and Mattie May DuBose are atschool at Orrville. James DuBose Jr. is attending medical lectures in Atlanta.

Mr. and Mrs. Bazemore are spending several months here.

Our town is adding to her population, Mr. and Mrs. Patterson have lately had a fine son to help us along.

Mrs. Martin J. Smith, of Selma has delighted her friend Mrs. Paisley with a visit.

Miss Stacy Goodwin of Selma is visiting relatives here.

Mr. Will Garner has added a most charming bride to our town. Our deepest sympathy is tendered them in the operation of our strict quarantine law, as he is from home and cannot return.

"Self preservation is the first law of nature," accounts for such a strict quarantine being kept from all infected places by our prudent and energetic citizens.

Our late rains have been very partial, very little fell here.

The angel of death has been again in our midst and borne from her sorrowing parents, sweet little Grace Lee Minter, these parents have been doubly afflicted in now being childless, having lost an infant son a few months ago. We have prayed that the bereaved parents may say "Thy will be done."

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Turn-Round Topics.

Mr. R. D. May has moved near Prattville, accompanied by his son-in-law H. Glen. We wish them success in there new home.

Tax Assessor A. C. Mims and Tax Collector T. J. Hubbard made it a point to stop one night on their round with H. Kendrick, whom they say is a very jolly and entertaining old man.

David Kendrick spent Saturday and Sunday with his sister Mrs. Driver, at Clanton.

Last Wednesday at 9 o'clock in the morning a very lovely wedding took place at the home of the bride's parents. The contracting parties being Mr. Walter S. Rhodes and Miss Ellen Manning. Rev. Mr. Colwell officiating. The bride-groom is a business man of Montgomery and the bride one of the Turn-round's finest daughters. Congratulations were rendered, and immediately afterwards, arrangements were made for a bridal tour. During the "honeymoon" they will visit several portions of the United States. We wish the happy couple success, prosperity and happiness to the end.

Mrs. W. D. Goss spent last week with friends at Friendship.

Messrs. Walter Kendrick, W. A. Goss, Will Manning, J. N. Goss, Hal Faulkner, Atticus Norrell, Will and Henry Pyron, J. E. Goss, Rev. E. L. Manning and Misses Vena Pyron and Fannie Faulkner, attended the series of meetings at Friendship last week.

Sunday was rather a disagreeable day as it rained nearly all day—but, notwithstanding the inclemency, the rain was very much needed and we were glad to see it.

E. T. Connell is repairing his dwelling with a new roof. Other additions to his dwelling will be made some time soon.

The bridge-bannisters across West Prong of Mt. Creek are decaying and falling in on the bridge. It is to be hoped the overseer will take notice of this, and see that it is fixed.

Success to our eight page paper, THE BANNER, and to all its readers the same.

THE ROYAL BUMPER.

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The three-year-old boy of J. A Johnson, of Lynn Center, Ill., is subject to attacks of croup. Mr. Johnson says he is satisfied that the timely use of Chamberlain's Cough Remedy, during a severe attack, saved his little boy's life. He is in the drug business, a member of the firm of Johnson Bros. of that place and they handle a great many patent medicines for throat and lung diseases. He had all these to choose from, and skilled physicians ready to respond to his call, but selected this remedy for use in his own family at a time when his child's life was in danger, because he knew it to be superior to any other, and famous the country over for its cures of croup. Mr. Johnson says this is the best selling cough medicine they handle, and that it gives splendid satisfaction in all cases. Sold by J. S. Johnson, jr. Druggist.

The March to Alabama.

I hear the march of many men,
Towards our Alabama.
They seek the coal beneath our feet,
They shape our iron by its heat;
And now the world will gladly greet
Our bonny Alabama.

I hear the march of many men,
Towards our Alabama.
They cut our noble oak and pine;
It seeks the most remote confine
That any one can ever find
Away from Alabama.

I hear the march of many men
Within our Alabama.
They plant our hills with tree and vine,
They draw therefrom the latent wine,
They soon will be good sons of thine,
Oh mother Alabama.

I hear the march of many men,
Unto our Alabama.
We welcome all unto our lands;
From north or west or foreign strands,
We greet them all with out stretched hands
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St. Matthew 28:20.

Oh, my soul why filled with sorrow,
Why so full of doubts and fears,
There'll be many a bright to-morrow
As we walk this vale of tears.
Tho' to-day our sky seems darkened,
Trials every step attend,
Have we not the Master's promise,
I'll be with you to the end.

Though the way be dark and thorny,
'Tis the Father leadeth me,
And the path be rough and stony,
'Tis His call, He needeth me.
What if life be sad and dreary,
And we have no earthly friend,
Still we have the Master's promise,
I'll be with you to the end.

Rouse thee now my soul and shrink not
From the burden thou must bear,
Tho' life's cup be bitter, drink not
Thou the dregs of dark despair.
Trust the Saviour for His kindness,
On His loving arm depend.
For we have His blessed promise,
I'll be with you to the end.

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The People Should Control the People's Money—The Present System Is One of the Most Ingenious and Powerful Monopolies Ever Devised.

By E. E. Ewing.

"We hold these truths to be self-evident" that the land was designed by the Creator for the use of the people, that money is created by government for the use of the people, and that the first consideration of government is the welfare of the people. We find, however, that both land and money have been monopolized and withheld from free use by the people and that property has been given the first place in the concern of government. If denied access to the land man perishes and must soon become extinct. Without money civilization is impossible, and the human race would remain in a tribal and barbarous condition. And to that degree which the population is denied the use of the earth is the people hindered in their pursuit of happiness and enjoyment of liberty.

To the same extent that the industrial, wealth-producing class is restricted or hindered from the free use of money they are hampered and hindered in the pursuit of their industrial vocation.

To the perversion of these three fundamental principles of government all the complaint and hardship which cause the present public unrest, can be traced.

The most active of these evils is the monopoly of and abuse of money. That abuse remedied would quickly lead to the abolition of other abuses which afflict the people.

The rent or interest which the monopolist is able to exact from the users is the object for which money is monopolized. The whole system of handling and distributing money has been perfected into one of the most ingenius and powerful monopolies ever devised by the brain of man. The banks are the grand factors in the system of money monopoly. The individual money loaner is but a crude, unskilled person in the art of usury. He can only loan his own money, but the bank not only loans everybody's money and pockets the interest or rent for the loans, but it loans in addition its credit, which is an intangible thing based on the security of its debtor who has borrowed his neighbor's money from the bank and pledged his own and probably the same neighbor's property to the bank as security for the payment of the loan. By this double refined process of fleecing the wealth producers, the money monopoly draws from the producers annually hundreds of millions of the wealth they create.

If the producing class and all those who are closely allied to and associated with that class, as "middle men," manufacturers and distributors of the raw and manufactured materials, could lift their noses from the grindstone long enough to consider this they would brush it away without a mighty, colossal scheme of robbery, moment's hesitation.

Consider for a moment what money is and what are its legitimate uses. Government makes it, creates money by act of law, and for the use of the people. A person or corporation cannot make or create money. That is a function purely governmental. The object of government in creating money is to enable the industrial classes to exchange and distribute the wealth they create with ease and dispatch and divide it into infinitesimal quantities, when desired, throughout the whole community. For instance, a farmer has produced a thousand bushels of wheat. He wants but a small portion of the grain for his own use, but he wants a hundred other things. It would be an endless job to go around and exchange the grain in small quantities with producers of other things which he must have for his and his family's comfort. He hauls his grain to a warehouse or mill, delivers it to the miller or shipper, and the party receiving the grain transfers the value of the grain to the farmer in the form of moneys which has been created by government for this purpose, the transfer of values. The farmer then in a few hours, if he chooses, purchases a hundred different things for his personal use, from a penny's worth to the highest sum within the capacity of his money. This money represents the value of the farmer's wheat, and in effect he is exchanging his wheat for all these various articles he purchases. This transaction embraces the entire use and function of money. Paying debts is only a deferred payment for some property or service which has been enjoyed by the debtor in advance, or at least presumed to have been so enjoyed or received.

This being true, why should government permit such an outrage on society as the monopoly of this necessary article, and by that monopoly rob the producers in sums aggregating hundreds of millions of dollars annually, out of the fruits of their labor? It is one of the many abuses which have grown up with society out of its primitive condition, and should be abolished. The system has become an abuse in our present advanced state of society. In a cruder state of society there might have been a plea of necessity advanced for what has become an abuse only.

Government, the creator of money for the use of the people, should be the custodian and distributer of that essential medium of trade and industry, and never permit it to remain in the hands of a monopolizing class who make use of the power thus given them to exploit an entire nation; and this power given the banking class over money is rapidly assuming the strength and dominion of an oligarchy which is tramping the people down in poverty, dominating courts, dictating acts of Congress, and virtually making laws that no despot at the present day has power to do.

If the government were to take the control and distribution of the money of the country into its own hands and out of the control of exploiting bankr run by banking corporations, depositors' money would always be safe in the custody of the government. The government would have no incentive to fleece the users of money by the system of interest or to loan wind called credit by the banking exploiting class and would transact the entire banking business of the country at the net cost of the work, which it is pretty definitely ascertained would not be more than a charge of one-half of one per cent per annum.

There would be no wind loans by government but the amount of money the business of the country required which would be determined by the security offered, would be always kept in circulation. The business of the country would be relieved from the periodical financial panics that the exploiting system of the banks creates, and the producing and business class would be annually richer by the hundreds of millions they are now fleeced out of by our present financial system of private banking. The bankers would simply quit business, as no one would deposit in a private bank if he had a government bank to place his money in, and no business firm would pay a high interest for the use of money when, if engaged in a legitimate business, money could be had at a nominal rate from government banks. There would be no piling up hundreds of millions in the treasury and other reserves held out of use to meet checks drawn against wind loans, but under government control the entire volume which now accumulates in government sub-treasuries would be kept circulating through the government's banks. Under a government banking system the money would not flow in a constant stream from all points in the country to the great cities to be used in making corners on grain stocks and all kinds of products that can be handled by these exchange gamblers.

The advantage that would accrue to the public under a financial system conducted through government banks are so many and beneficent in their results that it is impossible to enumerate them all. There would no longer exist a gold combination against the remonetization of silver. Wall street would have no interest in fighting bimetallism or spending millions in subsidizing the press to spread its pernicious sophistries on finance.

The power and danger of the moneyed oligarchy were never before shown as in the election campaign of 1896. The entire banking class of the country was combined, and under its control every corporation from the great railroad systems of the country down, including manufactories and large mercantile establishments, were assessed and taxed to create a monster corruption fund to bribe voters, subsidize the press, distribute lying literature, and pay prevaricators, to deny facts, corrupt the elective franchise of the nation, and beat the people. Fraud, bribery, intimidation, promises of impossible things, all were resorted to by this domineering, cruel, relentless, tyrannical oliarchy. And while it is allowed to tax the whole industry of the country at will by the exaction of tribute for the use of money, it can never be overthrown. It has fought the people since the foundation of the government to rob them of their property and their liberty, and is stronger, more arrogant and domineering to-day than ever before. It must be smitten to the death, not scotched and driven back as in times past. The people's money in the people's control, under the allpowerful arm of their government, is the only remedy.

Results of Land Monopoly.

Without land man is absolutely helpless. Without land labor can accomplish nothing. Why, our very bodies, this flesh and blood with which we clothe it, comes from the land and to the land it returns. Therefore, it is that labor without land is utterly helpless. Therefore it is that as advancing civilization increases productive power, it cannot absolve men from the necessity of using land, and, therefore, if there be one class who own the land and another who have no right whatever to use land without the permission of the other, advances in civilization must give greater and greater amounts of wealth to the landowners and make more and more helpless those who must obtain someone else's permission to live or to work.—Charters Towers. Aust., Eagle.

Government by Injunction.

We have been ruled by a king, we have been governed by an aristocratic parliament, we are now apparently entering upon a government by judges—the worst form of autocracy, next to that of hierarchy, of which the mind of man can conceive.—Cleveland Recorder.

But Not Enough for Plutocrats.

"Two hours and fifteen minutes daily work by each able bodied man, if systematically applied, would produce all the food, clothing and shelter the people need.—C. D. Wright, U. S. Com of Labor.

THE ELECTIONS.

Tammany Ticket Successful in Greater New York Contest.

OHIO PROBABLY REPUBLICAN

Senator Hanna Will be Returned to the Senate—Democrats Carry the Elections in Kentucky and Maryland—Falling Off of Republican Vote.

NEW YORK, Nov. 3.—Tammany's victory in the first election in Greater New York is a sweeping one. The only question remaining to be settled is the one of the plurality by which the entire ticket headed by Robert A. VanWick has carried the gigantic municipality.

It can scarcely be less than 60,000, and may be larger than that. Van Wick has polled a vote which is possibly 40,000 under the combined votes of Gen. Tracy, republican, and Seth Low of the Citizens' union.

Later estimates place the vote of Greater New York for mayor as follows: Van Wyck, 233,752; Low, 146,821; Tracy, 100,998; George, 20,386. Van Wyck's plurality, 86,921.

The plurality of Parker, democrat, candidate for judge of the court of appeals in the state, is 143,195 over Wallace, the republican candidate.

Ohio.

The election in this state is very close. It will probably take the official count to determine the result. At midnight the democrats claim that the legislature is democratic by safe majorities in both branches and that the entire state ticket is elected by good pluralities; while, on the other hand, the republicans claim that Bushnell, for governor, is elected by from 12,000 to 15,000 plurality, and a majority of both branches of the legislature.

Maryland.

Returns from the state are meagre and unofficial in character. Up to 11 p. m. no complete returns have been received, but the indications are that the democrats may possibly have a majority on joint ballot in the legislature, which will ensure the election of Senator Gorman; while the republicans claim to have elected a sufficient number of members with the holdovers to give them a majority on joint ballot in the next legislature.

The republicans have elected their municipal ticket in Baltimore by majorities ranging from 4,000 to 6,000.

Kentucky.

LOUISVILLE, Nov. 2.—A conservative estimate of the result of the election at 11 o'clock tonight places the majority of Charles P. Weaver (democrat), candidate for mayor over George D. Todd, the present incumbent, at from 3,000 to 3,500.

The returns from the state are meagre and unofficial at this hour. According to those received, Shackleford (silver democrat), is leading Bailey (republican)), by about 5,000 votes. The national democratic vote is very light.

Virginia.

RICHMOND, Va., Nov. 3.—The election story in Virginia is briefly told. Although there was unusual apathy, it is estimated that the democratic state ticket is elected by about 55,000 or 60,000 majority, and that the democrats have two-thirds of the house of delegates, and four-fifths of the senate.

Pennsylvania.

The incomplete figures show an apparent plurality for Beacon, the head of the republican ticket, of 145,000, as against Haywood's plurality of 174,265 in 1895. The indications are that McAuley, the republican candidate for auditor general, will receive about 170,00 plurality.

New Jersey.

Five democrats and one republican were elected state senators in New Jersey. Senate for 1898: Republicans, 14; democrats, 7.

Senate for 1897 stood: Republicans, 18, democrats, 3. Democratic gains by today's election, 4.

Nebraska.

The fusion ticket has carried the state by 12,000 to 15,000 plurality.

The State Journal (rep.) concedes the defeat of the republican state ticket. Scattering returns indicate that fusion has carried the state by a greater plurality than was given Bryan last year.

Massachusetts.

The indications are that Wolcott, for governor, has been elected by decreased majorities.

SIOUX FALLS, S. D.—At midnight indications are that the republicans have won in South Dakota.

In Colorado both sides claim a victory, but neither claims over 5,000 plurality. Returns are meagre.

Two Deaths in a Wreck.

A wreck occurred on Tuesday on the Kansas City, Memphis and Birmingham railroad one mile west of Carbon Hill, Ala. Through freight No. 55 was derailed at the switch leading to mine No. 5. The engine left the track and half buried itself in an embankment. Engineer Snapp was thrown and terribly scalded and died shortly afterward. Pumper B. B. Martin, of New river tank, was on the engine and died from his injuries.

MYSTERY SOLVED BY SCIENCE.

Microbes Can Draw Nitrogen from the Air and Give It to Plants.

Besides buying well-selected fertilizers, the progressive farmer of the future will also provide himself with bottled billions of the microbes which enable plants to obtain nitrogen from the air. It was a long puzzle to chemists to learn how nitrogen is absorbed. It was clear that under ordinary circumstances plants are unable to appropriate directly from the air the nitrogen they absolutely require for their growth. The air in the pores of the soil contains plenty of it, but the roots are not capable of causing it to become a constituent of the sap or fiber. Leguminous plants, such as beans, peas, and clover, require a great deal of nitrogen, and it was of special interest to provide them artificially, if possible, with this important constituent.

The mystery was dispelled by a recent discovery that the roots of plants capable of absorbing nitrogen bear little protuberances, and it is through these protuberances that the nitrogen is taken in. Further study with the help of the microscope revealed the fact that the protuberances contain millions of bacteria, and that it is these bacteria that absorb the nitrogen and give it to the roots of plants in a form in which it can be used by them. To the activity of these beneficent bacteria, plants—particularly leguminous plants—owe their vigor and perhaps their existence in their present form. The plant life in this view, is a result, in incidental product, of the vital processes of microbes, a million of which could swim with comfort in a single drop of water. The next step was to isolate, by methods with which bacteriologists are familiar, the varieties of bacteria suited to each crop, and to breed them artificially in paying quantities.

This has been done. A German firm breeds seventeen species of bacteria of the nitrogen-absorbing species and sells them to agriculturists in bottles under the name of "nitragin." A bottle containing some thousand billions of the useful bacteria and selling for $1.25 will "inoculate," it is said, an acre of ground. The experience of farmers with "nitragin" is too brief to qualify them to speak with certainty of its practical utility. Some have obtained encouraging results, while others have not. It has been on the market less than a year and began to be used too late in the season for a fair test. "Nitragin" ought to be used before it is two months old, and its vitality is impaired, if not wholly lost, when it is four months old. It must be kept in a cool place, and is best applied, perhaps, at night, since it is injured by exposure to the light. Its function is to assist germinating seeds and small roots to put forth the desired protuberances.

It is accordingly useless for growing plants, and in soils already well supplied with nitrogen in the required form. Under favorable conditions several experimenters have obtained, it is said, excellent results. Cereals have not been found susceptible to its influence to an appreciable extent. Much remains to be determined as to the extent of its utility. It is yet undecided, it seems, whether the seed or the soil is to be inoculated—whether the seed should be mixed with the gelatine containing the "nitragin," or whether the "nitragin" should be mixed with a quantity of the latter scattered over the area to be treated. In any case, agriculturists have in nitragin an interesting subject of experiment.—Baltimore Sun.

A Rare Bird.

The rarest species of bird now extant, and one which is almost extinct, has its home in the jungles of South America. The ornithological curiosity is known to science as the palamedra cornuda, and to the common people as the "horned screamer." As a rara avis nothing could excel the cornuda, unless it should be the accidental discovery of a living moa, or an epiornis. But few of the bird books even let you know that such a horned paradox ever existed, let alone telling you that living specimens of the queer creature are occasionally met with. The only one now in captivity in North America, if the writer was not misinformed, is that belonging to the aviary of the Philadelphia Zoological Gardens, and which arrived in this country about three years ago. The creature is about the size of a full-grown turkey hen, and of a blackish brown color. One of its distinguishing peculiarities is a ruffle of black and white which surrounds the head.

The Obstinate Juror.

The latest way to arrive at a verdict is to smoke out the obstinate juror. This was successfully tried in Hartford not long ago when eleven good men and true were unable to influence their companion. The obstinate juror held out as long as he could, but the volumes of smoke that filled the jury room from the cigars, pipes and cigarettes of his eleven companions proved more effective than argument, and he gave in.—Hartford Times.

Sculpture Under Ground.

While a workman engaged in a Pueblo, Colo., stoneyard was dressing a block of stone his chisel laid bare a round knot or knob near the surface of the rock. A stroke of the hammer vigorously applied for the purpose of smoothing down the nodule had the effect of dislodging it entire. An investigation proved that the underside of the stone knot bore a perfect model of a human face. Who owned that face and in what age of the world did he live?

In a Duck.

A duck shot by Edward Jackson, of Atchison, had a nine-pound fish in its esophagus.

ALABAMA GLEANINGS.

Pertinent Paragraphs of the Late News of the State.

Birmingham has taken up the fight for dollar gas.

United States Court Convenes.

The fall term of the United States court, after many delays, convened in Birmingham Monday.

A Rich Find.

A rich find of gold has been made by Messrs. A. B. Hilton and G. Riley near Chulafinee, Cleburne county.

Marriage on a Boom.

In Jefferson county sixty seven marriage licenses were issued in October, an increase of twenty-six over the previous month.

Fatal Accident.

John Roden, an employe of the Cherry cotton mill at Florence, was killed last week by having his arm drawn into the machinery.

National Guard Election.

Capt. F. L. Demore, of Birmingham, has been elected lieutenant-colonel of the Second regiment Alabama National Guard, to succeed Col. H. B. Foster, now commander of the regiment. Maj. T. O. Smith, of Birmingham, was elected major without opposition.

Mammoth Iron Pipe.

The Howard Harrison Iron Co., at Bessemer, cast last week the largest iron pipe ever made in the world on strictly pipe shop lines. It was 72 inches in diameter on the inside, 76½ inches in diameter, outside measurement, and 12 feet 6 inches long over all. The metal in it alone weighed 20,000 pounds.

On Eternity's Brink.

The negro, Major Terry, to have hanged at Elba last week, was granted, at a late hour, a new trial, and the date of the execution postponed indefinitely.

Terry, it will be remembered, was convicted of assaulting and killing a Mrs. Thomas and her baby in Coffee county, and burning their bodies. It was with great difficulty that a mob was prevented from hanging Terry at the time of his capture.

Tax Collector's Accounts Short.

Examiner Foster has submitted to the governor his sworn statement of the result of his examination of the books of Tax Collector J. A. Box, of St. Clair county. He finds Mr. Box short in his accounts $1,087.40. This amount, he says, is due on taxes collected or raised by the board of equalization in 1892, 1894 and 1896. Mr. Box states that he was not aware of the omissions of these items on his reports.

Will Be Hanged for Murder.

At Guntersville Henry Boyd, colored, was condemned to be hanged at the term of circuit court just ended. His execution will take place December 10. In June last a young negro woman was found dead in the hills back of Guntersville with her skull crushed. Suspicion pointed to Boyd and his arrest and conviction followed.

If this hanging takes place it will be the first legal execution Marshall county has had in thirty years, notwithstanding there have been murders galore.

Yelow Fever on the Wane.

Monday's report of the yellow fever situation is more encouraging than for any day for some time past. Along the cost the disease is fast losing ground, though the death rate is slightly on the increase.

At Montgomery the board of health reported one new case and one death. The new case was G. W. Yarborough and the death that of R. H. Weathers.

Other towns report as follows for Monday:

New Orleans, new cases 38, deaths 12; Mobile, new cases 9; Scranton, new cases 6, deaths 1; Bay St. Louis, new cases 6; Biloxi, new cases 5, deaths 1; Pascagoula, new cases 6; Nitta Youma, new cases 3; Flomaton, new cases 4; Memphis, new cases 2, deaths 1; Mount Vernon, deaths 1; Whistler, deaths 1; Durant, deaths 1; Speigners new cases 1; Edwards, new cases 1. Total new cases 79; total deaths 19.

Bribery Charged.

The sensational charge of bribery made in the United States Court by District Attorney Vaughan, at Huntsville, against A. W. McCormack, an illicit distiller of Jackson county, has been considerable discussed in court and out since. He was charged with bribing L. C. Staples, colored, one of the jurors. Judge Bruce ordered McCormack and Staples both to be sent to jail till a full investigation could be had. Staples demanded an immediate trial. Pending an investigation, they were released on bond. Judge Bruce has decided to extend the term of court another week.

A Patient Suicide.

Francis McNulty, cashier of the American Express Company in New Orleans, committed suicide at his home Monday by cutting his throat. He had yellow fever, and ended his life in a fit of delirium.

Union Pacific Sold.

The Union Pacific railroad was sold Monday to the Reorganization Committee for $39,883,281.87 for the railroad property, and $13,645,250.99 for the bonds.

VERSES OLD AND NEW.

Rings.

(With apologies for rings.)

Ring out, free press, across the
Old Mac is cringing in his fetters;
The trust is dying in the night;
Ring out, free press, and let it

Ring out the gold, ring in the silver;
Let silver to the people flow,
The bonds are going; let them go;
Ring out the false, ring in the true.

Ring out the Confidence the Wrong;
The promises begat by gold;
The lies which gave the Prince control;
Ring in the votes will give the fold.

Ring in the days, far over all,
Which "Mark" the [illegible] ghoul,
Ring out the strains we hear now
The banner of our [illegible] land.

—J. SYME HASTIE.

The Elysium of the Mart.

Slow fades the pageant [illegible] the tom stage
As slowly filled with [illegible] forms;
Here, over fireless hearths, [illegible] shivering Age
And blew with [illegible] breath embers, storms
Hung in the icy welkin, and the Earth lay forbidden in Winter's nel air.

No careless childhood laughed [illegible] ingly,
But dwarfed, pale mandrake, [illegible] a century's gloom
On infant brows, beneath a pole [illegible]
With skeleton fingers plied a [illegible] loom;
Mocking in cynic jests life's [illegible] things,
They wove gay king-robes, [illegible] "What are kings?"

And thro' that dreary Hades to [illegible]
Stalked, all unheeded, the Ta[illegible] guests;
Grim Discontent, that loathes [illegible] and Woe,
Clasping dead infants to her [illegible] breasts;
And maddening Hate, and Fo[illegible] iron heel,
And voiceless Vengeance, sha[illegible] secret steel.

"Can such things be below [illegible] above?"
Faltered the king. Replied [illegible] genius, "Nay.
This is the state that sages [illegible] prove;
This is man civilized, the [illegible] sway
Of merchant kings, the ripened [illegible] art
Which cheapens men—the Ely[illegible] the Mart."

—Edward Bulwer L[illegible]

Plaint and Appeal.

Lookest thou down from th[illegible] above,
Or knowest thou, William [illegible]
That in thy land of "Brother[illegible]
They shoot down hungry men?

Thy brother's board is starkly [illegible]
No sunbeam lights his den,
For the earth is owned by the [illegible] aire
And they shoot down starving [illegible]

But there's an over-production [illegible] say,
Luxuries wasting all around;
Yet thy brother has barely bre[illegible] pay
For toiling beneath the grou[illegible]

What food for soul, I ask, and [illegible]
We know he has this to mi[illegible]
That he may be buried alive in [illegible]
And his little ones left bei[illegible]

My sickening soul the scene al[illegible]
Great God, was this thy plan[illegible]
That a few should gather up th[illegible]
And starve their brother man?

—Amy B. Ev[illegible]

Prosperity With Blow Holes In It.

The estimated value of all the [illegible] ucts of Kansas this year, exclu[illegible] live stock is placed at $176,000,[illegible] the boomers, which is probably [illegible] than it is, even including the [illegible] stock. But for the sake of a[illegible] the matter let us assume it is [illegible] As the population of Kansas is [illegible] 000 this means that the average [illegible] $665 per family! A wonderful [illegible] perity, that. Not enough to [illegible] collar for some of the pet dogs of [illegible] plutocracy. The census of 189[illegible] the value of the lands, fences, [illegible] and machinery of Kansas [illegible] $578,595,836, it means that a [illegible] with skill and a capital of $2,[illegible] only able, in the most prosperous [illegible] to get a gross income from their [illegible] of $665! Wonderful prosperity! [illegible] when you take into consideration [illegible] a large part of the population are [illegible] producers and get the largest [illegible] this will still further reduce the [illegible] nificent prosperity of the bloated [illegible] tocratic farmer. When the farmer [illegible] the salaries and expenses of the [illegible] sands of officers, the interest on [illegible] 000,000 of home and farm mortgages [illegible] they can give fancy balls that [illegible] rival the Bradley-Martins—I [illegible] think. The farmer is expected [illegible] prosperous on a [illegible] title.

Money Is the Life-Blood.

To commerce money occupies [illegible] same relation that blood does [illegible] human system. A healthy [illegible] system prevails when money [illegible] freely, but when it becomes [illegible] or insufficient in quantity [illegible] becomes inert.—Dublin Pro[illegible]

EWS SUMMARY.

Events of the Day Epitomized.

TOWN WASHED AWAY.

Born to Ex-President Cleveland—Cabinet Resigns Louis Red— Pardoned Presidential Appoint— Weyler Leaves Cuba.

Georgia legislature convened Wednesday.

Tennessee Centennial closed Friday night.

Duchess of Teck, cousin of Victoria, died last week.

J. Bryan is making a number speeches in the Ohio campaign.

Wheat is again on the rise, the price has advanced 13 4c the past week.

Heavy frosts fell in Northern Texas and Indian Territory Friday morning.

Harry C. Truesdell, chief justice of Arizona, died at Phoenix last week.

Freight train ran over and killed H. C. Adgate Thursday near Gainesville, Ga.

Cleveland was born to the household of Grover Cleveland, the former president of the United States, last Thursday.

General Weyler left Havana Saturday for Madrid accompanied only by his general staff officers and aides de camp.

The Georgia legislature has passed a bill to prevent the hunting or catching of opossums between March 1 and October 1.

At Wilkesbarre, Pa., the grand jury Friday returned a true bill against Martin and his deputies for the miner shooting.

Floods have washed away every building in the town of Ahumada, State of Chihuahua, Mexico. The town has a population of 1,200 persons.

Rev. J. L. Burdine, a Baptist minister at Pickens, S. C., shot and killed his wife and then himself. It is said he was just getting off a spree.

William Gilbert Hotchkiss, president of the H. G. Hotchkiss International Medal Essential Oil Company, known as the "peppermint oil king," died at Lyons, N. Y., last week, aged 57 years.

Special from Lima says that the whole cabinet has resigned because of the effort of the chamber of deputies to pass a vote of censure. President Pierola has refused to accept the resignation.

The president has appointed Gen. James Longstreet, of Georgia, commissioner of railroads, vice Wade Hampton, resigned, and Moffin W. Adams, of Arkansas, a negro, consul at Tamatave, Madagascar.

Mrs. Helen Dersmore, of California, a relative, who has been actively engaged in Mrs. Florence Maybrick's behalf for four years, for the first time since her trial, hope that the unfortunate woman will soon be at liberty.

The president has pardoned Louis Pelletier, now in the Columbus, O., penitentiary, and convicted in Atlanta years ago for complicity in the loss of money in the failure of a national bank. His term would expire November 4.

United States Attorney Deneen, of Illinois, arranged to place the second Luetgert trial on the docket for Monday, October 8. If more time is desired by the defense they will have to secure a formal request for a continuance.

Fire in St. Louis last Wednesday destroyed the white stone building occupied by the general offices of the Wabash railroad. The fire was caused by a lighted cigarette carelessly dropped by a clerk. The estimated loss to the company is $500,000.

Edward A. Scholeder, of Otter Tail, Ia., who threatened to emulate Hobson if the executive refused to grant him certain rights to the claims he claims to have been wrongfully taken from him, was arrested last week and will be examined as to his sanity.

The mining situation at Fleming-burg, Va., has reached a crisis. The miners, who have held out so long, have been notified that unless they accept the offer drawn by the officials of the company they will be evicted from the houses owned by the company.

A report from Mintonville, Ky., states that the Rev. Gilham, of the Methodist church, preached a sermon in which he affirmed there is no hell. The congregation took offense, and the reverend gentleman was ordered to leave. As he was expected he was prepared for it and had twenty pistol men secreted to cover him.

Adolphe Bohring has put in an appearance at Chicago. He claims that he is a son of the late George M. Pullman and wants his share of the estate.

The Paris Eclaire publishes a remarkable article to the effect that French missions are now on their way to Khartoum by forced march, as a result of an understanding with the Mahdi, reached in 1896, when France recognized the Soudan independent state under the sovereignty of the Sultan of Turkey, in return for certain concessions.

MUST TAKE WHAT'S LEFT.

Southern Looms Are Destined to Make the Cotton Goods.

At Thursday's session of the New England Cotton Manufacturers' Association, held in Philadelphia, a large number of technical papers were read. One of the most important papers was by Arthur Parkinson, of Providence, R. I., on the "Manufacture and Export of Cotton Goods," during which he said:

"It is well known that Southern manufacturers, with the present conditions, can undersell or compete easily with the Eastern mills on medium and coarse fabrics and the future looks dark for New England. The facilities of manufacturers have been so increased that in many lines of goods the existing manufacturing establishments can produce a vast amount more than the United States can consume, and it seems likely each year will cause stagnation for the industry, and, of course, the usual stoppages of the mills during certain periods. As a result of this continued competition in certain lines of goods for the home market, the prices are low, wages are low and tariff legislation cannot help matters for the merchant. The jobber is bound to buy in the cheapest market, and that means Southern looms will be engaged ahead and the New England mills must take what is left."

PULLMAN'S WILL PROBATED.

Two Sons Get But a Small Share—Charitable Institutions are Remembered.

The will of George M. Pullman was filed for probate last Thursday. To his widow he left the homestead on Prairie avenue. Sufficient funds are also set aside to provide her with an income of $50,000 yearly during her life. One million dollars each is left in trust for his two daughters, Mrs. Frank O. Lowden, of Chicago, and Mrs. Carolan, of San Francisco. An income of but $3,000 yearly is provided for his two sons, George M. Jr. and Sanger W.

About $150,000 in sums of $10,000 and $20,000 is left to various charitable institutions in Chicago. A sum of $200,000 is given for the erection of a manual training school in Pullman, which is also endowed with $1,200,000. Five old employees are give $5,000 each. Two sisters and two brothers of the dead millionaire are given $50,000 each and another brother gets $25,000.

The total value of the estate is shown by the petition for letters testamentary $7,600,000. Of this amount $6,800,000 is personal property and $800,000 realty.

How They Stand in Georgia.

According to the report of Judge Turner, principal keeper of the Georgia state penitentiary, there are a goodly number of farmers in the state prison, but only two newspaper men—one reporter and one printer. There are 975 laborers and 863 farmers in the penitentiary. Of the other occupations, none are represented by over 100. Carpenters come next, with 28, and brickmasons next, with 27. There are 24 painters and 21 cooks, 18 sailors and 15 coachmen. Eleven merchants are doing penal service, but the prison walls enclose but 2 newspaper men—1 reporter and 1 printer—while the school teachers show up with 5 convicts, and, strange to say, the preachers are represented by 2 zebra-striped workers. There are 58 women in the penitentiary.

Mississippi Isolated.

Mississippi has struck the final blow against railroad transportation in that state so long as the yellow fever epidemic continues. Not only is it maintaining strict quarantine against adjoining states, but her own citizens are now prevented from traveling from one town to another. Half a dozen railroads entering the state of Mississippi through Alabama were practically compelled to discontinue the running of trains of any kind.

Mysterious Rain Falling.

The people of Macon, Ga., are all stirred up over the mysterious falling of rain from a clear sky, which has been in progress for several days. The rain falls only over Rose Hill cemetery. Thousands of people visit that locality daily, but no one can account for the phenomenon.

A Wonderful Operation.

Dr Garey, of Mexico City, has performed an operation, declared to be without a parallel, having successfully operated on and saved the life of a man who had received a knife wound in the upper right hand side of the neck, cutting into the carotid artery. The patient lost three litres of blood and was in an exhausted condition. The artery was tied and the doctor, waiting an opportune moment when the anaurism containing a small quantity of blood, removed the coagulated blood and succeeded finally in stopping the hemorrhage. The patient in fifteen days has been pronounced cured and is strong and active.

Wants a Postponement.

Long cable messages have been received by United States Attorney General McKenna in the matter of the Union Pacific Railway sale on behalf of the Coates syndicate, making offers that meet the objections raised. The syndicate claims that its bid would produce $20,000,000 more to the government than any other bid, and urges that the sale be adjourned until Dec. 15, to enable congress to determine as to the advisability of the acceptance of bonds in part payment.

GEORGE DEAD.

The Noted Single-Taxer Passes Suddenly Away.

BRIEF SKETCH OF HIS LIFE.

At the Time of His Death He was Candidate for Mayor of Greater New York on the United Democracy Ticket—His Son's Name Substituted for Mayor.

Henry George, the candidate of the Jeffersonian democracy for mayor of Greater New York, died Friday. His death is thought to have been due to apoplexy.

Mr. George had just returned to the Union Square Hotel from several large mass meetings in the Borough of Queens and Brooklyn.

The work of the night seemed to have told on him. He complained of being tired, but his friends and relatives, who awaited him, thought it was only the natural fatigue due that follows such hard campaign work as Mr. George had been doing. Not long after reaching the hotel he retired. It was about 3:30 o'clock when Mrs. George was awakened. She found Mr. George sitting in an arm chair.

Mrs. George at once grew anxious as to her husband's condition. Mr. George gradually grew incoherent and lapsed into unconsciousness.

A call was sent to a physician, and he came without delay. Mr. George was still unconscious. All efforts to revive him failed. Without a sign of recognition to those around him he passed peacefully away at 4:45 o'clock.

SKETCH OF HIS LIFE.

Henry George, political economist, was born in Philadelphia September 2, 1839. He attended the public schools until 14 years old, learned the printer's trade, went to sea, and settled in California in 1858. He worked at his trade in a newspaper office until 1866, then changed to a reporter, rose to be editor, and became part proprietor. While editor of the Sacramento Reporter he was in harmony with the democratic party, but bitterly opposed to the railroad and other monopolies of the state.

Shortly afterward he entered upon literary work, his first publication, on land-ownership, was Our Land and Land Policy. The attention which this attracted led him to a very detailed and laborious investigation into the causes of industrial depressions and the increase of want with the increase of wealth. In 1879 he published the results of his investigations under the title of Progress and Poverty, and in August, 1880, removed to New York. His books gained an immediate and wide reputation, and within a few weeks after his arrival in New York he was in receipt of requests from all parts of the country to give public expositions of his theories. He then went to Ireland to study the land question. While abroad he lectured throughout England, Scotland and Ireland. Returning to New York and resuming lecturing, his views were adopted by the United Labor party, which made him its candidate for mayor of the city in 1886. He received 68,110 votes against 90,552 for Abram S. Hewitt, democrat, and 60,435, for Theodore Roosevelt, republican.

In 1887 he was nominated by the same party for secretary of state, but was defeated.

His sixth book, Protection or Free Trade, was published in 1886, and The Condition of Labor: An Open Letter to Pope Leo XIII., 1891.

At the time of his death Mr. George was a candidate for mayor of New York, having received the nominations of the silver Democrats, Populists, single taxers and several other factions. All of these nominations he accepted and he was engaged in the campaign when his demise occurred.

The Thomas Jefferson democracy Friday afternoon substituted the name of Henry George, Jr., for the name of his father, Henry George, deceased, as a candidate for mayor of Greater New York.

Atlanta has twenty-three cases of small-pox under treatment.

Andree's Balloon.

Dispatches received from Vardoe, an island in the Arctic ocean off Finmark, which, with Vardoehuus, is the most northern point in Northern Europe, say the public there is fully convinced of the truth of the report that a whaling ship sighted Professor Andree's balloon floating on September 23 near Prince Charles promontory, Spitzbergen.

Dr. Otto Nordenskold, the well-known Arctic explorer, will superintend an Arctic exploration at the joint expense of Norway and Sweden to see whether any trace of Prof. Andree's balloon can be found.

An Edison Success.

Thomas A. Edison has succeeded in recovering by electrical means the iron contained in low grade ore. The inventor's experiments have been carried on during the past six years at the old Ogden iron mines, a few miles from Dover, N. J. His process, in brief, consists in pulverizing the ore. The powder is then allowed to fall in close proximity to electro magnets, which deflects the iron to one side, and the non-metallic matter falls to the other side by gravity.

JUDGES PERPLEXED.

Supreme Justices in a Dilemma Over the Fever Situation.

On behalf of the judges of the state supreme court, who are trying to solve the problem of how they will convene and then adjourn court at Montgomery this week in accordance with the state law and not be forced to leave the state for violating the quarantine regulations, Associate Justice J. B. Head has addressed the following letter to Governor Johnston:

"It becomes necessary, under the laws of the state, for the supreme court to meet at Montgomery on or before the 6th of November. The court has resolved to meet there on the 3th, and members desire to conform to the quarantine regulations. It is proposed to leave Birmingham on a special, arrived at Montgomery at 12 m, proceed at once to the capitol, open and adjourn court and return on the special immediately. This can be done, not detaining us more than thirty minutes in the city. We desire to know if there will be any objection to our returning to the upper portion of the state, or whether any other arrangement can be made that will be approved, to accomplish this result."

The governor has sent an inquiry to each member of the state board of health for his opinion and upon the reply of a majority will depend his answer to the judges. Unless the supreme court meets in Montgomery not later than November 6, it must stand adjourned for a year.

Germany Wroth.

Serious trouble has arisen between Hayti and Germany. The German minister to the Republic of Hayti, Count Reichwerin, has hauled down his flag and according to current report three German warships are expected at Port Au Prince to back up the ultimatum of the German minister to Hayti, demanding an indemnity for the alleged illegal arrest of a German citizen. The affair has caused considerable excitement among the native population and some of the people have threatened to kill the German minister and all the Germans in Port Au Prince.

Conferences Postponed.

The Conferences of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, that are to be presided over by Bishop Keener, have been postponed, as follows:

The North Alabama Conference, which meets at Florence, will convene Dec. 1.

The Alabama Conference on Dec. 15.

The Florida Conference on Jan. 5, 1898.

This has been made necessary by quarantine restrictions now existing.

A Work of Art.

An evidence of genuine enterprise and liberality is shown by the publishers of the Youths' Companion, Boston, Mass., in giving all new subscribers to their publication an art calendar for 1898—a gem of beautiful color-work far in advance of anything of the kind previously produced. Also, a magnificent illustrated Thanksgiving, Christmas and New Year's double numble of the magazine—each a prize—which will be preserved by thousands of art lovers. By sending a coupon cut from the advertising columns of the local paper of this week or last week, and following its instructions, these artistic and valuable productions can be secured.

Carlist Leader in New York.

Count Henry De Penalosa, one of the leaders in Paris of the Carlist movement, was a passenger on the White Star liner Germanic, which arrived at New York from Liverpool Thursday. Count Penalosa is one of the most enthusiastic supporters of the pretensions of Don Carlos to the throne of Spain. While he would not admit it in words, the count gave a decided impression that his visit here has some connection with an attempt to be made in Don Carlos' interest.

Gov. Atkinson Condemns Lynching.

Mob law was severely condemned by Governor Atkinson in his message to the Georgia legislature in Atlanta the past week. He advocates stringent legislation against mobs and insists that the legislature pass a law laying every county wherein such a crime is committed subject to a large indemnity to the relatives of the mob's victim. The governor is in favor of arming the prisoners and allowing them to protect themselves from mobs.

Carnegie Grows Generous.

Andrew Carnegie says he has offered the Carnegie armor plate works to the United States government. If the offer is not accepted the firm will sell them abroad.

He says that he only took up the armor plate business from a sense of duty to his country, and that the works have never paid.

There is a lively scrimmage on for the reward for the capture of Taylor Delk, who will serve a sentence of life imprisonment in the penitentiary for complicity in the murder of Sheriff Guinn. Since it was announced some days ago that a life verdict had been agreed on, Major Revill, secretary of the executive department at the capitol, has answered several communications relative to this reward. It seems as though Delk had quite a number of captors who now want the reward for their trouble.

Embargo Lifted.

Chattanooga has lifted the quarantine entirely, and people from infected places and elsewhere can go thither.

ALABAMA NEWS ITEMS.

Happenings of a Week Throughout Our Commonwealth.

Fever at Prattville.

There was one death from yellow fever at Prattville Saturday. There are no new cases.

Supreme Court Convenes This Week.

The supreme court of Alabama will convene in Mongomery November 6 despite the fact that yellow fever is prevalent in that city.

Alone in the World.

Centreville citizens served notice to the postmistress there not to receive the mail from the horseback carrier, who brings it from Randolph, on the Selma branch of the Southern railway, and people of that town are hearing nothing from the outside world.

Senator Morgan Improving.

United States Senator John T. Morgan who is in San Diego, Cal., is slowly regaining his strength. He has been free from fever for over thirty-six hours, but must remain quiet for some days yet. His trouble is due to an injury to his knee which he received while in Hawaii.

To Operate Gold Mines.

The Alabama King Mining company has been reorganized with a capital of $100,000 and headquarters in Atlanta. This company will mine for gold at Jackson's Gap, Tallapoosa county, where it owns the Bonner-Terrell properties, containing 200 acres. Three development shafts have been sunk and several open cuts have been made. Assays of the ore have run as high as $80 per ton.

Selma People Encouraged.

The yellow fever situasion at Selma continues to improve. There have been no new cases for several days, and all fever patients have been discharged. There is not a serious case of sickness of any kind in the city. In fact, the health of the city was never better. Quarantine restrictions against all infected localities have been reestablished. Dr. Mullins offers a reward of $1,000 for a trace of yellow fever in Selma, and says there has been none there since 1853.

Removing to Anniston.

The machinery of the United States Rolling Stock company's plant at Decatur is being moved to Anniston, where it will be combined with the company's plant there. It is claimed the removal will cost the company dear, as they are under an ironclad contract with the Decatur Land company not to move any of the plant. An attempt was made some time ago to remove it, but it was stopped by injunction. Since then the company made a heavy bond and is now going ahead doing the thing they were enjoined not to do.

Harsh Words Produced Death.

Last week at Huntsville Bert Hubert noticed that his 3-year-old daughter had her grand-mother's snuff box and instructed her to put it away. A delay in executing his specific request angered the father, and giving away to his temper he scolded the child in a violent manner. From a playful and happy expression the child's face became livid with conflicting emotions; her eyes suddenly gave forth a meaningless stare, and it reeled to the floor insensible. Efforts at resuscitation were fruitless, and a physician was summoned, but the child died soon after his arrival.

Fatal Accident at Gate City.

An accident at the Alabama rolling mills at Gate City Thursday morning resulted in the death of Lindsey Dorkins and William Washington, both negroes. A big band wheel in the guide mill burst while going at the rate of one hundred revolutions per minute, smashing another wheel nearby, tearing down rafters about the building and flinging heavy pieces of iron in all directions. One piece of the wheel, over 1,000 pounds in weight, was thrown into the yard where Lindsey Dorkins and Wm. Washington, two colored men, were loading iron and both men were caught by the heavy missile with the result above stated.

BRIEFLY NOTED.

John Goff, a negro miner, was murdered and robbed near Johns last week.

Dr. Charles Whelan, a prominent citizen of Birmingham, died of Bright's disease last Thursday.

John Johnson, a negro painter, fell from a scaffold in Birmingham Saturday and was instantly killed.

On a plantation two miles from Pickensville, Bill Taylor shot and killed Jim Clark. Both were negroes.

Tom Brown, the oldest colored man in North Alabama, died at Veto, or State Line. He was 101 years of age. He left in all, children, grandchildren and great-grandchildren, the large number of 357.

In an altercation between Bessie Thomas and Ella Barnes, both colored, at Birmingham last week, the latter picked up a lighted lamp and struck her antagonist with it, igniting Bessie Thomas' dress, which blazed up in a second and literally cooked the woman to death.

Hon. Augustus Barnes, one of the most brilliant members of the Alabama bar, and one of the leaders of the Bryan democracy in Alabama, died at Opelika Wednesday of typhoid fever, after an illness of seven days. Mr. Barnes was twice mayor of Opelika and once a prominent candidate for congress from that district.

At Bessemer while Ernest Chappell, an operator of the Western Union Telegraph company, was going home on his bicycle, he collided with Millard Harthan, who was also on a wheel, and both were seriously injured, Chappell perhaps fatally. The young men met in a dark street on the outskirts of the town, and came together at full speed.

She took a fragile flower from a bunch
against her breast,
Sweet little maiden that she was;
Its petals for a moment at her ripe, red lips
were pressed,
Dainty little maiden that she was!
Then she bade me sweet "good day,"
Threw the scented bud away,
And I watched it where it lay,
Pretty little maiden that she was!

I knelt beside the flower where it lay upon
the floor—
Tender little maiden that she was;
I fondly pressed it to my lips, as she had
done before—
Darling little maiden that she was.
And then, turning suddenly,
At the corner I could see
Her slyly watching me—
Cunning little maiden that she was.
—Cleveland Leader.

HUMOROUS.

If we ever invent anything it will be a salt cellar that always has salt in it.

She—Woman's mind is cleaner than that of man. He—Certainly. She changes it oftener.

"I hope we'll have that Miss Smartwood for teacher next year." "Why do you like her so much, Bobbie?" "'Cause she's so sickly."

Mr. Hiland—I see that many Klondike miners have got enough and are returning. Mr. Halket—Enough gold? Mr. Hiland—No, enough experience.

"I fear," said the tutor, "that you are not up on mathematics." "No," candidly confessed the scion of the plutocratic house. "I am down on 'em."

"A woman," remarked the observer of men and things, "is often a contradiction on the face of her; she can't possibly be as old and as innocent as as she looks."

Hungry Higgins—I wouldn't mind goin' to Klondike, if it wasn't fer havin' to dig out the gold. Weary Watkins—That ain't the worst of it; it has to be washed after it is dug.

Nell—I don't suppose the girl who married Jack Rappidde will ever have another idle moment as long as she lives. Belle—Why, dear? Nell—She says she married him to reform him.

"And how do you like living in a tent? Find it as free and easy as you thought?" "Oh, quite! The rain comes in at the top, the wind at the bottom, and the flies and mosquitoes all over."

Jenny Gay—Why, Nellie! Back from the seashore? And just covered with freckles! I declare, you are a perfect show. Nell Flypp (exhibiting engagement rings)—Yes, and a three-ringed show at that.

"You're not going to the Klondike region, are you?" "No." "Don't like the climate?" "It isn't the climate. It's the surface conditions. There are too many mountain passes and no railway passes."

"I found out the cost of those roses," said the girl with the real blonde hair, "but I can't say that the information has done me any good." "No?" said the other girl. "No; not a bit. If at that price they were more than he could afford, there is no use to think of marrying him, and if they were not more than he could afford, he does not love me."

Little Girl—Mrs. Brown, ma wants to know if she could borrow a dozen eggs. She wants to put 'em under a hen. Neighbor—So you've got a hen setting, have you? I didn't know you kept hens. Little Girl—No, ma'am, we don't, but Mrs. Smith's goin' to lend us a hen that's goin' to set, and ma thought if you'd lend us some eggs we'd find a nest ourselves.

Real Courage.

All men have their own ideas of what constitutes courage. I believe our firemen and some of our policemen are as heroic men as ever breathed, but instances of true courage are rare. The policeman is too often the mere active principle of his uniform and shield, his club and revolver. Firemen fight fire as ordinary persons fight flies. It is second nature. They brave danger so continually that it becomes mere routine, utterly devoid of excitement. A brave man is he who, seeing a fellow creature in the grasp of death, goes to the rescue. Those who brave the undertow to save a drowning person, who enter a yellow fever or cholera-ravaged district to nurse the helpless victim of either dread disease, who throw themselves in front of a trolley car to rescue a child from the very jaws of death—they are the brave people. Bravery, my brethren, is homely. It does not lie in spectacular performances and theatrical stunts. One of the bravest acts of recent days occurred on the Brooklyn bridge, when a man volunteered to be let down by a rope to the bottom of the tower well to get the dead body of his companion. The gases were killing, and the deed nearly cost him his life. There's no medal for such as he.—New York Sun.

No Poetry in Him.

"Dad," said the romantic youngster, "this here's the season when the poets write purty things about 'autumn's gold,' an' make songs 'bout the skies an' the leaves."

"I know it, Jimmie," replied the old man. "Now, run out an' cut a cord o' wood, an' fetch in some light-wood knots!"—Atlanta Journal.

"MONEY OLIGARCHY."

SILVER REMONETIZATION AND GOVERNMENT BANKING.

The People Should Control the People's Money—The Present System Is One of the Most Ingenious and Powerful Monopolies Ever Devised.

By E. E. Ewing.

"We hold these truths to be self-evident" that the land was designed by the Creator for the use of the people, that money is created by government for the use of the people, and that the first consideration of government is the welfare of the people. We find, however, that both land and money have been monopolized and withheld from free use by the people and that property has been given the first place in the concern of government. If denied access to the land man perishes and must soon become extinct. Without money civilization is impossible, and the human race would remain in a tribal and barbarous condition. And to that degree which the population is denied the use of the earth is the people hindered in their pursuit of happiness and enjoyment of liberty.

To the same extent that the industrial, wealth-producing class is restricted or hindered from the free use of money they are hampered and hindered in the pursuit of their industrial vocation.

To the perversion of these three fundamental principles of government all the complaint and hardship which cause the present public unrest, can be traced.

The most active of these evils is the monopoly of and abuse of money. That abuse remedied would quickly lead to the abolition of other abuses which afflict the people.

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The rent or interest which the monopolist is able to exact from the users is the object for which money is monopolized. The whole system of handling and distributing money has been perfected into one of the most ingenius and powerful monopolies ever devised by the brain of man. The banks are the grand factors in the system of money monopoly. The individual money loaner is but a crude, unskilled person in the art of usury. He can only loan his own money, but the bank not only loans everybody's money and pockets the interest or rent for the loans, but it loans in addition its credit, which is an intangible thing based on the security of its debtor who has borrowed his neighbor's money from the bank and pledged his own and probably the same neighbor's property to the bank as security for the payment of the loan. By this double refined process of fleecing the wealth producers, the money monopoly draws from the producers annually hundreds of millions of the wealth they create.

If the producing class and all those who are closely allied to and associated with that class, as "middle men," manufacturers and distributors of the raw and manufactured materials, could lift their noses from the grindstone long enough to consider this they would brush it away without a mighty, colossal scheme of robbery, moment's hesitation.

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Consider for a moment what money is and what are its legitimate uses. Government makes it, creates money by act of law, and for the use of the people. A person or corporation cannot make or create money. That is a function purely governmental. The object of government in creating money is to enable the industrial classes to exchange and distribute the wealth they create with ease and dispatch and divide it into infinitesimal quantities, when desired, throughout the whole community. For instance, a farmer has produced a thousand bushels of wheat. He wants but a small portion of the grain for his own use, but he wants a hundred other things. It would be an endless job to go around and exchange the grain in small quantities with producers of other things which he must have for his and his family's comfort. He hauls his grain to a warehouse or mill, delivers it to the miller or shipper, and the party receiving the grain transfers the value of the grain to the farmer in the form of moneys which has been created by government for this purpose, the transfer of values. The farmer then in a few hours, if he chooses, purchases a hundred different things for his personal use, from a penny's worth to the highest sum within the capacity of his money. This money represents the value of the farmer's wheat, and in effect he is exchanging his wheat for all these various articles he purchases. This transaction embraces the entire use and function of money. Paying debts is only a deferred payment for some property or service which has been enjoyed by the debtor in advance, or at least presumed to have been so enjoyed or received.

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This being true, why should government permit such an outrage on society as the monopoly of this necessary article, and by that monopoly rob the producers in sums aggregating hundreds of millions of dollars annually, out of the fruits of their labor? It is one of the many abuses which have grown up with society out of its primitive condition, and should be abolished. The system has become an abuse in our present advanced state of society. In a cruder state of society there might have been a plea of necessity advanced for what has become an abuse only.

Government, the creator of money for the use of the people, should be the custodian and distributer of that essential medium of trade and industry, and never permit it to remain in the hands of a monopolizing class who make use of the power thus given them to exploit an entire nation; and this power given the banking class over money is rapidly assuming the strength and dominion of an oligarchy which is tramping the people down in poverty, dominating courts, dictating acts of Congress, and virtually making laws that no despot at the present day has power to do.

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If the government were to take the control and distribution of the money of the country into its own hands and out of the control of exploiting banks run by banking corporations, depositors' money would always be safe in the custody of the government. The government would have no incentive to fleece the users of money by the system of interest or to loan wind called credit by the banking exploiting class and would transact the entire banking business of the country at the net cost of the work, which it is pretty definitely ascertained would not be more than a charge of one-half of one per cent per annum.

There would be no wind loans by government but the amount of money the business of the country required which would be determined by the security offered, would be always kept in circulation. The business of the country would be relieved from the periodical financial panics that the exploiting system of the banks creates, and the producing and business class would be annually richer by the hundreds of millions they are now fleeced out of by our present financial system of private banking. The bankers would simply quit business, as no one would deposit in a private bank if he had a government bank to place his money in, and no business firm would pay a high interest for the use of money when, if engaged in a legitimate business, money could be had at a nominal rate from government banks. There would be no piling up hundreds of millions in the treasury and other reserves held out of use to meet checks drawn against wind loans, but under government control the entire volume which now accumulates in government sub-treasuries would be kept circulating through the government's banks. Under a government banking system the money would not flow in a constant stream from all points in the country to the great cities to be used in making corners on grain stocks and all kinds of products that can be handled by these exchange gamblers.

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The advantage that would accrue to the public under a financial system conducted through government banks are so many and beneficent in their results that it is impossible to enumerate them all. There would no longer exist a gold combination against the remonetization of silver. Wall street would have no interest in fighting bimetallism or spending millions in subsidizing the press to spread its pernicious sophistries on finance.

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The power and danger of the moneyed oligarchy were never before shown as in the election campaign of 1896. The entire banking class of the country was combined, and under its control every corporation from the great railroad systems of the country down, including manufactories and large mercantile establishments, were assessed and taxed to create a monster corruption fund to bribe voters, subsidize the press, distribute lying literature, and pay prevaricators, to deny facts, corrupt the elective franchise of the nation, and beat the people. Fraud, bribery, intimidation, promises of impossible things, all were resorted to by this domineering, cruel, relentless, tyrannical oliarchy. And while it is allowed to tax the whole industry of the country at will by the exaction of tribute for the use of money, it can never be overthrown. It has fought the people since the foundation of the government to rob them of their property and their liberty, and is stronger, more arrogant and domineering to-day than ever before. It must be smitten to the death, not scotched and driven back as in times past. The people's money in the people's control, under the allpowerful arm of their government, is the only remedy.

Results of Land Monopoly.

Without land man is absolutely helpless. Without land labor can accomplish nothing. Why, our very bodies, this flesh and blood with which we clothe it, comes from the land and to the land it returns. Therefore, it is that labor without land is utterly helpless. Therefore it is that as advancing civilization increases productive power, it cannot absolve men from the necessity of using land, and, therefore, if there be one class who own the land and another who have no right whatever to use land without the permission of the other, advances in civilization must give greater and greater amounts of wealth to the landowners and make more and more helpless those who must obtain someone else's permission to live or to work.—Charters Towers, Aust., Eagle.

Government by Injunction.

We have been ruled by a king, we have been governed by an aristocratic parliament, we are now apparently entering upon a government by judges—the worst form of autocracy, next to that of hierarchy, of which the mind of man can conceive.—Cleveland Recorder.

But Not Enough for Plutocrats.

"Two hours and fifteen minutes daily work by each able bodied man, if systematically applied, would produce all the food, clothing and shelter the people need.—C. D. Wright, U. S. Com of Labor.

THE ELECTIONS.

Tammany Ticket Successful in Greater New York Contest.

OHIO PROBABLY REPUBLICAN

Senator Hanna Will be Returned to the Senate—Democrats Carry the Elections in Kentucky and Maryland—Falling Off of Republican Vote.

NEW YORK, Nov. 3.—Tammany's victory in the first election in Greater New York is a sweeping one. The only question remaining to be settled is the one of the plurality by which the entire ticket headed by Robert A. VanWick has carried the gigantic municipality.

It can scarcely be less than 60,000, and may be larger than that. Van Wick has polled a vote which is possibly 40,000 under the combined votes of Gen. Tracy, republican, and Seth Low of the Citizens' union.

Later estimates place the vote of Greater New York for mayor as follows: Van Wyck, 233,752; Low, 146,821; Tracy, 100,998; George, 20,386. Van Wyck's plurality, 86,921.

The plurality of Parker, democrat, candidate for judge of the court of appeals in the state, is 143,195 over Wallace, the republican candidate.

Ohio.

The election in this state is very close. It will probably take the official count to determine the result. At midnight the democrats claim that the legislature is democratic by safe majorities in both branches and that the entire state ticket is elected by good pluralities; while, on the other hand, the republicans claim that Bushnell, for governor, is elected by from 12,000 to 15,000 plurality, and a majority of both branches of the legislature.

Maryland.

Returns from the state are meagre and unofficial in character. Up to 11 p. m. no complete returns have been received, but the indications are that the democrats may possibly have a majority on joint ballot in the legislature, which will ensure the election of Senator Gorman; while the republicans claim to have elected a sufficient number of members with the holdovers to give them a majority on joint ballot in the next legislature.

The republicans have elected their municipal ticket in Baltimore by majorities ranging from 4,000 to 6,000.

Kentucky.

LOUISVILLE, Nov. 2.—A conservative estimate of the result of the election at 11 o'clock tonight places the majority of Charles P. Weaver (democrat), candidate for mayor over George D. Todd, the present incumbent, at from 3,000 to 3,500.

The returns from the state are meagre and unofficial at this hour. According to those received, Shackleford (silver democrat), is leading Bailey (republican)), by about 5,000 votes. The national democratic vote is very light.

Virginia.

RICHMOND, Va., Nov. 3.—The election story in Virginia is briefly told. Although there was unusual apathy, it is estimated that the democratic state ticket is elected by about 55,000 or 60,000 majority, and that the democrats have two-thirds of the house of delegates, and four-fifths of the senate.

Pennsylvania.

The incomplete figures show an apparent plurality for Beacon, the head of the republican ticket, of 145,000, as against Haywood's plurality of 174,265 in 1895. The indications are that McAuley, the republican candidate for auditor general, will receive about 170,00 plurality.

New Jersey.

Five democrats and one republican were elected state senators in New Jersey. Senate for 1898: Republicans, 14; democrats, 7.

Senate for 1897 stood: Republicans, 18, democrats, 3. Democratic gains by today's election, 4.

Nebraska.

The fusion ticket has carried the state by 12,000 to 15,000 plurality.

The State Journal (rep.) concedes the defeat of the republican state ticket. Scattering returns indicate that fusion has carried the state by a greater plurality than was given Bryan last year.

Massachusetts.

The indications are that Wolcott, for governor, has been elected by decreased majorities.

SIOUX FALLS, S. D.—At midnight indications are that the republicans have won in South Dakota.

In Colorado both sides claim a victory, but neither claims over 5,000 plurality. Returns are meagre.

Two Deaths in a Wreck.

A wreck occurred on Tuesday on the Kansas City, Memphis and Birmingham railroad one mile west of Carbon Hill, Ala. Through freight No. 55 was derailed at the switch leading to mine No. 5. The engine left the track and half buried itself in an embankment. Engineer Snapp was thrown and terribly scalded and died shortly afterward. Pumper B. B. Martin, of New river tank, was on the engine and died from his injuries.

MYSTERY SOLVED BY SCIENCE.

Microbes Can Draw Nitrogen from the Air and Give It to Plants.

Besides buying well-selected fertilizers, the progressive farmer of the future will also provide himself with bottled billions of the microbes which enable plants to obtain nitrogen from the air. It was a long puzzle to chemists to learn how nitrogen is absorbed. It was clear that under ordinary circumstances plants are unable to appropriate directly from the air the nitrogen they absolutely require for their growth. The air in the pores of the soil contains plenty of it, but the roots are not capable of causing it to become a constituent of the sap or fiber. Leguminous plants, such as beans, peas, and clover, require a great deal of nitrogen, and it was of special interest to provide them artificially, if possible, with this important constituent.

The mystery was dispelled by a recent discovery that the roots of plants capable of absorbing nitrogen bear little protuberances, and it is through these protuberances that the nitrogen is taken in. Further study with the help of the microscope revealed the fact that the protuberances contain millions of bacteria, and that it is these bacteria that absorb the nitrogen and give it to the roots of plants in a form in which it can be used by them. To the activity of these beneficent bacteria, plants—particularly leguminous plants—owe their vigor and perhaps their existence in their present form. The plant life in this view, is a result, in incidental product, of the vital processes of microbes, a million of which could swim with comfort in a single drop of water. The next step was to isolate, by methods with which bacteriologists are familiar, the varieties of bacteria suited to each crop, and to breed them artificially in paying quantities.

This has been done. A German firm breeds seventeen species of bacteria of the nitrogen-absorbing species and sells them to agriculturists in bottles under the name of "nitragin." A bottle containing some thousand billions of the useful bacteria and selling for $1.25 will "inoculate," it is said, an acre of ground. The experience of farmers with "nitragin" is too brief to qualify them to speak with certainty of its practical utility. Some have obtained encouraging results, while others have not. It has been on the market less than a year and began to be used too late in the season for a fair test. "Nitragin" ought to be used before it is two months old, and its vitality is impaired, if not wholly lost, when it is four months old. It must be kept in a cool place, and is best applied, perhaps, at night, since it is injured by exposure to the light. Its function is to assist germinating seeds and small roots to put forth the desired protuberances.

It is accordingly useless for growing plants, and in soils already well supplied with nitrogen in the required form. Under favorable conditions several experimenters have obtained, it is said, excellent results. Cereals have not been found susceptible to its influence to an appreciable extent. Much remains to be determined as to the extent of its utility. It is yet undecided, it seems, whether the seed or the soil is to be inoculated—whether the seed should be mixed with the gelatine containing the "nitragin," or whether the "nitragin" should be mixed with a quantity of the latter scattered over the area to be treated. In any case, agriculturists have in nitragin an interesting subject of experiment.—Baltimore Sun.

A Rare Bird.

The rarest species of bird now extant, and one which is almost extinct, has its home in the jungles of South America. The ornithological curiosity is known to science as the palamedra cornuda, and to the common people as the "horned screamer." As a rara avis nothing could excel the cornuda, unless it should be the accidental discovery of a living moa, or an epiornis. But few of the bird books even let you know that such a horned paradox ever existed, let alone telling you that living specimens of the queer creature are occasionally met with. The only one now in captivity in North America, if the writer was not misinformed, is that belonging to the aviary of the Philadelphia Zoological Gardens, and which arrived in this country about three years ago. The creature is about the size of a full-grown turkey hen, and of a blackish brown color. One of its distinguishing peculiarities is a ruffle of black and white which surrounds the head.

The Obstinate Juror.

The latest way to arrive at a verdict is to smoke out the obstinate juror. This was successfully tried in Hartford not long ago when eleven good men and true were unable to influence their companion. The obstinate juror held out as long as he could, but the volumes of smoke that filled the jury room from the cigars, pipes and cigarettes of his eleven companions proved more effective than argument, and he gave in.—Hartford Times.

Sculpture Under Ground.

While a workman engaged in a Pueblo, Colo., stoneyard was dressing a block of stone his chisel laid bare a round knot or knob near the surface of the rock. A stroke of the hammer vigorously applied for the purpose of smoothing down the nodule had the effect of dislodging it entire. An investigation proved that the underside of the stone knot bore a perfect model of a human face. Who owned that face and in what age of the world did he live?

In a Duck.

A duck shot by Edward Jackson, of Atchison, had a nine-pound fish in its esophagus.

ALABAMA GLEANINGS.

Pertinent Paragraphs of the Late News of the State.

Birmingham has taken up the fight for dollar gas.

United States Court Convenes.

The fall term of the United States court, after many delays, convened in Birmingham Monday.

A Rich Find.

A rich find of gold has been made by Messrs. A. B. Hilton and G. Riley near Chulafinee, Cleburne county.

Marriage on a Boom.

In Jefferson county sixty seven marriage licenses were issued in October, an increase of twenty-six over the previous month.

Fatal Accident.

John Roden, an employe of the Cherry cotton mill at Florence, was killed last week by having his arm drawn into the machinery.

National Guard Election.

Capt. F. L. Demare, of Birmingham, has been elected lieutenant-colonel of the Second regiment Alabama National Guard, to succeed Col. H. B. Foster, now commander of the regiment. Maj. T. O. Smith, of Birmingham, was elected major without opposition.

Mammoth Iron Pipe.

The Howard Harrison Iron Co., at Bessemer, cast last week the largest iron pipe ever made in the world on strictly pipe shop lines. It was 72 inches in diameter on the inside, 76½ inches in diameter, outside measurement, and 12 feet 6 inches long over all. The metal in it alone weighed 20,000 pounds.

On Eternity's Brink.

The negro, Major Terry, to have hanged at Elba last week, was granted, at a late hour, a new trial, and the date of the execution postponed indefinitely.

Terry, it will be remembered, was convicted of assaulting and killing a Mrs. Thomas and her baby in Coffee county, and burning their bodies. It was with great difficulty that a mob was prevented from hanging Terry at the time of his capture.

Tax Collector's Accounts Short.

Examiner Foster has submitted to the governor his sworn statement of the result of his examination of the books of Tax Collector J. A. Box, of St. Clair county. He finds Mr. Box short in his accounts $1,087.40. This amount, he says, is due on taxes collected or raised by the board of equalization in 1892, 1894 and 1896. Mr. Box states that he was not aware of the omissions of these items on his reports.

Will Be Hanged for Murder.

At Guntersville Henry Boyd, colored, was condemned to be hanged at the term of circuit court just ended. His execution will take place December 10. In June last a young negro woman was found dead in the hills back of Guntersville with her skull crushed. Suspicion pointed to Boyd and his arrest and conviction followed.

If this hanging takes place it will be the first legal execution Marshall county has had in thirty years, notwithstanding there have been murders galore.

Yelow Fever on the Wane.

Monday's report of the yellow fever situation is more encouraging than for any day for some time past. Along the cost the disease is fast losing ground, though the death rate is slightly on the increase.

At Montgomery the board of health reported one new case and one death. The new case was G. W. Yarborough and the death that of R. H. Weathers.

Other towns report as follows for Monday:

New Orleans, new cases 38, deaths 12; Mobile, new cases 9; Scranton, new cases 6, deaths 1; Bay St. Louis, new cases 6; Biloxi, new cases 5, deaths 1; Pascagoula, new cases 6; Nitta Youma, new cases 3; Flomaton, new cases 4; Memphis, new cases 2, deaths 1; Mount Vernon, deaths 1; Whistler, deaths 1; Durant, deaths 1; Speigners new cases 1; Edwards, new cases 1. Total new cases 79; total deaths 19.

Bribery Charged.

The sensational charge of bribery made in the United States Court by District Attorney Vaughan, at Huntsville, against A. W. McCormack, an illicit distiller of Jackson county, has been considerable discussed in court and out since. He was charged with bribing L. C. Staples, colored, one of the jurors. Judge Bruce ordered McCormack and Staples both to be sent to jail till a full investigation could be had. Staples demanded an immediate trial. Pending an investigation, they were released on bond. Judge Bruce has decided to extend the term of court another week.

A Patient Suicide.

Francis McNulty, cashier of the American Express Company in New Orleans, committed suicide at his home Monday by cutting his throat. He had yellow fever, and ended his life in a fit of delirium.

Union Pacific Sold.

The Union Pacific railroad was sold Monday to the Reorganization Committee for $39,883,281.87 for the railroad property, and $13,645,250.99 for the bonds.

VERSES OLD AND NEW.

Rings.

(With apologies for rifling Poe.)

Ring out, free press, across the land
Old Mac is cringing in his stand
The trust is dying in the night
Ring out, free press, and be light.

Ring out the gold, ring in the silver
Let silver to the people flow
The bonds are going, let them go
Ring out the false, ring in the true.

Ring out the Confidence, the Trust
The promises begat by gold
The lies which gave the Platform
Ring in the votes which free men hold.

Ring in the days, full near at hand
Which "Mark" the passing of the ghoul,
Ring out the strains which now
The banner of our Trusted land.

—J. SYMES HAYS.

The Elysium of the Wise.

Slow fades the pageant, and the
tom stage
As slowly filled with spectral
forms;
Here, over fireless hearths, the
shivering Age
And blew with feeble breath
embers; storms
Hung in the icy welkin, and
Earth lay forbidden in Winter's
nel air.

No careless childhood laughed
ingly,
But dwarfed, pale manhood
a century's gloom
On infant brows, beneath a
With skeleton fingers piled
loom;
Mocking in cynic jests life's
things,
They wove gay king-robes,
"What are kings?"

And thro' that dreary Hades
Stalked, all unheeded, the
guests;
Grim Discontent, that loathes
and Woe,
Clasping dead infants to her
breasts;
And maddening Hate, and
Iron heel,
And voiceless Vengeance,
secret steel.

"Can such things be below
above?"
Faltered the king. Replied
genius, "Nay.
This is the state that sages
prove;
This is man civilized, the
sway
Of merchant kings, the ripened
art
Which cheapens men—the
the Mart."

—Edward Bulwer

Plaint and Appeal.

Lookest thou down from
above,
Or knowest thou, William
That in thy land of "Brother
They shoot down hungry

Thy brother's board is starkly
No sunbeam lights his
For the earth is owned by the
aire
And they shoot down starving

But there's an over-production
say,
Luxuries wasting all around
Yet thy brother has barely
pay
For toiling beneath the

What food for soul, I ask,
We know he has this to
That he may be buried alive
And his little ones left

My sickening soul the scene
Great God, was this thy
That a few should gather up
And starve their brother

—Amy B.

Prosperity With Blow Holes.

The estimated value of all the products of Kansas this year, exclusive of live stock is placed at $176,000,000 by the boomers, which is probably more than it is, even including the stock. But for the sake of argument the matter let us assume it is. As the population of Kansas is 1,000,000 this means that the average is $665 per family! A wonderful prosperity, that. Not enough to put a collar for some of the pet dogs of plutocracy. The census of 1895 places the value of the lands, fences, houses and machinery of Kansas at $578,595,836, it means that a farmer with skill and a capital of $578 is only able, in the most prosperous year, to get a gross income from the farm of $665! Wonderful prosperity, indeed, when you take into consideration that a large part of the population are producers and get the largest share. This will still further reduce the magnificent prosperity of the plutocratic farmer. When the farmer has the salaries and expenses of the thousands of officers, the interest on $600,000,000 of home and farm mortgages they can give fancy balls that will rival the Bradley-Martins—I think. The farmer is expected to be prosperous on a [illegible] diet.

Money Is the Life-Blood.

To commerce money occupies the same relation that blood does to the human system. A healthy circulation system prevails when money is plenty and freely, but when it becomes scarce or insufficient in quantity commerce becomes inert.—Dublin Progress.

WS SUMMARY.

t Events of the Day Epitomized.

OWN WASHED AWAY.

Born to Ex-President Cleveland—Cabinet Resigns Louis Red—Pardoned Presidential Appoint—Weyler Leaves Cuba.

Georgia legislature convened Wednesday.

Tennessee Centennial closed Monday night.

Duchess of Teck, cousin of Victoria, died last week.

J. Bryan is making a number speeches in the Ohio campaign.

Wheat is again on the rise, the price has advanced 3@4c the past week.

Severe frosts fell in Northern Texas and Indian Territory Friday morning.

Harry C. Truesdell, chief justice of Arizona, died at Phoenix last week.

Eight trains ran over and killed Mr. C. Adgate Thursday near Marcello, Ga.

Twins was born to the household of Grover Cleveland, the former president of the United States, last Thursday.

General Weyler left Havana Saturday for Madrid accompanied only by personal staff officers and aides de camp.

The Georgia legislature has passed a law to prevent the hunting or catching of quails between March 1 and Nov. 1.

At Wilkesbarre, Pa., the grand jury yesterday returned a true bill against Martin and his deputies for the Lattimer shooting.

Floods have washed away every house in the town of Ahumada, in Chihuahua, Mexico. The town has a population of 1,200 persons.

J. L. Burdine, a Baptist preacher at Pickens, S. C., shot and killed his wife and then himself. It is said he was just getting off a spree.

Colonel Gilbert Hotchkiss, president of the G. Hotchkiss International Medal Essential Oil Company, known as the "peppermint oil trust," died at Lyons, N. Y., last week, aged 70 years.

A special from Lima says that the entire cabinet has resigned because of the action of the chamber of deputies in passing a vote of censure. President Caceres has refused to accept the resignation.

President has appointed Gen. James Longstreet, of Georgia, commissioner of railroads, vice Wade Hampton, resigned, and Mellin W. Gibbs, of Arkansas, a negro, consul at Tamatave, Madagascar.

Senator Deboe Densmore, of California, Colorado, who has been actively engaged in suing Mrs. Florence Maybrick's husband for four years, for the first time expresses hope that the unfortunate woman will soon be at liberty.

President has pardoned Louis Weil, now in the Columbus, O., penitentiary, and convicted in Atlanta, Ga., for complicity in the loss of money in the failure of a national bank. His term would expire November 1.

Attorney Deneen, of Illinois, engaged to place the second Luetgert case on the docket for Monday, March 8. If more time is desired by the defense they will have to secure a continuance by filing a formal request for a continuance.

Fire in St. Louis last Wednesday destroyed the white stone building occupied by the general offices of the Wabash railroad. The fire was caused by a lighted cigarette carelessly dropped by a clerk. The estimated loss to the company is $500,000.

Colonel A. Scholeder, of Otter Creek, Va., who threatened to emulate Dewey if the executive refused to grant him certain rights to which he claims to have been wrongfully deprived, was arrested Monday and will be examined as to his sanity.

The smuggling situation at Fleming-burg, Ky., has reached a crisis. The merchants, who have held out so long, have been notified that unless they sign the contract drawn by the officers of the company they will be placed on the houses owned by the company.

A letter from Mintonville, Ky., says that the Rev. Gilham, of the Methodist church, preached a sermon in which he affirmed there is no hell. The congregation took offense, and the reverend gentleman was ejected. Again, he was ejected by about twenty pistol shots fired after him.

Count Zeppelin has put in an appearance at Chicago. He claims that he is one of the late George M. Pullman's heirs and wants his share of the estate.

Paris Eclaire publishes a remarkable article to the effect that French missions are now on their way to Khartoum by forced march as a result of an understanding with the Mahdi, reached in 1896, when France recognizes the Soudan independent state under the suzerainty of the Sultan of Turkey, in return for certain concessions.

MUST TAKE WHAT'S LEFT.

Southern Looms Are Destined to Make the Cotton Goods.

At Thursday's session of the New England Cotton Manufacturers' Association, held in Philadelphia, a large number of technical papers were read. One of the most important papers was by Arthur Parkinson, of Providence, R. I., on the "Manufacture and Export of Cotton Goods," during which he said:

"It is well known that Southern manufacturers, with the present conditions, can undersell or compete easily with the Eastern mills on medium and coarse fabrics and the future looks dark for New England. The facilities of manufacturers have been so increased that in many lines of goods the existing manufacturing establishments can produce a vast amount more than the United States can consume, and it seems likely each year will cause stagnation for the industry, and, of course, the usual stoppages of the mills during certain periods. As a result of this continued competition in certain lines of goods for the home market, the prices are low, wages are low and tariff legislation cannot help matters for the merchant. The jobber is bound to buy in the cheapest market, and that means Southern looms will be engaged ahead and the New England mills must take what is left."

PULLMAN'S WILL PROBATED.

Two Sons Get But a Small Share—Charitable Institutions are Remembered.

The will of George M. Pullman was filed for probate last Thursday. To his widow he left the homestead on Prarie avenue. Sufficient funds are also set aside to provide her with an income of $50,000 yearly during her life. One million dollars each is left in trust for his two daughters, Mrs. Frank O. Lowden, of Chicago, and Mrs. Carolan, of San Francisco. An income of but $3,000 yearly is provided for his two sons, George M. Jr. and Sanger W.

About $150,000 in sums of $10,000 and $20,000 is left to various charitable institutions in Chicago. A sum of $200,000 is given for the erection of a manual training school in Pullman, which is also endowed with $1,200,000. Five old employees are give $5,000 each. Two sisters and two brothers of the dead millionaire are given $50,000 each and another brother gets $25,000.

The total value of the estate is shown by the petition for letters testamentary $7,600,000. Of this amount $6,800,000 is personal property and $800,000 realty.

How They Stand in Georgia.

According to the report of Judge Turner, principal keeper of the Georgia state penitentiary, there are a goodly number of farmers in the state prison, but only two newspaper men—one reporter and one printer. There are 975 laborers and 863 farmers in the penitentiary. Of the other occupations, none are represented by over 100. Carpenters come next, with 28, and brickmasons next, with 27. There are 24 painters and 21 cooks, 18 sailors and 15 coachmen. Eleven merchants are doing penal service, but the prison walls enclose but 2 newspaper men—1 reporter and 1 printer—while the school teachers show up with 5 convicts, and, strange to say, the preachers are represented by 2 zebra-striped workers. There are 58 women in the penitentiary.

Mississippi Isolated.

Mississippi has struck the final blow against railroad transportation in that state so long as the yellow fever epidemic continues. Not only is it maintaining strick quarantine against adjoining states, but her own citizens are now prevented from traveling from one town to another. Half a dozen railroads entering the state of Mississippi through Alabama were practically compelled to discontinue the running of trains of any kind.

Mysterious Rain Falling.

The people of Macon, Ga., are all stirred up over the mysterious falling of rain from a clear sky, which has been in progress for several days. The rain falls only over Rose Hill cemetery. Thousands of people visit that locality daily, but no one can account for the phenomenon.

A Wonderful Operation.

Dr. Garey, of Mexico City, has performed an operation, declared to be without a parallel, having successfully operated on and saved the life of a man who had received a knife wound in the upper right hand side of the neck, cutting into the carotid artery. The patient lost three litres of blood and was in an exhausted condition. The artery was tied and the doctor, waiting an opportune moment when the anaurism containing a small quantity of blood, removed the coagulated blood and succeeded finally in stopping the hemorrhage. The patient in fifteen days has been pronounced cured and is strong and active.

Wants a Postponement.

Long cable messages have been received by United States Attorney General McKenna in the matter of the Union Pacific Railway sale on behalf of the Coates syndicate, making offers that meet the objections raised. The syndicate claims that its bid would produce $20,000,000 more to the government than any other bid, and urges that the sale be adjourned until Dec. 15, to enable congress to determine as to the advisability of the acceptance of bonds in part payment.

GEORGE DEAD.

The Noted Single-Taxer Passes Suddenly Away.

BRIEF SKETCH OF HIS LIFE.

At the Time of His Death He was Candidate for Mayor of Greater New York on the United Democracy Ticket—His Son's Name Substituted for Mayor.

Henry George, the candidate of the Jeffersonian democracy for mayor of Greater New York, died Friday. His death is thought to have been due to apoplexy.

Mr. George had just returned to the Union Square Hotel from several large mass meetings in the Borough of Queens and Brooklyn.

The work of the night seemed to have told on him. He complained of being tired, but his friends and relatives, who awaited him, thought it was only the natural fatigue due, that follows such hard campaign work as Mr. George had been doing. Not long after reaching the hotel he retired. It was about 3:30 o'clock when Mrs. George was awakened. She found Mr. George sitting in an arm chair.

Mrs. George at once grew anxious as to her husband's condition. Mr. George gradually grew incoherent and lapsed into unconsciousness.

A call was sent to a physician, and he came without delay. Mr. George was still unconscious. All efforts to revive him failed. Without a sign of recognition to those around him he passed peacefully away at 4:45 o'clock.

SKETCH OF HIS LIFE.

Henry George, political economist, was born in Philadelphia September 2, 1839. He attended the public schools until 14 years old, learned the printer's trade, went to sea, and settled in California in 1858. He worked at his trade in a newspaper office until 1866, then changed to a reporter, rose to be editor, and became part proprietor. While editor of the Sacramento Reporter he was in harmony with the democratic party, but bitterly opposed to the railroad and other monopolies of the state.

Shortly afterward he entered upon literary work, his first publication, on land-ownership, was Our Land and Land Policy. The attention which this attracted led him to a very detailed and laborious investigation into the causes of industrial depressions and the increase of want with the increase of wealth. In 1879 he published the results of his investigations under the title of Progress and Poverty, and in August, 1880, removed to New York. His books gained an immediate and wide reputation, and within a few weeks after his arrival in New York he was in receipt of requests from all parts of the country to give public expositions of his theories. He then went to Ireland to study the land question. While abroad he lectured throughout England, Scotland and Ireland. Returning to New York and resuming lecturing, his views were adopted by the United Labor party, which made him its candidate for mayor of the city in 1886. He received 68,110 votes against 90,552 for Abram S. Hewitt, democrat, and 60,435, for Theodore Roosevelt, republican.

In 1887 he was nominated by the same party for secretary of state, but was defeated.

His sixth book, Protection or Free Trade, was published in 1886, and The Condition of Labor: An Open Letter to Pope Leo XIII., 1891.

At the time of his death Mr. George was a candidate for mayor of New York, having received the nominations of the silver Democrats, Populites, single taxers and several other factions. All of these nominations he accepted and he was engaged in the campaign when his demise occurred.

The Thomas Jefferson democracy Friday afternoon substituted the name of Henry George, Jr., for the name of his father, Henry George, deceased, as a candidate for mayor of Greater New York.

Atlanta has twenty-three cases of small-pox under treatment.

Andree's Balloon.

Dispatches received from Vardoe, an island in the Arctic ocean off Finmark, which, with Vardoehuus, is the most northern point in Northern Europe, say the public there is fully convinced of the truth of the report that a whaling ship sighted Professor Andree's balloon floating on September 23 near Prince Charles promontory, Spitzbergen.

Dr. Otto Nordenskold, the well-known Arctic explorer, will superintend an Arctic exploration at the joint expense of Norway and Sweden to see whether any trace of Prof. Andree's balloon can be found.

An Edison Success.

Thomas A. Edison has succeeded in recovering by electrical means the iron contained in low grade ore. The inventor's experiments have been carried on during the past six years at the old Ogden iron mines, a few miles from Dover, N. J. His process, in brief, consists in pulverizing the ore. The powder is then allowed to fall in close proximity to electro magnets, which deflects the iron to one side, and the non-metallic matter falls to the other side by gravity.

JUDGES PERPLEXED.

Supreme Justices in a Dilemma Over the Fever Situation.

On behalf of the judges of the state supreme court, who are trying to solve the problem of how they will convene and then adjourn court at Montgomery this week in accordance with the state law and not be forced to leave the state for violating the quarantine regulations, Associate Justice J. B. Head has addressed the following letter to Governor Johnston:

"It becomes necessary, under the laws of the state, for the supreme court to meet at Montgomery on or before the 6th of November. The court has resolved to meet there on the 3th, and members desire to conform to the quarantine regulations. It is proposed to leave Birmingham on a special, arrived at Montgomery at 12 m, proceed at once to the capitol, open and adjourn court and return on the special immediately. This can be done, not detaining us more than thirty minutes in the city. We desire to know if there will be any objection to our returning to the upper portion of the state, or whether any other arrangement can be made that will be approved, to accomplish this result."

The governor has sent an inquiry to each member of the state board of health for his opinion and upon the reply of a majority will depend his answer to the judges. Unless the supreme court meets in Montgomery not later than November 6, it must stand adjourned for a year.

Germany Wroth.

Serious trouble has arisen between Hayti and Germany. The German minister to the Republic of Hayti, Count Reichwerin, has hauled down his flag and according to current report three German warships are expected at Port Au Prince to back up the ultimatum of the German minister to Hayti, demanding an indemnity for the alleged illegal arrest of a German citizen. The affair has caused considerable excitement among the native population and some of the people have threatened to kill the German minister and all the Germans in Port Au Prince.

Conferences Postponed.

The Conferences of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, that are to be presided over by Bishop Keener, have been postponed, as follows:

The North Alabama Conference, which meets at Florence, will convene Dec. 1.

The Alabama Conference on Dec. 15.

The Florida Conference on Jan. 5, 1898.

This has been made necessary by quarantine restrictions now existing.

A Work of Art.

An evidence of genuine enterprise and liberality is shown by the publishers of the Youths' Companion, Boston, Mass., in giving all new subscribers to their publication an art calendar for 1898—a gem of beautiful color-work far in advance of anything of the kind previously produced. Also, a magnificent illustrated Thanksgiving, Christmas and New Year's double numble of the magazine—each a prize—which will be preserved by thousands of art lovers. By sending a coupon cut from the advertising columns of the local paper of this week or last week, and following its instructions, these artistic and valuable productions can be secured.

Carlist Leader in New York.

Count Henry De Penalosa, one of the leaders in Paris of the Carlist movement, was a passenger on the White Star liner Germanic, which arrived at New York from Liverpool Thursday. Count Penalosa is one of the most enthusiastic supporters of the pretensions of Don Carlos to the throne of Spain. While he would not admit it in words, the count gave a decided impression that his visit here has some connection with an attempt to be made in Don Carlos' interest.

Gov. Atkinson Condemns Lynching.

Mob law was severely condemned by Governor Atkinson in his message to the Georgia legislature in Atlanta the past week. He advocates stringent legislation against mobs and insists that the legislature pass a law laying every county wherein such a crime is committed subject to a large indemnity to the relatives of the mob's victim. The governor is in favor of arming the prisoners and allowing them to protect themselves from mobs.

Carnegie Grows Generous.

Andrew Carnegie says he has offered the Carnegie armor plate works to the United States government. If the offer is not accepted the firm will sell them abroad.

He says that he only took up the armor plate business from a sense of duty to his country, and that the works have never paid.

There is a lively scrimmage on for the reward for the capture of Taylor Delk, who will serve a sentence of life imprisonment in the penitentiary for complicity in the murder of Sheriff Guinn. Since it was announced some days ago that a life verdict had been agreed on, Major Revill, secretary of the executive department at the capitol, has answered several communications relative to this reward. It seems as though Delk had quite a number of captors who now want the reward for their trouble.

Embargo Lifted.

Chattanooga has lifted the quarantine entirely, and people from infected places and elsewhere can go thither.

ALABAMA NEWS ITEMS.

Happenings of a Week Throughout Our Commonwealth.

Fever at Prattville.

There was one death from yellow fever at Prattville Saturday. There are no new cases.

Supreme Court Convenes This Week.

The supreme court of Alabama will convene in Mongomery November 6 despite the fact that yellow fever is prevalent in that city.

Alone in the World.

Centreville citizens served notice to the postmistress there not to receive the mail from the horseback carrier, who brings it from Randolph, on the Selma branch of the Southern railway, and people of that town are hearing nothing from the outside world.

Senator Morgan Improving.

United States Senator John T. Morgan who is in San Diego, Cal., is slowly regaining his strength. He has been free from fever for over thirty-six hours, but must remain quiet for some days yet. His trouble is due to an injury to his knee which he received while in Hawaii.

To Operate Gold Mines.

The Alabama-King Mining company has been reorganized with a capital of $100,000 and headquarters in Atlanta. This company will mine for gold at Jackson's Gap, Tallapoosa county, where it owns the Bonner-Terrell properties, containing 200 acres. Three development shafts have been sunk and several open cuts have been made. Assays of the ore have run as high as $80 per ton.

Selma People Encouraged.

The yellow fever situasion at Selma continues to improve. There have been no new cases for several days, and all fever patients have been discharged. There is not a serious case of sickness of any kind in the city. In fact, the health of the city was never better. Quarantine restrictions against all infected localities have been reestablished. Dr. Mullins offers a reward of $1,000 for a trace of yellow fever in Selma, and says there has been none there since 1853.

Removing to Anniston.

The machinery of the United States Rolling Stock company's plant at Decatur is being moved to Anniston, where it will be combined with the company's plant there. It is claimed the removal will cost the company dear, as they are under an ironclad contract with the Decatur Land company not to move any of the plant. An attempt was made some time ago to remove it, but it was stopped by injunction. Since then the company made a heavy bond and is now going ahead doing the thing they were enjoined not to do.

Harsh Words Produced Death.

Last week at Huntsville Bert Hubert noticed that his 3-year-old daughter had her grand-mother's snuff box and instructed her to put it away. A delay in executing his specific request angered the father, and giving away to his temper he scolded the child in a violent manner. From a playful and happy expression the child's face became livid with conflicting emotions; her eyes suddenly gave forth a meaningless stare, and it reeled to the floor insensible. Efforts at resuscitation were fruitless, and a physician was summoned, but the child died soon after his arrival.

Fatal Accident at Gate City.

An accident at the Alabama rolling mills at Gate City Thursday morning resulted in the death of Lindsey Dorkins and William Washington, both negroes. A big band wheel in the guide mill burst while going at the rate of one hundred revolutions per minute, smashing another wheel nearby, tearing down rafters about the building and flinging heavy pieces of iron in all directions. One piece of the wheel, over 1,000 pounds in weight, was thrown into the yard where Lindsey Dorkins and Wm. Washington, two colored men, were loading iron and both men were caught by the heavy missile with the result above stated.

BRIEFLY NOTED.

John Goff, a negro miner, was murdered and robbed near Johns last week.

Dr. Charles Whelan, a prominent citizen of Birmingham, died of Bright's disease last Thursday.

John Johnson, a negro painter, fell from a scaffold in Birmingham Saturday and was instantly killed.

On a plantation two miles from Pickensville, Bill Taylor shot and killed Jim Clark. Both were negroes.

Tom Brown, the oldest colored man in North Alabama, died at Veto, or State Line. He was 101 years of age. He left in all, children, grandchildren and great-grandchildren, the large number of 357.

In an altercation between Bessie Thomas and Ella Barnes, both colored, at Birmingham last week, the latter picked up a lighted lamp and struck her antagonist with it, igniting Bessie Thomas' dress, which blazed up in a second and literally cooked the woman to death.

Hon. Augustus Barnes, one of the most brilliant members of the Alabama bar, and one of the leaders of the Bryan democracy in Alabama, died at Opelika Wednesday of typhoid fever, after an illness of seven days. Mr. Barnes was twice mayor of Opelika and once a prominent candidate for congress from that district.

At Bessemer while Ernest Chappell, an operator of the Western Union Telegraph company, was going home on his bicycle, he collided with Millard Harthan, who was also on a wheel, and both were seriously injured, Chappell perhaps fatally. The young men met in a dark street on the outskirts of the town, and came together at full speed.

She took a fragile flower from a bunch
against her breast,
Sweet little maiden that she was;
Its petals for a moment at her ripe, red lips
were pressed,
Dainty little maiden that she was!
Then she bade me sweet "good day,"
Threw the scented bud away,
And I watched it where it lay,
Pretty little maiden that she was!

I knelt beside the flower where it lay upon
the floor—
Tender little maiden that she was;
I fondly pressed it to my lips, as she had
done before—
Darling little maiden that she was.
And then, turning suddenly,
At the corner I could see
Her slyly watching me—
Cunning little maiden that she was.
—Cleveland Leader.

HUMOROUS.

If we ever invent anything it will be a salt cellar that always has salt in it.

She—Woman's mind is cleaner than that of man. He—Certainly. She changes it oftener.

"I hope we'll have that Miss Smartwood for teacher next year." "Why do you like her so much, Bobbie?" "'Cause she's so sickly."

Mr. Hiland—I see that many Klondike miners have got enough and are returning. Mr. Halket—Enough gold? Mr. Hiland—No; enough experience.

"I fear," said the tutor, "that you are not up on mathematics." "No," candidly confessed the scion of the plutocratic house. "I am down on 'em."

"A woman," remarked the observer of men and things, "is often a contradiction on the face of her; she can't possibly be as old and as innocent as she looks."

Hungry Higgins—I wouldn't mind goin' to Klondike, if it wasn't fer havin' to dig out the gold. Weary Watkins—That ain't the worst of it; it has to be washed after it is dug.

Nell—I don't suppose the girl who married Jack Rappidde will ever have another idle moment as long as she lives. Belle—Why, dear? Nell—She says she married him to reform him.

"And how do you like living in a tent? Find it as free and easy as you thought?" "Oh, quite! The rain comes in at the top, the wind at the bottom, and the flies and mosquitoes all over."

Jenny Gay—Why, Nellie! Back from the seashore? And just covered with freckles! I declare, you are a perfect show. Nell Flypp (exhibiting engagement rings)—Yes, and a three-ringed show at that.

"You're not going to the Klondike region, are you?" "No." "Don't like the climate?" "It isn't the climate. It's the surface conditions. There are too many mountain passes and no railway passes."

"I found out the cost of those roses," said the girl with the real blonde hair, "but I can't say that the information has done me any good." "No?" said the other girl. "No; not a bit. If at that price they were more than he could afford, there is no use to think of marrying him, and if they were not more than he could afford, he does not love me."

Little Girl—Mrs. Brown, ma wants to know if she could borrow a dozen eggs. She wants to put 'em under a hen. Neighbor—So you've got a hen setting, have you? I didn't know you kept hens. Little Girl—No, ma'am, we don't, but Mrs. Smith's goin' to lend us a hen that's goin' to set, and ma thought if you'd lend us some eggs we'd find a nest ourselves

Real Courage.

All men have their own ideas of what constitutes courage. I believe our firemen and some of our policemen are as heroic men as ever breathed, but instances of true courage are rare. The policeman is too often the mere active principle of his uniform and shield, his club and revolver. Firemen fight fire as ordinary persons fight flies. It is second nature. They brave danger so continually that it becomes mere routine, utterly devoid of excitement. A brave man is he who, seeing a fellow creature in the grasp of death, goes to the rescue. Those who brave the undertow to save a drowning person, who enter a yellow fever or cholera-ravaged district to nurse the helpless victims of either dread disease, who throw themselves in front of a trolley car to rescue a child from the very jaws of death—they are the brave people. Bravery, my brethren, is homely. It does not lie in spectacular performances and theatrical stunts. One of the bravest acts of recent days occurred on the Brooklyn bridge, when a man volunteered to be let down by a rope to the bottom of the tower well to get the dead body of his companion. The gases were killing, and the deed nearly cost him his life. There's no medal for such as he.—New York Sun.

No Poetry in Him.

"Dad," said the romantic youngster, "this here's the season when the poets write purty things about 'autumn's gold,' an' make songs 'bout the skies an' the leaves."

"I know it, Jimmie," replied the old man. "Now, run out an' cut a cord o' wood, an' fetch in some light wood knots!"—Atlanta Journal.

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CLANTON raised the quarantine against infected places last Saturday. As the State quarantine fully covers the ground there was no necessity for the local quarantine.

THE sudden death of Henry George in the thick of the fight for the mayoralty of Greater New York was a shock to the whole country. Henry George was a man of the people and his entire life had been spent in the endeavor to ameliorate their condition. He was a profound thinker, but every thought that came into his mind was on behalf of of the people. Had he lived and been elected the chief magistrate of the Enpire City he would have made an ideal mayor. We could ill afford to lose him, but he is now at rest.

THE appearance of frost is having a good effect upon the yellow fever situation, and giving a better feeling of confidence both in infected towns and those which have escaped. A few more frosty mornings in this section, and a touch or two of the same weather in the lower part of the State, and Yellow Jack will be knocked out. At Montgomery the situation is improving. Some excitement was caused at Prattville by a case of fever there, and at Speigners a man named Rogers died of the fever on Tuesday. A request has also been made for an expert to go to Speigners as there are some suspicious cases at the convict prison. At Selma no new cases are reported, and a much better feeling prevails all around.

THE outlook for any improvement in the price of cotton this season is far from encouraging. The estimates of Neal Brothers, of New Orleans, play an important part in regulating the price. At the commencement of the season Neal's estimate was a crop of ten million three hundred and fifty thousand bales, and there is no doubt but that the market was considerably influenced by that statement. Last week Neal comes out with another estimate of ten and a half million bales as the minimum crop; and the prediction is made that cotton will be sold in Liverpool at 2⅞ pence, which means about 4½ cents will be the price realized by the planter here. Other estimates place a lower figure upon the crop, but we are much afraid we shall not see much, if any, improvement in the price.

THE elections which have taken place this week in several states show Democratic gains. The pendulum has swung away from Republicanism back to Democracy. In New York city Van Wyck, the Democratic candidate for mayor, has been elected, and in the State there seems a strong probability that the Democrats will have a majority. In Virginia the Democratic ticket swept the State. In Ohio, at the time of our going to press we have not learned the result, but in any case Hanna and the Republicans are having a close fight for it. Kentucky is back again into the Democratic fold, and Joe Blackburn is certain of going to the Senate. In Massachsetts the Republican majority has been greatly reduced, and in New Jersey the Democrats have gained some, while in Pennsylvania the full Republican has been elected.

The Republicans of the Fourth district continue to write us of the appointment of Populists as postmasters in that district. We hope the Republicans will not charge these appointments to the President for he is a Republican, but place the blame upon those who have misled the President in making these appointments.—Birmingham Times.

IF the Times was more familiar with the condition of politics in the Fourth district it would know that, while no one questions the Republicanism of President McKinley, there is a very considerable amount of uncertainty respecting the genuineness of the Republicanism of certain so-called Republican leaders in the Fourth district. For years past it has been notorious throughout the district that these leaders have used every effort to persuade whatever following they possessed to vote for Democratic candidates, and evidently this is better and more properly appreciated at Washington than it is by the Times.

Some Populists and some Republicans have been appointed postmasters in this district in preference to Democratic applicants. Anything wrong about? But whether the appointee has been a Populist or a Republican a storm of protests has gone up to Washington from these Republican leaders, whose exertions were all on behalf of Democratic applicants. At Verbena, this county, a lifelong, Democrat has just been appointed postmaster, and so far as we know not a single protest has been made by any Republican. We are not finding fault with the appointment; we believe Mr. Gulledge will make an excellent postmaster. But had the appointee been either a Populist or a Republican, Washington would have been inundated with objections, and the objections would have met with the same fate they have encountered in other cases, and amounted to nothing.

I do not know that many are aware that the annual freight bill of this country amounts to more than $800,000,000. It is a tax, and the most burdensome tax which this country knows, upon our industries and upon production. Its meaning, brought home, is that each family in the United States pays on an average $60 a year for freight alone. If Commissioner Wright's statistics are correct—that the average income of each laborer in this country is not more than $500 a year—then each head of a family must set aside on the average the results of a month and a half of toil to pay his share of the freight. There is no Jones to do it here.

The people of the West have learned this economic lesson well. They have seen their wheat carried over the Great Lakes at an average charge of less than one mill per ton mile, when the railroad rate from their farms to lake transportation, or to market, was from a cent to a cent and a half per ton mile. They know that if all the freight in the United States could be carried as cheaply as is wheat from Duluth to Buffalo this burden would be cut down to one-tenth of what it now is.

Such consideratons as these ought to make it plain, even to a wayfarer or a Congressman, that the freight question is worth a little attention.—"From the Lakes to the Sea." by Carl Snyder, in American Monthly Review of Reviews for November.

IN the annual report of the second assistant Postmaster General, sandwiched in with a multitude of other dry departmental reports with which we are ever deluged at this time of year, we come across one item of interest and significance. We are told that there is no demand among our people for postal savings banks. But here we have striking evidence that there is such a demand. During the last fiscal year money orders amounting to $188,071,056 were issued, and orders paid to the amount of but $180,141,660. In other words nearly $8,000,000 of postal money orders were purchased as a means for the safe keeping of money. Here we have evidence of the Post Office being used at a place of deposit for savings in spite of the offering of no special facilities.—Philadelphia American.

Don't Neglect Your Liver.

Liver troubles quickly result in serious complications, and the man who neglects his liver has little regard for health. A bottle of Browns' Iron Bitters taken now and then will keep the liver in perfect order. If the disease has developed, Browns' Iron Bitters will cure it permanently. Strength and vitality will always follow its use. Browns' Iron Bitters is sold by all dealers.

Political Pointers.

People's Press Bureau, St. Louis, Mo., Nov. 3, 1897.

Chairman Marion Butler has been doing splendid work in the North Carolina campaign. At Jackson recently he was introduced by a democrat who declared that the principles of populism are true Jeffersonian democracy. This is no news to us, but we are glad to recognize the gentleman's candor.

The New York campaign has been a great benefit to the reform elements as it has forced many men to boldly declare themselves. Some politicians of national note have adroitly kept out of the fight but no thinking man can doubt where a man stands when he refuses to help the right man in a fight like this. Mr. George has made a splendid campaign and his followers have prepared to stay in the field as a working organization and if he is defeated in this mayoralty race he will be put forward for the United States senate. The party will continue to hold the name of democrats of Thomas Jefferson. Women have taken a most active part in the New York campaign, acting as clerks at the headquarters and doing enthusiastic and effective service in a house to house canvass among the poorest classes. This is the first time a systematic effort has been made to influence the voters through the women. Some of the women have been handicapped by the lack of funds but the band which was working for the republican candidate had elegant quarters and abundant funds. Mrs. Lease not only has refused to take any part in the canvassing of voters for Mr. George but condemns the method. She has made a number of speeches however for the reform candidate.

The Labor Bureau of the state of Missouri, which is under the control of State Chairman Rozelle, an old time greenbacker and a populist, has established a free employment department which has not only proven a great success but has shown beyond all contradiction that there are a vast number of idle people who are eager for work and that rational aid from the state in securing the same, is not only practical but a crying necessity.

Mayor Carter Harrison of Chicago, has disappointed many men who supported him by going on to New York and helping the Tammany candidate. Ex-Gov. Altgeld is outspoken in his disapproval of his conduct.

In spite of the discouragement incident to the failure of the bimetalic commission ex-Gov. Altgeld says: "It may confidently be expected that England will come out for bimetallism in a few years. In Germany the agricultural industries have been almost destroyed by the blight of the gold standard, and they too, will soon take up bimetallism. France is ready to espouse the cause of bimetallism at any time. I tell you the one great struggle of the world will soon be made to establish bimetallism."

Tennessee is now in the lead as to the location of the Debs Social Democratic colony, offering several thousand acres of fine land through which a railroad is already built and that has good water power on it.

Another national party has been born. It was first heard from in Chicago and is called the National Paper Money party. It denounces silver.

Mr. Bryan spoke five days in the Ohio campaign and was everywhere greeted by the greatest enthusiasm. The defeated presidential candidate hard at work for the cause for which he has done so much, among the laboring classes, was in striking contrast to the elected president riding

(continued in next column.)

Consumption

Will SCOTT'S EMULSION cure consumption? Yes and no. Will it cure every case? No. What cases will it cure then? Those in their earlier stages, especially in young people. We make no exaggerated claims, but we have positive evidence that the early use of

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of Cod-liver oil with Hypophosphites of Lime and Soda in these cases results in a positive cure to a large number. In advanced cases, however, where a cure is impossible, this well-known remedy should be relied upon to prolong life surprisingly.

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about in a gorgeous car with and standing by the side of Mark Hanna while the great boodler essayed to speak—a dummy for sooth.

Republican headquarters in Iowa have been disturbed by the loss of letters which if given to the public are said to contain much light on the middle-of-the-road campaign in that state.

Ex-Governor Lewelling of Kansas, has won golden opinions by soundly threshing a middle-of-the-roader who persisted in a political slander without having any proof for his assertions.

Much comment is being made in silver democratic papers on the subject of union of the anti-gold forces and nearly all agree as to the need of union on a just and equitable basis.

An official call has been issued for a national conference of the Buildings Trades Council to meet at St. Louis Monday, December 20, 1897. The long and widespread depressions is to be the chief subject of discussion and it is expected that some decided utterances will be heard as to its causes and remedies from a political standpoint.

Large numbers of populist papers are discussing with great interest Wharton Parker as a possible presidential candidate for 1900.

Judge O. D. Jones of Missouri, who was appointed one of the State University Curators by a Democratic governor, has been making objections as to the method of some of the professors employed by the state at that institution. Teaching by proxy, while travelling abroad to study political economy, he regards as un American and unable to result in good to the American youth. He also desires to have investigated the conduct of a certain teacher who is said to have claimed that an employer has a perfect right to control the vote of his employees. Good for Judge Jones. The charges on investigation, may not be sustained but it is time for the West to look well to her institutions of learning if she would not have her youth corrupted by the narrow minded pedagogue whose highest ambition is to catch the eye of some plutocrat who may endow a chair that he is to fill to the satisfaction of the donor.

A. R.

HOW TO FIND OUT.

Fill a bottle or common glass with urine and let it stand twenty-four hours; a sediment or settling indicates an unhealthy condition of the kidneys. When urine stains linen it is positive evidence of kidney trouble Too frequent desire to urinate or pain in the back, is also convincing proof that the kidneys and bladder are out of order.

WHAT TO DO.

There is comfort in the knowledge so often expressed, that Dr. Kilmer's Swamp-Root, the great kidney remedy fulfills every wish in relieving pain in the back, kidneys, liver, bladder and every part of the urinary passages. It corrects inability to hold urine and scalding pain in passing it, or bad effects following use of liquor, wine or beer, and overcomes that unpleasant necessity of being compelled to get up many times during the night to urinate. The mild and the extraordinary effect of Swamp-Root is soon realized. It stands the highest for its wonderful cures of the most distressing cases. If you need a medicine you should have the best. Sold by druggists, price fifty cents and one dollar. You may have a sample bottle and pamphlet both sent free by mail Mention THE BANNER and send your address to Dr. Kilmer & Co., Binghamton, N.Y. The proprietor of this paper guarantees the genuineness of this offer.

Randolph.

On Monday Oct. 25 Michael Fulghum was in Randolph with a two horse wagon load of lumber. The horses became restless and the old man went to hold their heads, but the horses ran away and the end of the tongue caught Fulghum, knocking him down. He was not run over and it is supposed the shock of the fall caused his death, he being a man well advanced in years.

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The best salve in the world for Cuts, Bruises, Sores, Ulcers, Salt-Rheum, Fever Sores, Tetter, Chapped Hands, Chilblains, Corns, and all Skin Eruptions, and positively cures Piles, or no pay required It is guaranteed to give perfect satisfaction or money refunded. Price 25 cents per box. For sale by J. S. Johnson Jr.

Commissioners Court has been in session this week, and is now engaged on the jury list.

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We also handle Pure and Wholesame Groceries, Hardware, and everything kept in a General Store.

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No trouble to show goods, and they are good goods and worth inspecting.

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Men's Socks	4 "
Men's Handkerchiefs	1½ "
Men's Caps	18 "
Shoes	from 35 " up
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Macintosh s	$2.25 each
Worsteds	9c per yd
Sheeting	5c "
Bed Ticking	10c "
Best Calico	5c "
Tablecloths	from 50c " up
Towels	5c each
Toweling	5c " yd
Single Coats	$1.60 each
Good Boy's Suits	from $1.00 up

Best Groceries. Green Coffee 9 lbs. for $1.00.
Furniture, Tin and Glass ware. Good valises.

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This is to give Notice

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Men's Suits from $3.45.
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Men's underwear 49 cents.
Negligee shirts from 29 to 69 cents.
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Corsets from 25 cents.
Ladies' vests from 22½ cents.
Hats, shoes, etc.

I am here to please you and and am going to do it. Everybody respectfully invited to come and inspect my stock.

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Total	2893

[illegible] acres of Good Land to sell; [illegible] acres to rent. Apply to W. M. ADAMS, Clanton, Ala.

Mr. John Garner and family visited Jemison last week.

Miss Roberta Johnson is having the residence recently vacated by Mr. Honeycutt repaired and adding an addition also.

Rev. Hardy Jones, of Verbena, was in town Monday.

Miss Emma Hubbard, of Jemison is spending a few days with Mrs. M. Honeycutt this week.

Owing to the sickness of Rev. Smith there were no services as announced at the Episcopalian church Sunday.

When you are in town call at Taylor & Kicker's Store and examine our fine high arm Singer Sewing machines. They will take pleasure in making you prices and show you for me. Respectfully,
C. R. MULLINS,
For The Singer Mfg. Co.

Mr. Ned Duke was in town this week.

Miss Lela Leroy, of Montgomery is visiting Mr. J. Garner's family this week.

Mr. E. M. Pinckard has moved into the residence Dr. Matthews had built.

Planters CUBAN OIL cures Cuts, Burns, Bruises, Rheumatism and Sores. Price, 25 cents.

Mr. Sam Stanfield and T. A. Lowery, Esq., went to Stanton yesterday.

Mr. Foster Crysel was in Clanton last week.

Mr. Green Robinson, of Billingsley, was in Clanton Sunday.

Mr. Ed Willis is on the sick list this week.

The registered Jersey bull, Duke of Alva 2nd, No. 2115, herd register No. 56. Sired by "Black Prince" dam "Lucy," by the "Duke of Wyoming wine," may be seen at the farm of P. T. Hinkle, 2½ miles north-west of Clanton.

Mrs. M. A. Moore, after visiting relatives here, returned to her home at Elmore Saturday.

Mr. Burl Burnett was in town Monday.

Last Saturday evening while a south-bound freight was standing on the siding a through freight on the south rail ran into the open switch and into the freight train that was standing, tearing the cowcatcher off and turning over several box cars. No one was hurt with the exception of a negro middle-aged man who was bruised up considerably.

"The worst cold I ever had in my life was cured by Chamberlain's Cough Remedy," writes W. H. Norton, of Suttle Creek, Cal. "This medicine left me with a cough and I was vomitorating all the time. The first bottle cured me, and I want all of my friends when troubled with a cough or cold to use it, for it will do them good." Sold by J. S. Johnson, jr. Druggist.

Marriage licenses have been issued this week by the Probate Judge to the following persons.

Mr. G. W. Campbell and Miss Mary A. Headley; Mr. L. C. Robinson and Miss Sarah D. Mahan.

Mrs. Lee Stewart is visiting relatives in our town this week.

The Charity and Help Department of the Epworth League has arranged for a spelling match, on Friday evening Nov. 5, 1897, to begin at 8 o'clock. The League will give the spelling. Ten cents admission. The proceeds will be used in the missionary cause. Every one invited. Two prizes awarded.

Mr. James Tunnell, one of Chilton's oldest citizens, died at his home eight miles west of Clanton on the 24th inst. in his sixty-fifth year. He was highly respected in his community.

A Valuable Prescription

Editor Morrison of Worthington, of the "Sun," writes: "You have a valuable prescription in Electric Bitters, and I can cheerfully recommend it for Constipation and Sick Headache, and as a general system tonic it has no equal." Mrs. Annie Cole, 2025 Cottage Grove Ave., Chicago, was all run down, could not sleep nor digest food, had a backache which never left her and felt tired and weary, but six bottles of Electric Bitters restored her health and renewed her strength. Prices 50 cents and $1.00.

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Restored to Health by Dr. Miles' Nervine.

MR. EDWARD HARDY, the jolly manager of Sheppard Co's. great store at Braceville, Ill., writes: "I had never been sick a day in my life until in 1890. I got so bad with nervous prostration that I had to give up and commence to doctor. I tried our local physicians and one in Joliet, but none gave me any relief and I thought I was going to die. I became despondent and suffered untold agony. I could not eat, sleep nor rest, and it seemed as if I could not exist. At the end of six months I was reduced to but a shadow of myself, and at last my heart became affected and I was truly miserable. I took six or eight bottles of Dr. Miles' Nervine. It gave me relief from the start, and at last a cure, the greatest blessing of my life."

Dr. Miles' Remedies are sold by all druggists under a positive guarantee, first bottle benefits or money refunded. Book on diseases of the heart and nerves free. Address, DR. MILES MEDICAL CO., Elkhart, Ind.

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Take Laxative Bromo Quinine Tablets. All druggists refund the money if it fails to cure: 25 cents.

Any one having an old sewing machine that they would like to exchange for the latest improved high armed Singer; or any one wishing to purchase our fine machines for cash or on time will please drop me a card and I will call and make them prices and terms. Address,
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Your patronage respectfully solicited, C. J. STEWART.
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Our saw mill is now ready for business.

Thanking you for past favors, and soliciting a continuance of your patronage
Respectfully,
McKEE & STANFIELD.
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JURY LIST.

The following jurors have been drawn for the Fall Term of Circuit Court, which convenes on Monday, November 22, 1897:

GRAND JURY.

F A Gulledge, George Shaw sr, J J Letcher, W D Nix, W L Sampey, R J Young, Albert Patterson, T J Littlejohn, E G Coffer, N F Easterling, J W Reed, J D Glasscock, Crofford Harris, J A Logan, W T Kemp, J P Stonesipher, Pinkney Littleton, M M Durbin, W H Robinson, D H Gentry, J H Burkhalter.

PETIT JURY—First Week.

G W Gothard, John Foshee, W H Cox John Wright, S J Miller, T U Crumpton, W N Childress, J C Culp, G B Armstrong, J N Billingsley, L J Pery, W H Parrish, Wiley Letcher, T L Dickinson, N J Littlejohn, C C Cost, W E Maddox, John Crumpton, I N Brantley, W Q Childress, J R Caine, R A Hardy, C W Hubbard, Alex Rachels, John W Baker, A J Williams, C C Hayes, A J Elison, G S Collins, W D Z Foshee, J W Biggins, C B Gaines, W M Trawick, P E Harris,

Second Week.

J R Popwell, William Walker, W A Huckabee, Seaz Harris, A J Aldridge, T J Bates, Samuel Griffin, F G Letcher, J W Maddox, H Hardy, Rolling Nelson, J Popwell, Joseph Thomas, John A Strock, J M Murphey, T E Elam, Samuel Abney, R A Hancock, G W Mims H M Hesler, P W Davenporte Henry Holditch, J R Thompson, Joseph Gore, S S Scott, Joseph Burnitt, W R Pate, J W Dennis J P Gore, Joseph Littleton B H McCary, Elijah Jones, John Edwards, J M Honeycutt, B H Chesnutt, J C Veazey.

Musical Convention.

The Chilton County Musical Convention will hold its second and last session at Pleasant Grove church, four miles south-west of Jemison, the third Sunday and Saturday before in November.

COMMITTEES:

On musical education, Robert Durham, J. C. Veazey. Elis Scott.

On church music, R. L. Grant, N. A. Logan, Z. J. Jones.

On Sunday-school music, A. H. Glass, Enoch Foshee, W. L. Brown.

All music teachers and leaders are expected to be present on Saturday by 9 o'clock a.m., as some important business will come before the convention.

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Final Proof Notice.

Notice No. 19264.

Land Office at Montgomery, Ala., Nov. 1, 1897.

Notice is hereby given that the following named settler has filed notice of his intention to make final proof in support of his claim, and that said proof will be made before the Clerk of the Circuit Court, at Clanton, Ala. on December 18 1897, viz.: Evan B. Callaway. Homestead entry, No. 26,931, for the s½ of se¼, s½ of sw¼, section 32, tp 22 n r 16 e.

He names the following witnesses to prove his continuous residence upon and cultivation of said land, viz.: J. M. McKee, of Coopers, Ala., D. S. Robinson of Coopers, Ala., W. N. Jones, of Verbena, Ala., J. K. Driver, of Verbena, Ala.

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TAX NOTICE.

ASSESSOR'S & COLLECTOR'S SECOND ROUND.

We will attend at the following times and places for the purpose of assessing the State and County taxes of Chilton county for the year 1898 and collecting the taxes for the year 1897:

		1897
Kincheon	November	8
Pletcher's Mill 8 to 11 am	"	9
Clanton Ford 12 to 4 p m	"	9
Stanton	"	10
Dixie	"	11
Shoults	"	12
Maplesville	"	13
Benson	"	15
Macedonia	"	16
Providence (Beat 2)	"	17
Smith's School House	"	18
Mineral Springs	"	19
Strasburg	"	20
James Maddox's Mill	"	22
Providence (Beat 5)	"	23
Coopers	"	24
Verbena		25 & 26
Davis & Rollins' Gin	"	27
Jemison	Dec'r	1 & 2
Clanton	"	3 & 4

A. C. MIMS, Tax Assessor.
T. J. HUBBARD, Tax Collector.

I will also attend at Clanton from January 1 to January 31, 1898.
A. C. MIMS, Tax Assessor.

I will also attend at Clanton from December 21 to Dec. 31, 1897.
T. J. HUBBARD, Tax Collector.

THE CROSS AND CROWN

Is the title of a treatise on the doctrine of perfection or sanctification, by A. L. Pattillo, of Verbena, now in the press. It is written in a plain, homely fashion by one deeply impressed with the necessity of Christians living a perfect life, who desires to see all professing religion imbued with the same spirit. The Author, who is also a poet, has written several poems, all on religious subjects. The whole when complete will make a book of over 200 pages, bound in a stiff board cover, which at the small charge of 50 cents, should speedily exhaust the edition.

This book has a double claim on the people of Chilton county and should find a place in every home in the county, from the fact that it is entirely a home production, being the first book ever written, printed, bound and published in Chilton. It will be ready early in October. Price only 50 cents. Orders can be sent to THE BANNER, Clanton, or to A. L. Pattillo, Verbena.

Non-Resident Notice.

State of Alabama, Chilton County. } To M. E. Taylor.

You will take notice that at the expiration of ten (10) days from the date hereof The Thorsby Lumber Co., will file in the office of the Judge of Probate of said county their lien on a certain house and lot situated at Thorsby in said State for material furnished by them for the building of said house.

The amount of said claim yet unpaid is $126.96 and The Thorsby Lumber Co. look to their lien on the said house and lot for its payment.

The lot on which said house is situated and on which a lien is claimed is described as follows, to-wit:

Lot No. 3 in Block No. 21, facing Jones Street, on the East sideof the L. & N. R.R. Co.'s track in the town of Thorsby, Ala.

Dated this October 14th, 1897.
THE THORSBY LUMBER CO,
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New patterns in Dress Goods.

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ROSE AND THORN.

When weary seem the ways of life,
High aims and fruitage all at strife,
Breathe soft, what wind soever blows,
"There is no thorn without its rose."

When sweetest hopes forever fade,
In friendships chilled and trust betrayed,
Smile lovely, as life's burden grows,
"There is no thorn without its rose."
—Stephen P. Otis, in the Housewife.

A RECORD-BREAKING RIDE.

"Belverton-on-Sea, July, 189—.

"Messrs. Gearup & Co.:

"Gentlemen: I beg to acknowledge the receipt of your favor of yesterday's date asking me to ride one of your Special New Hellespont Bicycles in the South-Eastern Mile Championship Race to be held in this town on Saturday next. In declining to comply with your request, I cannot refrain from expressing my astonishment at the extraordinary offer by which it is accompanied. To endeavor to tempt an amateur rider with a monetary bribe is, as I should have thought you would have been aware, a very serious matter; and it will hereafter become my duty to consider the propriety of bringing the case under the notice of the National Cyclists' Union.

"Yours faithfully,
"RICHARD DINGLE."

I despatched the above on Tuesday night, and before noon on the following day I received a reply-paid telegram from Messrs. Gearup worded as follows: "Our letter sent under misapprehension; will fully explain in a few days. Meanwhile, obliged if you will defer communicating with N. C. U. Kindly wire."

My answer to this was "Very well; will wait one week," and, when I had handed the form to the messenger, I dismissed the matter from my mind with a little laugh, and spent the next half-hour in the examination of the high-grade Gravelotte machine which had just been delivered to my order, and on which I hoped to achieve the victory in Saturday's race.

I had only recently started as a medical practitioner in the rising watering place of Belverton, and so far had not found the duties of my profession interfere to any appreciable extent with the pursuit of my favorite amusement—cycle racing.

During the particular week of which I am writing my services were required for the first time on Friday morning, by a tall, bearded man of gentlemanly appearance, who informed me that his sister, who, with himself, had just arrived for a brief seaside holiday, had been taken suddenly ill.

If I could come at once he would be extremely obliged, and would escort me to the furnished cottage they temporarily occupied. To this I assented, and we left the house together.

"You have capital outbuildings here, doctor," remarked my visitor, who had given the name of Selhurst, as he glanced at the large wooden shed which ran along the side of the house.

"Yes," I said, "and they are very useful. My space indoors is rather limited."

"Cycles do take up a lot of room," he replied. "You will excuse me for mentioning it, doctor, but I am a rider myself—somewhat of an enthusiast—and am glad to meet a man of whose doings on the track I have often read with admiration."

We walked on in silence for a few moments, then Selhurst inquired, suddenly:

"Have you ever studied mental disorders, Dr. Dingle?"

"Oh, yes; not specially, though."

"Ah! It is in that way my sister suffers."

"Indeed?"

"Yes; she has never been herself since the death of her little girl, which occurred under exceptionally painful circumstances, about a month ago. The poor child was always a weakling, and, acting under medical advice, her mother let her accompany me on my last business voyage to Australia. Alas! she died on the way home, and we buried her at sea."

"Your sister is a widow, I presume, Mr. Selhurst?"

"Yes; her husband has been dead two years. She is a Mrs. Gray."

"What form does her derangement take?"

"A most curious one—she fancies that her child is still alive."

"I am afraid the case is serious. Has she been under treatment before?"

"No; I was always hoping she would get better, and, indeed, she seemed so before we left London. She has acted as my housekeeper since her husband died, you know; but this morning she is very wild—I fear the excitement of yesterday's journey down here must have upset her. Ah, here we are; you shall judge her condition for yourself."

We entered a two-story house on the outskirts of the town, and, leaving me in a small sitting-room on the ground floor, Selhurst went upstairs. I heard him unlocking a door rather noisily; then he descended and asked me to follow him.

He conducted me to a room immediately above that in which I had been seated, and murmuring, "She seems to have been asleep," left me to contemplate one of the most beautiful women I have ever seen.

She was lying on a couch near the window, fully dressed in deep mourning. The morning sunshine played on her rich, auburn hair, and accentuated the extreme pallor of her exquisitely chiselled features.

The next moment she opened her eyes; then, before I could utter a word sprang up, and running to the door, opened it, and having surveyed the landing, came back to where I stood and said at once:

"You are a doctor, I believe? I am not ill, but I want your help. That is why I let him—Mr. Selhurst—summon you."

"What can I do for you?" I asked, soothingly.

"I like your look—I am going to trust you. But first, you can tell me this: Has he informed you of the death of my darling little girl?"

I nodded assent.

"It is a lie," she cried fiercely. "My child is alive. She is always calling to me, but he won't let me go to her. He—he has tried to drive me into madness. Listen, my dear one is actually here, in another room, at this moment; I heard her cry a few minutes since."

"Why, then, did you not—"

"I could do nothing; I was locked in."

"But if he wishes you to think your child dead, why does he bring her here?"

"Why? It is part of his plan. It is what for some weeks he has done in London. He wants me to hear her voice, to chafe at my inability to reach her, to rage impotently when he repeats the fiction of her death. I am naturally nervous, and perhaps, hysterical; if you do not help me, I shall not be able to bear the strain much longer. Selhurst will succeed in effecting his object."

"But why should he desire to do this thing?"

"I'll tell you in a word—for money! In the event of my insanity he would become my child's guardian, and would thus have the handling of our property, a sum of about £4,000."

"You are making terrible charges," I said, slowly; "terrible! If Mr. Selhurst—"

She interrupted me. "Mr. Selhurst—I can never again bear to speak of him as my brother—is thoroughly unscrupulous," she said. "He sticks at nothing. Even in sporting matters he has acted dishonorably. Three years ago, at a great bicycling handicap in the Midlands, he was warned off the track for giving a false name and false particulars in his entry form. He won the race, but some one found out the fraud. Since then—but why do you start?"

The movement had been involuntary. I recollected now that I had seen the man before, and how chance had enabled me to unmask him. I did not reply to Mrs. Gray's question, but asked instead:

"Well, how can I help you?"

"In this way. I believe that this evening I shall be able to make my escape—that is, if you will help me. Do you know a village called Nepton?"

"Yes, but it is six miles from here, and a long distance from a railway station."

"Never mind; I must get there; I will tell you why. My dear husband's father is the rector of the place; he is the only friend I have in the world now, and I want to tell him how I am situated, for I know he will help me."

"Yes, but—."

"You ride a cycle, don't you? Everyone does nowadays. I ride myself, though I haven't a machine. But Mr. Selhurst has one, and he has brought it here. If you will only come with me, I can go on that. I—I can wear his clothes. Do come with me, Dr. Dingle," she added in a pleading voice.

What was I to say, to do? Was she mad, or had she spoken truth? Distrust of Selhurst almost led me to believe her.

"At what time would you start?" I asked, at last.

"You will come, then? Thank you—thank you!"

"I cannot promise."

"Oh, you will come! Be here at nine—outside the house. You must go now, or my jailer will grow suspicious. Good-bye." She pressed my hand gratefully.

I went downstairs and confronted Selhurst.

"Well?" he said.

"Well," I answered, "the case is a difficult one. I must think it over. You shall hear from me later on."

"No immediate development is likely?"

"Oh, no."

I was about to step into the street when a piercing cry in a child's voice rang through the house. An evil look mounted to Selhurst's brow, but he said nothing. I went out. That cry decided me. Mrs. Gray was a victim of this villain's wicked plans. She should have my help.

Accordingly at 8.45 that evening I went round to the outhouse which had excited Selhurst's comment and got out my old roadster. As I did so, I glanced at the new and glittering mount I was to bestride in to-morrow's race, and suppressed the thought that to-night's adventure was scarcely the best possible preparation for that encounter. Then I locked the door, put the key in my pocket and started for the rendezvous.

Mrs. Gray, dressed in knickerbockers and short jacket, awaited me, and rewarded my punctuality with a smile and a slight blush.

"I hate riding in these things," she said apologetically; "but you see, doctor, I have no option. Let us get away at once," she added.

I assented, silently, and we both mounted and rode off.

There was little conversation between us. Our way lay along smooth and level roads, so that we proceeded at a good pace, and were soon within a mile of our destination. But at this point Mrs. Gray, who had fallen behind, suddenly called out that she had punctured her tire. I dismounted, and walked back to where, apparently in tears, she stood beside her bicycle.

"How unfortunate!" she cried, brokenly. "Oh, how unfortunate!"

"Perhaps it can be set right," I said, soothingly. "Let me see if I can find where it is."

Then asking me to hold my own bicycle I stooped down, and——

In a moment she had mounted my machine, and was riding away at topmost speed.

I stood transfixed. I neither called to her to stop nor made any effort to go after her. Mechanically, I turned again to look for the puncture, and found that it consisted of a slit about a foot long. It had evidently been deliberately made with a knife. I had been tricked, fooled, duped!

But was the woman who had thus treated me mad or sane? That was the question I asked myself when I had grown somewhat calmer. In the former case my predicament would indeed be terrible; in the latter, I must have been victimized for some reason I was altogether unable to guess.

In this uncertainty I trudged beside the disabled bicycle wearily back to Belverton, and made my way to Selhurst's cottage. It was in complete darkness, and, though I knocked several times, I obtained no answer. At last, however, a lady from the next house came forward, and told me that the gentleman I was in search of had been unexpectedly summoned to town, and should not be back. I thanked my informant and proceeded homeward. Should I now unravel the mystery, I wondered? Reaching my house, I went first of all to the outhouse to deposit the bicycle. Then I gave a cry. The lock on the door had been forced; evidently I had been decoyed for purposes of theft. My racer, my splendid Gravelotte, had been stolen! I was wrong. The machine stood just where I had left it!

My housekeepr was unable to throw any light upon the circumstances of the forced lock, and I was eventually obliged to retire to rest more mystified than ever. Physically worn out, both physically and mentally, I fell at once into a deep, dreamless slumber, from which I did not awaken until after 8 o'clock next morning. I immediately determined not to perplex myself about the previous evening's adventure until the great race had been won or lost. This, I suppose, was a wise decision, for when the afternoon arrived, I felt fresh and fit, and not only came off victor, but actually succeeded in breaking the amateur record for the distance.

My performance caused tremendous enthusiasm, and on my way to the dressing-room at the conclusion of the race I had to receive the congratulations of quite a throng of friends. It was at this moment that a man in the crowd seized the head of my machine, from which, of course, I had dismounted, and, striking it with a heavy stick, promptly disappeared. The effect of the blow was to remove the name-plate containing the words "Gravelotte No. 1," and I stooped to pick it up from the ground. Then, to my astonishment, I saw that it had only been loosely fastened on, and that let into the enamel on the very spot on which it had hung was the inscription, "Special New Hellespont." Had I, after all—? Yes, the two makes were almost precisely alike, but now I noticed several small points of difference between the wheel I had just ridden and the one I had examined the other day. The former, with its false name-plate, had evidently been substituted for the latter during my absence last night—and, I felt sure of it, by none other than the oppressor of the charming widow in whose company I had started for that brief but eventful ride to Nepton.

My surmise was correct. On reaching home I was handed a note which had been delivered by hand during the afternoon. It ran as follows:

"So, in spite of everything, Dr. Dingle has done excellent service on behalf of the machine he spurned, better than might reasonably have been expected. His double feat shall be duly chronicled in large type in every important newspaper in the country when, on Tuesday next, the prospectus of the "Special New Hellespont Company, Limited," is published for the benefit of the financial world. Would Dr. Dingle like some preference shares? He treated Messrs. Gearup & Co.'s head partner, the future managing director of the new company, very badly a few years since, and would like to have done so again. James Selhurst, however, forgives him in both these matters, and for the attempt he made last night to run away with his. J. S.'s, wife. But if this attempt were generally known it would hardly enhance Dr. Dingle's professional prospects, would it? Let Dr. D. think over this, and probably he will hesitate before making the communication he contemplated to the National Cyclists' Union. Otherwise—"

That was all: the document was typewritten and bore no signature. There could be no doubt, however, as to the identity of the sender. Selhurst's audacity simply staggered me, but not more so than the wonderful acting of his wife. Of course, I could say nothing about the affair; the ingenious couple were in a position to swear away my character effectively, and who would believe the extraordinary story I should have to tell in my defence?—London Tit-Bits.

High Latitude Not Beneficial.

More people over 100 years old are found in mild climates than in the higher latitudes. According to the last census of the German empire, of a population of 55,000,000, only 78 have passed the 100th year. France, with a population of 40,000,000, has 213 centenarians. In England there are 146, Ireland 578, and in Scotland 46. Sweden has 10 and Norway 23, Belgium 5, Denmark 2, Switzerland none. Spain, with a population of 18,000,000, has 401 people over 100 years of age. Of the 2,250,000 inhabitants of Servia 575 people have passed the century mark. It is said that the oldest person living whose age has been proved is Bruno Cotrim, born in Africa and now living in Rio Janeiro. He is 150 years old. A coachman in Moscow has lived 140 years.

GOSSIP FOR THE FAIR SEX.

ITEMS OF INTEREST ON FEMININE TOPICS.

All Hail to the Apron—Picturesque Plumes—Jackets — Novel Trimmings for Gowns, Etc., Etc.

ALL HAIL TO THE APRON.

The latest thing in Paris is aprons, not simply for morning wear by those ladies who give an hour or two after breakfast to superintending their household arrangements, but by women who, as the saying is, "Never put their hands to anything," and by young girls who have left the schoolroom and are all ages to make the most of their emancipation. These articles de luxe are made for the most part of the richest materials procurable, satin and silk, for morning wear, and for later in the day embroidered lawn or mousseline de sole.

PICTURESQUE PLUMES.

There are plumes and plumes on the new hats, and they droop in a most picturesque manner. There are gray plumes on dark-blue velvet hats, white plumes on delicate gray hats, and black plumes on all sorts and kinds and conditions of hats. It loks as if the ostriches would not have a feather to their backs this winter. All the hats which do not have plumes have wings or an occasional whole bird—some as big as hens. The few remaining hats, plumeless and wingless, are decked in plaid ribbons. But plaid hat trimmings are doubtful. In bright color they cheapen almost everything on which they appear.

JACKETS.

Jackets are worn somewhat longer than last season, and extend about six inches below the waist. The sleeves are diminished in width, but a certain breadth is allowed at the top to accomodate the dress-sleeve. The leg-o'-mutton is the accepted shape, and fits the arm rather snugly from the elbow to the wrist. While black is always the preferred jacket, many colors are worn, but usually trimmed with black in the form of braiding, bindings and buttons. Collars are severe in cut, and the inlaid effect of velvet has the lead. Buttons, both large and small, are used, in some cases as ornamentation only, but in others as a fastening.

It is a recognized fact that strapped seams are flattering to the figure, and for this reason the handsomest jackets of the season are finished in this welted effect. Some of them are finished with a bias piece of the material laid over the seam and stitched on both edges, while others have a medium-width black braid applied in the same way.—Woman's Home Companion.

NOVEL TRIMMINGS FOR GOWNS.

All the gowns are to be trimmed this season, the skirts as well as the bodices. Yokes will be much in favor and every yoke requires a certain amount of trimming as its finish.

A great quantity of braid will be used. Black braid in all widths will be fashionable—the braid will trim the dresses rather in a design than in straight rows—skirts will be braided not only near the hem but from the waist line down over the upper part of the skirt.

Puckered satin ribbon will be perhaps the newest trimming of the season. It will be in many different designs and frequently edged with a fine silk cord. Conventional scrolls will be one of the favorite designs for trimming skirts.

Pipings of satin or velvet will also be much in favor. Many of the newest sleeves will be trimmed from the cuff to near the shoulder with rows of piping. This makes a particularly effective trimming, especially when the piping is a shade or two darker than the material of the dress. It will also be fashionable to have the piping in conspicuous color contrast from the dress.

Silk applique trimmings will be in demand. For street gowns black will be the favorite, but on reception and dancing gowns all the delicate colors will be used. These applique trimmings are very beautiful in floral designs and wrought with tiny bits of colored rhinestones.

Passementerie will claim its customary popularity. It is always in demand and this season's designs are more intricate and striking than ever before. Two-toned silk passementerie will also be in fashion. Passementerie wrought with it will be worn, and Van Dyke point effects will be much in favor.

The old-time cording is coming back into fashion again. The cordings are always in striking contrast to the color of the dress they trim.

Tucks as a trimming are to be all the vogue. Very fine tucks will be used, and they will trim not only the sleeves of the new gown, but the skirts.—New York Journal.

GLOVES FOR NEXT YEAR.

The gloves for next season are the suedes or soft finished leather ones. For street wear they are pique stitched, and the most stylish have but one button [illegible] are to be worn with tailor-made gowns and should match the suit. Gloves of a contrasting color are no longer regarded as in good taste.

For cloth gowns the most appropriate gloves for street wear or shopping are of castor or soft-finished leather, with one button. They are to be had in all the dark shades of blue, red, brown, green and purple, to match the new dress goods brought out for fall wear. When the gloves do not match in color, English tans, the darker biscuit shades and mole colors, will be worn.

For more formal occasions and for wear with silk, satin and velvet gowns, suede gloves only will be permissible, though they are so thin and of such delicate finish as closely to resemble the best quality of glace kid. Pearl, white, yellow, biscuit, and mole colors will pass as in the best taste. The stitching on the majority of the gloves of these delicate tints is only a shade darker. The merchants assert that the best class of customers never wear gloves which make their hands look conspicuous, yet they show some imported novelties in black suedes embroidered on the back in bright, cut jet. The patterns are tiny vines, with blossoms and leaves. The effect is novel, and may take with the New York women when they learn of their popularity in Paris. Other Parisian gloves are in soft grays and mole colors, and are stitched on the back with steel and iridescent beads. They are to be worn with elegant gowns on formal occasions.

Evening gloves are made longer than usual, some of them measuring more than one yard and a half from the finger-tips to the tops. They will be worn more wrinkled than formerly, and for that reason the arms are made somewhat larger, but not so tapering. For evening as well as street wear the style will be for harmony rather than contrasts, and all lengths of suedes are to be had, as well as every conceivable shade. Some few are lace-trimmed, others daintily embroidered; but the majority have plain machine stitching in silk to match the color of the glove or just one shade darker.

FASHION NOTES.

Chiffon scarf sashes are in favor knotted at the back or the sides. They freshen up gowns which begin to look rusty at the end of the season.

There are also some odd combinations of fancy short-skirted jackets with slashed boleros, to be seen on the newest gowns.

There is nothing more useful, stylish and universally becoming than a skirt and blazer. It suits everybody, and is a general favorite.

Old-fashioned point-lace shawls are worn draped handkerchief-wise as "aprons" over dress skirts. A very full and deep flounce of chiffon meets the edges.

Regarding waists, many are fastened down the front with handsome buttons, but invisible fastenings are still much in favor, and so are irregular and one-sided effects.

The freshest of muslins, soft and transparent as chiffon, are being made up into dinner dresses. The favorites are checks in pink, blue and mauve, with cross bars of white hair lines.

The small basque pieces are flat, silk faced and fitted smoothly, with no deep curves, ripples or wavelets. They are tabbed, cut in Vandyke points, long or short, scalloped and bound, etc.

School dresses for girls are made of all-wool plaids with velvet collar, cuffs and yoke. They are also trimmed with narrow velvet ribbon or braid in row upon row or in fanciful and elaborate patterns.

Some overskirts are caught up at one side, some are draped in washerwoman fashion, the lower edge faced with a bias material, contrasting in kind, and often in color, with that of the overskirt.

Pear-shaped pearls are the fancy of the moment, and, of course, they are rare and expensive, having increased in price in proportion as they became in demand. The pure whiteness of the pearl is best preserved by constantly wearing it or keeping it in the sun.

A neat and natty costume for a boy is what is called a Russian suit. There are high shoes, long stockings, full knee trousers and a belted sailor blouse. The collar is turned over and stitched with a round collar and braided front with vest. The sleeves are plaited in at the wrists.

Simplicity is going out of date. Fashion demands the utmost elaborateness, and the amount of material and trimming that may be put into an up-to-date dress is somewhat surprising. Even inexpensive fabrics are so combined and trimmed that they are no longer simple but of the most extravagant description.

Plaids are fashionable. They are shown not only in the regulation class, but in French and fancy patterns. The "Royal Stuart," the Victoria and the Rob Roy are familiar to most persons, while the Gordon, Campbell and other darker and more sober plaids are specially liked for waists and cloak linings.

A stylish waist has the front entirely covered with insertion and plain strips of material alternating. This made-up front is quite full, and has a collar of the plain material with folds of silk mingled with the folds of the goods, the sleeves are quite full at the tops and fit the arms closely below the elbows. The belt is of folds of the goods and silk alternating.

Your Hair Could Support 500 People.

It is interesting to others than statisticians to know that the hairs of our heads are numbered. Certain scientific men have laboriously calculated the number of hairs on a square inch of heads of different colors, and by estimating the total area covered have arrived at aggregate numbers, which may be taken as fairly correct. A head of fair hair consists of 143,000 hairs. Dark hair is coarser and only totals 105,000, while those who boast a poll of red must be content with a total of 29,200. It is estimated that the hairs on a "fair head" would support the weight of 500 people.

The skirts are moderately full, but with nothing like the ripple effect of last season.

A MUNICIPAL ARMY.

GREATER NEW YORK'S VAST ARMY OF EMPLOYEES.

They Number 25,000, and Nearly Equal the Standing Army of the United States—How They Are Divided—Many Under Civil Service Ruling.

In spending the $[illegible] Greater New York's money an army of men and women, chiefly men, will be employed. It will be nearly as large as the standing army of the United States. It will have in its ranks a greater number of persons than there are in the majority of the cities of the country.

This great municipal army will contain not far from 25,000 persons. The most of them will draw salaries ranging from $1,000 to $4,000, while many of the salaries will be as high as $7,000 and $8,000. A few will go over the $10,000 mark. The great rank and file will receive from $1,500 to $4,000 a year—a pretty comfortable stipend.

The persons employed by the city, if sequestered into a community by themselves, would make a respectable city, as far as size is concerned. Such a city would be as large as Poughkeepsie, and it would take as many fine homes to house them as are found in Newport, for the combined salaries of the 25,000 amount to more than is annually spent in America's most fashionable watering place.

Of the 25,000 about 8,000 are policemen, and as many more are employed in the various schools of the greater city. The employes of the Street Cleaning Department of New York come next in number. There are more than 5,000 of them. Next in order are the employes of the Department of Public Works in New York and of the Department of City Works in Brooklyn. These number between 2,000 and 3,000. Under the new charter the work and the employes of these two departments will be divided among three or four departments, and at the head of each will be a full-fledged commissioner, who will receive a salary of $7,500 a year.

Many of the places are so fortified by the rules and regulations of the Civil Service Board that the occupants could not be disturbed by the ordinary changes incident to a change of administration. This fact has stared the present reform administration in the face during all of the three years that it has been in power.

In Brooklyn the Civil Service Board has a much tighter grip on offices than that of New York. In fact, there are less than fifty sorts of positions in Brooklyn that are exempt from competitive examination.

Under the new charter practically all of the positions of the new city will be subject to the supervision of the Civil Service Board. Appointments by the Mayor will be exempt. An effort will be made by the Civil Service Board, however—if it is made up as it is at present—to include in their regulations all of the new positions below the rank of deputy commissioners.—New York Press.

Navajo Indian Weaving.

"In the art of weaving the Navajos excel all other Indians in the limits of the United States," said R. Jones of Santa Fe. "In fineness of finish, artistic design and variety of pattern the Navajo blanket is ahead of any of the handiwork of the other tribes. They are clever enough to weave blankets with the different designs on the opposite sides, but of late years their work has deteriorated somewhat because of the substitution of inferior aniline dyes bought from traders for permanent native dyes formerly used, and also on account of the yarn not from the same source, instead of that laboriously twilled by the hands of the Indians. They are great at weaving belts, sashes, garters, and saddlegirths. The Navajo woman finds her greatest diversion in this occupation, and the acquisition of money is by no means the chief motive that actuates her in producing a blanket that is really a work of art, for after wearing it a little while, till the charm of newness is gone, she will sell it at a price that doesn't at all compensate for her time and labor. The wealthiest of the tribe will weave just as assiduously as their poorest neighbors, which goes to prove that they regard it as more in the light of pastime than toil."—New York Tribune.

Largest Steam Power Plant.

The largest steam-power plant in the world, it is stated, will be erected by the Metropolitan Traction Company at Ninety-sixth street and First avenue, New York City. The five north and south and the two cross-town street railways operated by the company are to be run by electric current furnished from this one central station, which is expected to have a total capacity of 70,000 horse-power. The location has been selected on account of its being on the water front, thus avoiding carriage of coal and ashes.

Maddened by a Bear's Bite.

Not long ago a man in Cincinnati killed his wife and himself. He had been a bear keeper at the Zoo. The afternoon before the tragedy occurred he had been bitten in the hand by one of his charges. It is believed by both the neighbors and the physicians that the bear bite produced insanity, which resulted in the murder and suicide.

A Swedish Woman Professor.

The appointment of Elsa Eschelsohn to the professorship of civil law at the University of Upsala recalls the fact that she is the second woman professor of university rank in Sweden. The late Sonya Kovalevsky was appointed professor of mathematics in the University of Stockholm in 1889.

TALMAGE'S SERMON.

SUNDAY'S DISCOURSE BY THE NOTED DIVINE.

Duties of Men Toward Their Suffering Brethren of thy Present Generation—Cooling of the Soul Should Keep Pace With That of the Physical Wants of Man

TEXT: "David, after he had served his own generation by the will of God, fell on sleep." Acts xiii. 25.

"That is a text which has for a long time been running through my mind. Sermons have a time to be born, as well as a time to die; a cradle as well as a grave. David, cowboy and stone-slinger and fighter and czar, and dramatist and blank verse writer, and prophet, did his best for the people of his time, and then went and lay down on the southern hill of Jerusalem in that sound slumber which nothing but an archangelic blast can startle. There are about four generations to a century, now; but in olden time life was longer, and there was, perhaps, only one generation to a century. Taking these facts into the calculation, I make a rough guess and say that there have been at least 180 generations of the human family. With reference to them we have no responsibility. We cannot teach them, we cannot correct their mistakes, we cannot soothe their sorrows, we cannot heal their wounds.

"I admit that I am in sympathy with the child whose father had suddenly died, and who, in her little evening prayer, wanted to continue to pray for her father, although he had gone into heaven and no more needed her prayers, and looking up into her mother's face, said: 'Oh, mother, I cannot leave him all out. Let me say, "Thank God that I had a good father once," so I can keep him in my prayers.' But the 180 generations have passed off. Passed up. Passed down. Gone forever. Then there are generations to come after our earthly existence has ceased; we shall not see them; we shall not hear any of their voices; we will take no part in their conversations, their elections, their revolutions, their catastrophes, their triumphs. We will in nowise affect the 180 generations gone or the 180 generations to come. But our business is, like David, to serve our own generation; the people now living, those whose lungs now breathe and whose hearts now beat. And, mark you, it is not a silent procession, but moving. It is a 'forced march,' at twenty-four miles a day, each hour being a mile. Going with that celerity, it has got to be a quick service on our part or no service at all.

"Well, now, let us look around earnestly, prayerfully, in a common-sense way, and see what we can do for our generation. First of all, let us see to it that, as far as we can, they have enough to eat. The human body is so constituted that three times a day a body needs food as much as a lamp needs oil, as much as a locomotive needs fuel. To meet this, want God has girdled the earth with apple orchards, orange groves, wheat fields, and oceans full of fish, and prairies full of cattle. And notwithstanding this, I will undertake to say that the vast majority of the human family are suffering either for lack of food or the right kind of food. Our civilization is all askew, and God only can set it right. Many of the great estates of to-day have been built out of the blood and bones of unrequited toil.

"Don't sit down at your table with five or six courses of abundant supply and think nothing of that family in the next street who would take any one of these five courses between soup and almond nuts and feel they were in heaven. The lack of the right kind of food is the cause of much of the drunkenness. After drinking what many of our grocers call coffee, sweetened with what many call sugar, and eating what many of our butchers call meat, and chewing what many of our bakers call bread, many of the laboring classes feel so miserable they are tempted to put into their mouths poison what the tobacconist calls tobacco, or go into the drinking saloons for what the rumsellers call beer. Good coffee would do much in driving out rum.

"How can we serve our generation with enough to eat? By sitting down in embroidered slippers and lounging back in an arm chair, our mouth puckered up around a Havana of the best brand, and through clouds of luxurious smoke reading about political economy and the philosophy of strikes? No! No! By finding out who in this city has been living on gristle, and seeing them a tenderloin beefsteak, seek out some family who, through sickness or conjunction of misfortune, have not enough to eat, and do for them what Christ did for the hungry multitudes of Asia Minor, multiplying the loaves and the fishes. Let us quit the surfeiting of ourselves until we cannot choke down another crumb of cake, and begin the supply of others' necessities.

"It is an awful thing to be hungry," said the preacher. "It is an easy thing for us to be in good humor with all the world when we have no lack. But let hunger take full possession of us, and we would all turn into barbarians and cannibals and fiends. Suppose that some of the energy we are expending in useless and unavailing talk about the bread question should be expended in merciful alleviations. I have read that the battlefield on which more troops met than on any other in the world's history was the battlefield of Leipsic. 150,000 men under Napoleon; 250,000 men under Schwarzeberg. No! No! The greatest and most terrific battle is now being fought all the world over. It is the struggle for food. The ground tone of the finest passage in one of the great musical masterpieces, the artist says, was suggested to him by the cry of the hungry populace of Vienna, as the King rode through and they shouted: 'Bread! Give us bread!' And all through the great harmonies of musical academy and cathedral I hear the pathos, the ground tone, the tragedy of uncounted multitudes, who, with streaming eyes and wan cheeks and broken hearts, in behalf of themselves and their families, are pleading for bread.

"Let us take another look around to see how we may serve our generation. Let us see, as far as possible, that they have enough to wear."

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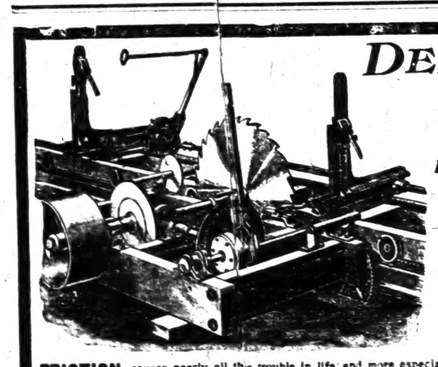

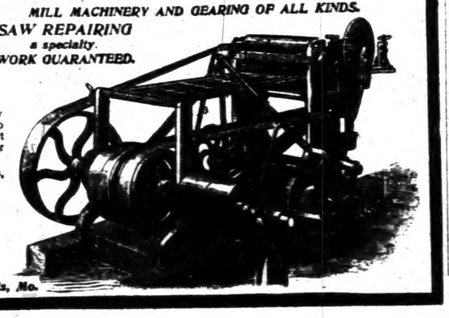

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REPUBLICAN PROSPERITY

"Ye [illegible] of Republican [illegible] where are ye now? The [illegible] by your unfulfilled [illegible] proclaimed ye false. [illegible] many an election [illegible] written the word [illegible] those who stay-at home no less than by those who expressed their dissatisfaction [illegible] giving their suffrages to others [illegible] Republicans. Everywhere, [illegible] Nebraska, the tale told [illegible] the same. Everywhere it is dis-[illegible], impatience, dissatisfaction [illegible] the non-fulfilment of the Re-[illegible]can promises of prosperity. [illegible]erever the people have voted [illegible] have recorded the one verdict, [illegible] they are not satisfied with the [illegible] the Republican promises have [illegible]erialized.

Our people long for prosperity, [illegible] an industrial revival that will [illegible] agriculture, manufacturing, [illegible]ing profitable, that will give to [illegible]ployers work at remunerative [illegible]ces that will insure to employees [illegible] at fair wages. They have [illegible] intolerably tired of condi-[illegible] under which agriculture can-[illegible] be carried on so as to yield a [illegible]nt living, under which manu-[illegible]rers and miners cannot pros-[illegible] unless in dishonest league with [illegible] managers of some transporta-[illegible] company, unless enjoying spe-[illegible] privileges in the marketing of [illegible] products, lower transporta-[illegible] rates than are granted their [illegible]petitors. Under such a state [illegible]airs when only such enterprises [illegible] as are consolidated into [illegible] and trusts, and which [illegible] favors from the railroads [illegible]bing the railroad managers [illegible] trusts are strong enough [illegible] the railroads into the [illegible] the same favors by [illegible] our people have grown [illegible]ly unsuccessful.

When a man cannot get ahead [illegible] world by honest industry, [illegible]timate enterprise, when to [illegible] to accumulate wealth, one [illegible] get some unfair advantage [illegible] his fellows, men cannot be [illegible] contented. And this is the [illegible]tion today. Those who toil [illegible]stly and industriously and seek [illegible] doing injury to their fel-[illegible] grow poorer as they toil. [illegible] who are possessed of that [illegible]rupulousness, which goes by [illegible] smartness, who have [illegible] or riches to buy the favors [illegible] transportation companies [illegible] enable them to prey upon [illegible] products of others' labor, to [illegible] others' toil, add to [illegible] And when the inde-[illegible]ent producer is driven to ruin [illegible] the favored, the one [illegible] or trust prospers, [illegible] contented. They [illegible] when the trust pros-[illegible] the wage earner does not share [illegible] prosperity. There is no [illegible] force a trust to [illegible] its increased profits with [illegible] for where there is no [illegible] competition [illegible] overs for hands, no [illegible] to force up wages. [illegible]ent producers pros-[illegible] share in that pros-[illegible] such producers seek [illegible] direction, to extend [illegible] have to have more [illegible] against one an-[illegible]. But when the [illegible] different, and it [illegible] and trust that [illegible]. Therefore, the [illegible] satisfaction with ex-[illegible] that finds expres-[illegible] that has led to the [illegible] political fortunes [illegible] voters have turned [illegible] the other.—Phil-[illegible]

NEWS OF THE WEEK

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TWO MISSIONARIES MURDERED IN CHINA.

Trial of the Crew of the Competitor in Progress—Married in a Lion's Cage—Miners' Strike Settled—Memphis Visited by a Fire—Other News Notes.

England politely declined to take part in fisheries convention at Tampa.

Prof. George Fredrick Holmes, of the University of Virginia, died last week.

Daniel Morgan, while asleep, walked out of a window at Nashville and was killed.

Cuban patriots in New York will protest against proposed Spanish reforms in Cuba.

The trial of the crew of the schooner Competitor before the naval court martial at Havana was begun Monday.

The Singapore Chamber of Commerce recommends the gold standard for the Straights settlement, Malay Peninsula.

Hattie, the 7-year-old daughter of J. C. Norris, who lives near Chattanooga, was fatally burned last week, by having her dress ignited.

A young couple were married in a lion's cage in Boston last week. The ceremony was witnessed by 5,000 people. A lion on either side were the attendants.

The Carter Package Company's plant at Memphis, manufacturers of wooden buckets, etc., was entirely destroyed by fire last week. Loss, $20,000; no insurance.

The Cologne Volks Zeitung announces that the Rhenish missionaries, Nies and Henle, have been murdered in the southern part of the Chinese province of Shan Tung.

The differences between operators and miners in Tennessee have been settled. The scale at which the men will work, under the new agreement, is 5 cents lower than last winter's scale.

In an old dilapidated house in Atlanta the body of Mrs. Zion Bridwell, an old woman, was found cold in death hanging to the rafters last Friday night. Her husband has been arrested for the crime on suspicion.

Mrs. Celia Wallace, of Chicago, has taken a fancy to Evangelina Cassio y Cisneros, the Cuban refugee, and offered to adopt the Cuban maid and make her an heiress to a fortune estimated at $500,000. It is probable that she will accept the offer.

James Ponder, former Governor of Delaware, died at his home in Milton Friday of paralysis, aged 78 years. He was for years active in State politics as a Democrat, served as Speaker of the State Senate and was elected Governor in 1870, serving four years.

A slight earthquake was felt at Helena, Mont., Thursday, rocking buildings. It was of seven seconds' duration, but as yet no damage is known to have been caused by it. The shock was also felt in Butte and Anaconda. Many people were shaken out of bed, chimneys fell and plate glass was broken.

The United States consul at San Juan del Norte, Nicaragua, has informed the department of state that Noberte Arguello, who killed an American citizen named William Wilson at Rama in 1894, has been arrested and sent to the interior as a prisoner. His punishment was demanded by our government.

The Spanish government, as the result of the deliberations of the Ministers over the utterances of General Weyler, former captain-general of Cuba, has come to the decision to try him by court martial no matter where he lands, if he confirms the accuracy of the press reports of his utterances.

A dispatch from Constantinople says that the porte, under the threat from the Bulgarian government that unless the promised Berats to the Bulgarian bishops in Macedonia should be granted before 10 o'clock a. m. Thursday, Bulgaria would declare independence, finally acceded to the demands and granted the berats.

British Ambassador to the United States Sir Julian Pauncefort has been instructed to ascertain the views of the government of the United States in regard to a reciprocity treaty with the West Indies.

The cotton men of Austin, Texas, have issued an estimate of the total cotton crop for the 1897 season, placing it at 9,948,091 bales, divided as follows: Alabama, 1,094,025; Arkansas, 797,412; Florida, 64,347; Georgia, 1,296,624; Louisiana, 627,868; Mississippi, 1,296,624; North Carolina and Virginia, 562,278; South Carolina, 883,192; Tennessee, Missouri and Oklahoma, 387,558; Texas and Indian Territory, 2,896,732.

Dr. Fooshee was shot from ambush at Inverness, Fla., Thursday night, it is suspected by moonshiners, against whom he had filed information.

The Athletic Association of the Georgia School of Technology held a meeting and decided to disband the foot ball team. This action was taken in pursuance of an agreement reached by the managers of the foot ball teams of the colleges of Georgia, Tennessee and Alabama. Foot ball is a thing of the past in these States.

Major Mac Murray, commanding the First Artillery at Fort Barrancas, Fla., has been instructed by General Wilson, the chief of engineers, to restore the walls of old Fort San Carlos, near Barrancas. This is the oldest and most interesting old fortress in the United States. It was originally built by the Spaniards and was several times captured by the American army under General Jackson in 1821. It will now probably be supplied with rapid-fire guns.

NO DIMINUTION YET.

Uncle Sam's Pension Roll Grows Larger, as Seen by the Report.

The first annual report of Commissioner of Pensions H. Clay Evans to the secretary of the interior was made public Friday.

There were added to the rolls during the year 50,101 new pensioners, and there were restored to the rolls 3,971 pensioners who had been previously dropped, a total of 54,072. Losses were 3,960 by death, 1,074 by re-marriage of widows and mothers, 1,145 by legal limitation (minors), 2,683 for failure to claim pension for three years and 360 for other causes, an aggregate of 41,122.

The whole number of pensioners on the rolls June 30, 1897, was 976,014. The net gain over the previous year was 5,336. It will thus be seen that the pension roll has not yet begun to show any diminution. Seven widows of revolutionary soldiers and nine daughters of revolutionary soldiers are still on the rolls.

The amount disbursed for pensions by the pension agents during the year was $139,799,242.12, and the amount disbursed by treasury settlement was $150,475.23, a total of $139,949,717. This exceeds the amount disbursed during the fiscal year 1896 by the sum of $1,854,480.

NEW YORK'S PATRONAGE.

Second Only to That of the President of the United States.

More than 55,000 persons will directly or indirectly draw pay from the city in the first administration of the mayor of Greater New York. The salaries of 33,000 of these whose names will be actually on the city's pay roll will aggregate $33,000,000. Part of this amount represents the salaries and patronage of the other officers elected on Tuesday, but this is comparatively small, most of the total representing the patronage of Greater New York's first mayor, Robt. A. Van Wyck.

Second only to the president of the United States, in the value of his patronage, the first mayor of the greater city is first in the significance of this patronage. With his colleagues-elect, of the same political party as himself, Mr. Van Wyck can lead an army of office-holders, and those indirectly employed by the city, as great as the Army of the Potomac.

Tragedy at Gallatin, Tenn.

The Dismukes-Rhodes affair at Gallatin, Tenn., a few days ago, has at last resulted in a tragedy. Thursday afternoon John Rhodes was standing in the public square, when Martin Dismukes came out of the court house and fired at Rhodes with a double-barreled shotgun. Rhodes ran a few steps and fell. Bystanders rushed in and prevented Dismukes from firing again. The gun was loaded with buckshot. One ball struck Rhodes in the shoulder and another entered just under the heart, inflicting probably fatal wounds.

The shooting was the outcome of an attack upon ex-Senator Dismukes by the Rhodes boys a few days ago. Martin Dismukes tried to kill Rhodes on the day of the attack on his father, firing once at him, but striking a bystander

TEN MORE VICTIMS.

Yellow Fever Death Rate at New Orleans Heavier.

Friday's record of fever cases in New Orleans is not encouraging. Thirty-one new cases developed and ten deaths occurred. The situation, while it has not improved any, is not considered worse. To date there have been 1,706 cases and 223 deaths.

Mobile reports eleven new cases and one death for Friday.

Other cities and towns report as follows: Montgomery, deaths 1; Cayuga, 1; Biloxi, 2; Scranton, 3; Bay St. Louis, 3, deaths 1; Memphis 1.

Plunged Into a River.

The Chesapeake and Ohio vestibule express, known as the "F. F. V.," from Cincinnati to Washington, was wrecked near Old Shadwell, five miles east of Charlottsville, Va., Thursday afternoon. Four persons were killed and seventeen injured. All the cars except the baggage car and the Richmond sleeper were derailed. Two cars were pludged end foremost down the steep embankment and one of them went into the Rivanpia river, which at this place skirts the track. The day passenger coach and the express car were badly wrecked. The accident was caused by the breaking of the axle of the front truck of the locomotive.

Steamships to Klondyke.

The first line of first-class steamships to the Klondyke has been organized at Philadelphia with Charles H. Cramp, of the ship building firm of that name, as president. There will be five vessels in all, and the first will start in April next, clearing from New York and Philadelphia and stopping at San Francisco, Seattle and Tacoma. Each of these ships will accommodate about 1,400 first class passengers and several hundred second-class passengers.

TRADE OUTLOOK BRIGHTER.

Resumption of Traffic and Prospective Revival in Staples Are Features.

TRADE STIMULATED BY THE COLD WEATHER.

October Made a Splendid Record on Failures—Moderate Reaction in Iron and Steel—Leading Manufacturing Industries Continue Fairly Well Employed.

Bradstreet's trade report says in part:

Killing frosts south, the raising of quarantine embargoes in nearly all states invaded by yellow fever, the resumption of traffic and a prospective revival in demand for staple merchandise constitute the trade features of the week.

Rains in central western and western states, followed by colder weather have favored farmers and stimulated demand from interior store keepers. Jobbers in northwestern states are awaiting seasonable weather to stimulate the movement of heavy dry goods and winter clothing. Features at larger Pacific coast cities are confined to sales of merchandise and provisions for the Klondike, and the heavy foreign shipments of wheat and flour. New England centers report that orders from the west exceed those from the south or east. Leading manufacturing industries continue fairly well employed. While there has been a moderate reaction in iron and steel, furnaces and mills continue well employed, and the outlook for higher quotations next year is unchanged.

In addition to lower prices for southern and Bessemer pig and for steel billets quotations for naval stores, wools, copper, coffee, pork, flour, oats and wheat are lower, while those for cotton, print cloths, sugar and beef are unchanged, and corn, lead and lard a shade higher. Exports of wheat (flour included), from both coasts of the United States and from Montreal this week aggregate 5,477,156 bushels, compared with 5,911,691 bushels last week, 3,477,000 bushels one year ago.

Exports of Indian corn this week amount to 2,199,550 bushels, compared with 1,589,000 bushels last week, 2,407,000 bushels in the corresponding week one year ago.

There are 223 business failures reported throughout the United States this week, compared with 218 last week; 223 in the week a year ago, 260 two years ago, 261 three years ago and as compared with 333 in the first week of November, 1893.

ATTEMPTED ASSASSINATION.

The President of Brazil Attacked by a Desperate Soldier.

A dispatch from Rio Janeiro says: At 1 o'clock Friday afternoon a soldier of the Tenth battalion, which constitutes part of the local garrison, attempted to shoot President Moraes with a pistol. The president was just landing at the marine hospital after visiting the steamer on which General Barbardosa, minister of marine, had returned from Bahia.

The by-standers frustrated the attempt, but Colonel Moraes, the president's nephew, was slightly wounded in disarming the soldier.

General Bitancour, minister of war, then interfered and was himself stabbed. The wound was so serious that he died soon afterwards.

An Ill Fated Train.

A passenger train on the St. Louis and Southwestern road, known as the "Cotton Belt" route, was ill fated, and death marked its run Friday. Near Mount Pleasant the train ran over J. C. Beasley, ex-section foreman, who had fallen asleep on the track. He was instantly killed.

About thirty miles further west, near Greenville, three negro children were playing down among the timbers of a trestle bridge. They scampered up to the track, trying to escape. Two were killed between the rails. The other child died an hour later.

A few miles further west, near Wylie, a passenger named J. C. Davis entered the toilet room and committed suicide by shooting himself through the head.

May Open Arbitration Negotiations.

Sir Julian Pauncefote, the British ambassador, who is just back from London, probably will confer with Secretary Sherman at an early date concerning the reopening of negotiations for an Anglo-American treaty of arbitration. Mr. Sherman made known to the British authorities some months ago that the president would view with favor a reopening of the negotiations, and was hopeful that a peace treaty ultimately would be secured. The British officials were much gratified at this suggestion, but no negotiations were entered upon. Since then Sir Julian has visited London and has had an opportunity to learn the views of the foreign office.

Representative Clarence Knowles, of Fulton county, Georgia, introduced a resolution in the house calling upon congress to enact laws so as to place the control of the quarantine regulations in the south in the hands of the Marine Hospital Service when there are future epidemics of yellow fever, smallpox, etc.

John Lyon, one of the assistant attorney-generals of the department of the interior, died at his home in Washington Friday morning.

NEGRO COLONY LAUNCHED.

Mrs. Lillian K. Ray, an English Woman, at the Head.

Saturday witnessed the formal opening of the Cedar Lake negro colony in Morgan county, promoted and backed by Mrs. Lillian K. Ray, the wealthy English woman, who represents a syndicate of English capitalists. Application was made for a city charter and a provisional government elected. Several hundred negroes were present, and seem to be in earnest with the movement. The colony comprises 367 acres of fine wheat and tobacco lands, beautifully located, on either side of the Louisville and Nashville railroad, three and a half miles from Decatur.

Mrs. Ray has donated the lands to the colony, and built thereon school and church buildings and donated $10,000 on condition that 140 houses are built by the negroes within another year. She has enlisted the aid and support of many prominent and wealthy people. She read a letter to the gathering from President Smith, of the Louisville and Nashville Railroad company, promising aid and support to build a depot, side tracks, etc., and give all necessary shipping concessions. She has the promise of a wealthy Providence, R. I., firm to erect a 20,000 spindle cotton mill at a cost of $60,000, and a cigar factory. She will be materially aided by Thomas J. Lipton, an English millionaire. He is interested in tobacco culture, and his plantations in Cuba having been destroyed has decided to invest in Alabama, as he believes tobacco culture here will be profitable.

SOUTHERN PROGRESS NOTES.

New Industries Reported in the South in a Week.

Among the most important new industries for the week ending Nov. 6, The Tradesman reports the following: A flouring mill at Lebanon, Tenn.; gas works to cost $60,000 at Newport, News, Va.; the Tisdale Mining and Manufacturing Co., capital $33,500, at Butler, Ga.; the Huguenot Mining and Milling Co., the Arctic Circle Mining Co., capital $1,000,000, and the Grand Encampment Mining and Milling Co., capital $500,000, at Charleston, W. Va.; the Morgan County Cannel Coal Co., capital $25,000, at Frankfort, Ky.; the Carter Coal and Iron Co., capital $100,000, at Pulaski, Va., and the Jackson-Meshier Mining Co., capital $60,000, at Rome, Ga. The Peerless Clay Co., capital $18,000, has been incorporated at Butler, Ga.; the New York Petroleum Co., capital $500,000, at Parkersburg, W. Va., and the Frost Cotton Oil Co., capital $20,000, at Frost, Texas. A knitting mill will be erected at Burlington, N. C.; a rope and twine mill at Griffin, Ga.; a furniture factory at Little Rock, Ark.; a $10,000 lumber mill at Hamilton, N. C.; a $20,000 sawmill at Minneola, Ga., and $45,000 lumber mill at Vinton, La.

Other woodworking plants will be established at Brantford and Holley, Fla.; Belair and Cordele, Ga., and Elkin, N. C.

The Fever Situation.

The yellow fever report for Monday was more favorable than has been noted since the disease made its appearance and it is now apparent that the backbone is broken. Following is the report for the day: New Orleans, new cases 14, deaths 7; Mobile, new cases 6, deaths 2; Flomaton, new cases 3, deaths 0; Montgomery, new cases 1, deaths 0. Total new cases 24, deaths 9.

Nineteen Were Drowned.

The Western Transit company's steamer Idaho, which left Buffalo, N. Y., Saturday for Chicago, laden with package freight, foundered off long point on Lake Erie during a furious gale. The first mate and one sailor, who succeeded in reaching the rigging, were rescued by the steamer Mariposa. The rest of the crew, numbering nineteen, were undoubtedly drowned.

Durrant Must Hang.

The United States Supreme court Monday affirmed the decision of the circuit court for the California circuit refusing a writ of habeas corpus to William Henry Theodore Durrant, under sentence of death for the murder of Miss Blanche Lamont in San Francisco in April 1895.

Prominent Georgian Dead.

Col. Sam M. Carter, one of the most prominent and wealthy citizens of North Georgia, died Monday morning at his plantation in Murray county after an illness of eight weeks.

China Wants the Gold Standard.

According to a special dispatch from Shanghai, the emperor of China and the board of revenue have approved a memorial petitioning for the establishment of the gold standard and the collection of imports in gold. It is doubtful, however, if this will have any practical result.

Tragedy in Atlanta.

Patrolman J. T. Ponder was killed Monday night while he was shadowing a supposed burglar, who had entered the wholesale whisky house of L. Steinhau. The officer saw a man enter the building and he followed him. When the officer struck a match to light his way he was fired upon five times by an assassin. He died in a few minutes.

It is announced that the populists of Georgia will run Young Carter for governor in the next gubernatorial election.

ALABAMA GLEANINGS.

Pertinent Paragraphs of the Late News of the State.

Fatal Affray in Cherokee County.

In a difficulty that occurred at Noah between Henry Kines and Hiram Jordan Kines received a blow on the head that will probably prove fatal.

May Build Two Furnaces.

It is stated that the Howard Harrison Iron Company, of Bessemer, is shortly going to considerably enlarge its plant by the erection of two furnaces to furnish the pipe works with the pig iron needed to make pipe.

Opened and Adjourned.

According to program the members of the supreme court went to Montgomery Saturday, and organized and adjourned court until November 29. A special train carried them to the capital where they remained only thirty minutes.

Two Fatal Accidents.

Two fatal railroad accidents have occurred near Stevenson within the last few days. Sunday "Uncle" Charley Caperton, a negro said to be over 100 years old, was run over by a train and killed, and Tuesday John Shirley, a young man who lives near Bass, was run over and killed near that place.

A New Industry.

Ground has been broken for the plant of the Southern Iron and Steel company at Birmingham. The company will manufacture iron columns, structural iron and wire fencing and will start with a capital of $25,000. About fifty skilled workmen will be employed and from present prospects the plant will be kept running the entire year.

Misfortune, Then Reward.

Near Huntsville two weeks ago Mr. Williams had the misfortune to lose by fire his house with its contents, baled cotton and farming implements, in fact everything he possessed. A few days ago he received a letter from a friend in Texas summoning him to come at once and take possession of 1,500 acres of rich farming land, to which he had fallen heir through the death of an uncle.

Quarantine Raised.

The Governor issued a proclamation Thursday raising the quarantine as to all that portion of the State lying north of a line running east and west through Calera. Persons from all infected districts can now enter the northern part of the State, except where local quarantines are still maintained. Mayor Evans, of Birmingham, also issued a proclamation declaring the quarantine annulled against all cities and towns.

A $70,000 Fire at Selma.

There was a large fire in Selma Wednesday. The blaze started in the business house of Cawthon & Coleman and burned furiously. It caught from the cellar where a negro turned over a lamp and set off a lot of turpentine. The loss on their stock will be $60,000, insurance $30,000. The building is damaged about $5,000. Ullman & Son, from smoke and water, will be damaged $5,000, fully insured.

Extract From the Treasurer's Report.

The State Treasurer has made his annual statement for the year ended September 30. The receipts for the year were shown to be $2,174,644 37, and the disbursements $2,188,955 20. This excess of disbursements arose from the fact that several extraordinary expenses incurred by the State were paid by the treasurer during the year. Among others the expense incident to holding the last legislature; that incident to the preparation and printing of the new code, and increased appropriations to the Girls' Industrial school at Montevallo, and other State institutions. The new tax laws and the improved business methods that are being enforced now in the several counties of the State will, it is believed, cause the treasury to show a handsome profit next year.

BRIEFLY NOTED.

T. W. Lloyd has been appointed postmaster at Dolomite.

Work on the Atlanta and Alabama Air Line in the vicinity of Selma is progressing rapidly.

Abraham B. Jones, of this state, has been appointed by President McKinley as consul at Tuxpan, Mexico.

In the U. S. Court at Birmingham the Cahaba wreck cases came up Friday and were continued to Nov. 22.

The broom makers of Birmingham have organized and elected officers. Efforts are also being made to form a union among bicycle makers and repairers.

Only one death occurred in Huntsville during the month of October, that being an infant. No city in the south of 15,000 inhabitants shows such a remarkable record.

Willis Cobb, the negro charged with the murder of Gus Hector at Blossburg, Jefferson county, which occurred the 25th of last May, has been found guilty and the penalty fixed at death.

The coke ovens at Lewisburg, which have been idle for three years, have resumed operations and henceforth will run on full time. A new $40,000 coal washer has just been placed in position.

ECHOES FROM THE ELECTION

Kentucky.

Kentucky is again in the democratic column by a majority of 25,000. Reports from all over the state show that Samuel J. Shackelford, the silver democratic nominee for appellate court clerk, will have fully [illegible],000, if not 30,000 majority, and that the democrats will have a majority of twenty in the two houses of the general assembly.

Colorado.

Chief Justice Hayt has conceded the election of his opponent, Wilson H. Gabbert, the populist and democratic candidate. Gabbert's majority is over 3,000.

Iowa.

The complete official returns of Tuesday's vote show Leslie M. Shaw, republican, governor, by democrat, 193,[illegible] of the road, 5,[illegible] democrat, 434; prohibitionist, [illegible] total, 198, Shaw's plurality [illegible].

New York.

Complete returns from all counties in the state except [illegible] show a plurality for Alton B. Parker, democratic candidate for chief justice of the court of appeals, of [illegible]. Van Wyck, Tammany candidate for mayor of New York, has 81,[illegible] plurality over Low and 118,401 over Col. Tracy.

Ohio.

The republican state ticket, headed by Governor Bushnell, has been elected by a plurality of 28,000. The legislature stands 74 republicans and 70 democrats. The contest in Wood county is in the hands of the circuit judge, and the result may change the figures in favor of the democrats.

Maryland.

The official count in the state leaves no further room for doubt that the republicans have control of both branches of the legislature, and that a republican will succeed A. P. Gorman in the United States senate. The house stands 49 republicans and 42 democrats, and the senate 18 republicans and 8 democrats.

SPAIN'S REPLY RECEIVED.

The Full Text is in the State Department Hands.

The full text of the Spanish reply to the note of United States Minister Woodford reached the State Department Friday.

So far as can be learned it is not the intention of the administration to give it to the public now, so that the interest of the people must be satisfied at present with more or less official statements emanating from Madrid as to the character of the Spanish note.

It is expected that the president will make his note and the correspondence leading up to it the basis for one of the most important chapters of his forthcoming message to congress upon the reassembling of that body in December next, and meanwhile it is not believed to be probable that any radical change in policy will characterize the correspondence between the two countries unless something unforeseen occurs.

Fills a Pauper's Grave.

Gen. Thomas L. Clingman, ex-United States senator, died in the Western Insane asylum at Morganton, N. C. Aged, poor and infirm, the state gave him a home there. Gen. Clingman was born in Yadkin county in 1816, elected a whig member of the legislature in 1835 from Surry, and state senator in 1836 from Buncombe, became a leader of the whig party, was a member of congress from 1858 to 1858, excepting the Twenty-[illegible] congress. In 1858 he was appointed to the United States senate to fill a vacancy and was re-elected. His speech on Clay's defeat led to a duel with William Yancy, of Alabama.

At the outbreak of the civil war he entered the Confederate army as colonel of the Twenty-fifth North Carolina regiment, and soon became brigadier general, and was wounded at Cold Harbor and Petersburg.

Capt. W. H. Briggs, of Emporia, Va., a prominent citizen and late county collector, committed suicide by shooting himself early Friday morning.

May Impeach Weyler.

A special dispatch received from Madrid says that the Spanish cabinet is now considering the impeachment of Gen. Weyler, the late captain general of Cuba, on account of the remarks which he made previous to his leaving Havana on his return to Spain. Gen. Weyler, in his remarks said in part:

"My release from my post and responsibilities did not surprise me. I had expected it from the death of Canovas, not believing that any political leader would be strong enough to sustain me when the United States and the rebels were together combined demanding that Spain should come to a settlement."

An Excellent Showing.

At a meeting of the executive committee of the Tennessee Centennial exposition Auditor Frank Goodman made his report, showing that the total indebtedness of the exposition is now only $36,000. The property of the Exposition Company is valued at more than this sum, and there are uncollected assets amounting to $[illegible]. The total attendance officially reported was 1,682,305.

The legislature of Georgia will make Jeff Davis' birthday a legal holiday.

CAMPING OUT.

[illegible] that midsummer days are here,
[illegible] hours are long and skies are clear,
[illegible] time to leave the crowded street
[illegible] distant woods and cool and sweet;
[illegible] pitch the tent near by a brook
[illegible] trout are hungry for the hook,
[illegible] loaf and [illegible] and read, and live
[illegible] manner plain and primative,
[illegible] Nature as a bird
[illegible] her— [illegible] and word
[illegible] to the heart,
[illegible] Nature's [illegible] makes a part.

[illegible] rugged rocks [illegible] rude—
[illegible] solitude—
[illegible] fish
[illegible] dish;
[illegible] repast up
[illegible]

[illegible] with the sun
[illegible] overspun
[illegible] and see
[illegible] tree to tree,
[illegible] the way,
[illegible] Day!

[illegible] hour is o'er,
[illegible] the trout
[illegible] out!

[illegible] beguile—
[illegible] can smile
[illegible] rhyme,
[illegible] time,
[illegible] flowers—
[illegible] hours!

[illegible] lights may urge
[illegible] dizzy verge
[illegible] the world you
[illegible]

[illegible] is hid below,
[illegible] all,

[illegible] to see,
[illegible] comprehend
[illegible] friend!

[illegible] fires are lit
[illegible] the comrades sit
[illegible] weaving tales,
[illegible] and fails.
[illegible] them to recline
[illegible] of the pine—
[illegible] and wake to be
[illegible] made them free!

—Frank Dempster Sherman, in Youth's Companion.

THE MOONSHINER

Two horsemen were trotting slowly down a narrow path that wound along the Kentucky ridge of the Cumberland mountains. Their horses were ridden out, and the men had but little to say. One of them hailed from New York. His face bespoke energy and strong will, but the rugged features inspired little confidence. His companion, as could be seen at a glance, was an Englishman. The fair, ruddy complexion, the quaintly shaped traveling cap, the long yellow gaiters not long from old England. The

"GENTLEMEN, LET ME INTRODUCE YOU TO MY WINCHESTER."

latter had met by accident at a crossing of country roads, and being both bound for Glace City, in Virginia, they agreed to make the journey together. The conversation, anything but lively at first, had ceased altogether. The New Yorker answered his companion's questions curtly, and lapsed into silence before they had traveled a mile together.

"There's a house at last! It's as far as we can go to-day," suddenly exclaimed the American. "An old negro, no doubt," pointing at a little shackled house, the roof of which peeped out of a cornfield. "Hardly decent enough to give shelter to a horse. There's nothing else to be done." The two riders turned their horses into the narrow lane that led toward the house. When they were within 20 feet of it the door was suddenly thrown open and the porch in front of it appeared a tall, gaunt form of an old man with flowing beard and snow-white hair. His right hand clutched a Winchester rifle.

"Gentlemen," he cried—and there was a tinge in his voice—"let me introduce you to my Winchester! The first man who makes a motion toward his pocket will find himself with a hole in his [illegible] large enough to give passage to a team of oxen!"

The Englishman laughed heartily at the novel reception. "What queer people these Americans are!" he cried. "We've come to settle down among you!"

"Ah, you're a Britisher!"

"Yes, my good old friend, just over from old England."

"Wal, there looks like a tax on purpose."

The Englishman shrugged his shoulders. The New Yorker introduced himself as owner of the Winchester, "This is George Deadmore," he said, "land agent from New York. His business doesn't concern you, least. I wouldn't shoot you still if you held it over me."

He made an angry motion to send the intruders away, but the grizzly hospitality prevailed.

"Gentlemen, what can I do for you?"

"We want a way to Glace City, which, I guess, is 50 miles from here. I didn't dare to travel over that deceptive path at the dead of night. You'll have to stay here till morning."

The guests dismounted and the hosts caught the reins of the horses and led them to the little shed in the rear of the house. There he unsaddled and fed them. When he came back he conducted his guests into the house, and invited them to a frugal meal, consisting of corn bread, bacon and a glass of whisky.

Next morning the Englishman awoke to find himself alone. His companion had departed before daylight.

"I didn't like to keep him," said the old man, "for I don't trust him; but I hope you will remain with me for awhile. My name is Walker, Col. Walker, and I haven't always lived in poverty. A beautiful country home stood on the site of this old tumble-down cabin, and hundreds of negroes worked in my fields. But the war swept away my house, my lands and my slaves, and weeds are growing where tobacco and cotton flourished. I

THERE, GHASTLY WHITE, LAY HIS OLD FRIEND.

was luckier than many, for I held onto the land, and I have good reason for living in this wilderness. That Yankee yesterday was not far out of the way. If it's unlawful what I am doing, the Yankees are to blame for it. They made me a beggar! But you, stay with me just a little while, you've no idea how lonely it is for an old man to be cut off from everybody."

The invitation was given so heartily that the young Englishman decided to accept it. He had come over to this country to study the land and its people, and here was a good chance to see a phase of life and a kind of people of whom he had read in books.

The days stretched into weeks, the weeks into months, and still the Englishman tarried. His days were spent in riding about the country, hunting, fishing and exploring the beauties of the Cumberland hills. On one of these exploring tours he came upon a little distillery built close to the edge of a mountain brook. It was here the old man brewed his "moonshine" whisky. The arrangements were primitive and quaint, but the Englishman never discussed his discovery with his old friend. At night he and his friend ate their frugal meal, smoked their pipes and reveled in the loveliness of the southern night. The old warrior told of the days before the war when the country teemed with prosperity, and the Englishman listened in sympathetic silence.

Suddenly their peaceful seclusion was rudely disturbed. While the stranger strolled through the forest on the hills a fusillade of rifle shots rent the air. They came from the direction of the little cabin. He hastened down and soon reached the clearing in front of the house. In his absence the old man had been surprised by tax collectors. Three of them lay dead in their blood at the edge of the corn field. Leaning against a tree stump the Englishman recognized his former traveling companion from New York. Col. Walker's rifle had done effective work. The riderless horses feasted on the tender ears of the corn in the fields. Nothing was to be seen of the old man.

The stranger, sick with fear over the terrible tragedy, stumbled into the cabin. There, ghastly white and with disheveled hair, lay his old friend. Blood trickled from several wounds, and formed little puddles along the floor. The blue jeans shirt rose and fell with the labored breathing of the dying man. He was unconscious. The Englishman knelt besides him, moistening his lips with drops of the burning liquid which was responsible for the tragedy. One bullet has grazed the left temple, another had shattered the elbow, and the third had penetrated the abdomen. The wound was deadly; there was no recovery from it. The wounded man regained consciousness and immediately recognized his young friend.

"These scoundrels have poured more lead into me than is good for my health. The New York chap gave me away. He sent the tax collectors after me. Well, he is dead, and I'll soon follow, but before I go I want to exact a promise from you. All my old friends are dead. They were either killed in the war or died soon afterwards, and I am sorely troubled about my little girl."

"Your daughter?"

"Yes, my daughter. I have never spoken about her to any one. I sent her away to a convent in Paris. This rough, inhospitable life would not suit her at all. I intended to have her come home when the place was built up again. For her I stinted and saved and made 'moonshine' whisky. I never liked the business. It isn't fit for a gentleman. Now my daughter has finished her education and is coming here to see her old father again. She will not find me alive; but she will come into her own. There is $50,000 in the bank. And now, for the favor I'll ask of you. It's a dying man's request, will you fulfill it?"

"Yes, as far as is in my power."

"Then go to my daughter—and make her your wife."

The Englishman was dumfounded. He—to marry the daughter of a murderer. Had he forgotten that yonder in the grass lay three men whom he had killed?

"You are going to deny my request," cried the colonel. "I know what you are thinking. Have pity. In a few moments I'll be dead. Come, make haste. She is beautiful," he moaned, when the Englishman still hesitated. "Pure as the snow and highly accomplished. You need not be ashamed to call her your wife."

"Stop," cried the Englishman, torn with contending emotions. "Do not make my answer more difficult than it is. I am no longer free to give love. On my way over from Havre I gave my heart to a young girl. She gave me hers. I cannot break my word, for I love her passionately.

The dying man clutched the Englishman's sleeve. "Then take my orphan girl and let her live with you and your wife. Shield her from harm, and some day find a good husband for her."

"That I will with all my heart," promised the Englishman. "But tell me, where can I find her?"

"She does not bear her father's name. The stigma of the 'moonshine still' attaches to mine. She was called Josefa after her mother."

"And what was her other name?" questioned vehemently the young man.

"Turner—Josefa Turner."

"Josefa Turner, the girl who promised to be my wife. * * * your daughter!"

Like a drunken man he staggered toward a chair and threw himself upon it, burying his face in his hands.

The moments sped by and with them the life of the wounded man. When the young Englishman shook off the lethargy into which he had fallen he rose and went over to the spot where the old man lay.

He was dead, but over his rugged, wrinkled face lay the sweet light of peace.

New Economy.

A Tennessee community, apparently founded on institutes drawn from the precepts of Ruskin, has just established a college, to which they gave the name of that rhapsodist, at New-Economy, the town they have built up in the last three years. The community now numbers 213 and possesses property valued at $80,000. When it started each head of a family put in $500, and the increment represents what they have earned in the interval beyond their living expenses.

The settlement lives as a single family; its standard of value is an hour's labor; in its home commerce it has no money and needs none—a certificate that labor has been performed takes its place. A pound of tea costs eleven hours' work; seventy hours pay for a pair of shoes; two and a half for a pound of crackers, and so on. Everybody works and all—men and women alike—receive the same wages. They have heretofore worked ten hours a day, but expect soon to reduce it to eight. They have a kindergarten and adequate education machinery, music, languages and a limited technology being taught in addition to the regular branches.

The majority of the communists are agnostics. There is no church, but those who like can go to church outside. Of the great number of similar communities first and last founded in this country few survive. The most do not outlast a decade, and it would not be safe to predict a longer term for this one, though its institution of a college shows that it has so far no misgivings on that score.—New York Tribune.

A Racing Stable a Luxury.

A veteran turfman, in speaking of the expense of conducting a racing stable, gives some rather startling figures. One would want at least twelve horses, and these, if they are to be honest, fair racers, with some chance of success, would cost at least $75,000. This is a very low estimate, as is seen by the following figures. It cost August Belmont $92,500 for four horses—Henry of Navarre, $27,000; Hastings, $37,500; Keenan, $18,000; and Dorian, $10,000. In the same year W. P. Thompson paid $26,000 for Requital. After the purchase of the horses the next big item of expense will be a trainer, who will want at least $5,000 a year, besides his living, which will amount to fully $2,500. The trainer will also expect a percentage of winnings. No jockey worth the name can be secured for less that $7,500 per year, besides valuable presents and tips. In 1896 August Belmont paid Griffin a salary of $17,500. This year Fred Taral receives from Marcus Daly $18,000; while "Tod" Sloane, who is riding for Pittsburg Phil, gets $15,000. Fred Littlefield gets $10,000 from the Morrises, while Thorpe draws $8,000 for piloting the Bromley string.

India Rubber.

Caoutchouc is a milky juice, white as it flows from the plant, but darkening with exposure to the weather. It is commonly called India rubber, and is so useful and convenient an article that civilized people could hardly get along comfortably without it. It forms an important article of commerce. Mexico, Central and South America, and the East Indies are the principal places from which India rubber comes. The East India rubber is the juice of a species of fig tree. The South American product is taken from the syringe tree, which is sometimes as rough as an eight-story house. To erase pencil marks is one of the uses of India rubber which will occur to you first, and then you will think of water-proof cloaks and shoes, without which you could not go out comfortably in stormy weather. But these only begin to be the list of articles which this obliging gum aids in constructing. Tubes, fire hose, elastic bands, mats, belts for machinery, door springs, etc., are made of it. Combined with sulphur it forms combs, canes, buttons, picture frames, brush backs and surgical instruments, and combined with sulphur and coal tar and polished like jet it is used to make beautiful ornamental jewelry.

FOR LITTLE FOLKS.

A COLUMN OF PARTICULAR INTEREST TO THEM.

Something that Will Interest the Juvenile Members of Every Household—Quaint Actions and Bright Sayings of Many Cute and Cunning Children.

Ditty from Juvenile Town.

There was once a dear baby from Juvenile Town
Jumped out of a cabbage leaf
His ears were like shells, and his hair was brown,
The former of pink, the latter of down;
But when he arrived he had nary a gown—
This imp from a cabbage leaf.

Now I'm sorry to say that in Juvenile Land
The babies wear only skin;
But when they arrive on our shores, of sand
They must look about for a dress or a band
That will hide them all over the head and the hand—
These imps with nothing but skin.

And this is why Baby just hid in a petal
(He told me the other day),
For cabbages oftener are safer than nettle,
Or dahlias, or squash leaves, or things of such mettle,
For babies to hide in till we folk can settle
On clothes that are built the right way.

When We Go Fishing.

When we go fishing in the brook,
Joey and Cicely and I,
A crooked pin's our only hook.
That catches 'em! Sometimes we tie
The string tight to a willow limb
Just where the biggest minnows swim.

Then we lie down there in the shade,
And watch our bobs that tip and float;
And once a bridge of rocks we made,
And built a castle and a moat;
But, just as sure as we begin,
Why, Joey goes and tumbles in.

Then all the frightened fish they hide
Beneath the rocks and in the pool.
There's not a minnow to be spied!
The water settles clear and cool
With bubbles 'tween the rocks, and foam;
But then we must take Joey home.

Of course he cries at mamma's look.
She says: "Is this the only fish
That you can catch in Silver Brook?"
She knows, though, we'd get all she'd wish,
With just our string and pail and pin—
If Joey wouldn't tumble in!
—St. Nicholas.

How Five Kittens Came to be Named.

There was the mother cat and five kittens, and none of the kittens had names. Somehow the children had been so busy watching them tumble over each other and try to walk and then all go to sleep in a bunch, that they had not thought of naming them.

The mother cat was gray and four of the kittens were gray, but the fifth cat was black, jet black, and so without any planning or forethought the fifth kitten came to be called Blackie.

It was easy enough to distinguish her from the others, but how to tell apart the four gray ones was a question. At last it was discovered that three of the gray ones had white feet and the fourth one was gray all over. So again, without a thought of naming her, the children designated her as Gray Paws.

And then there were the other three. One of these had but one eye, the children announced sorrowfully, after the kittens were old enough to prove that they had eyes at all, and then in all tenderness and with no thought of reproach, the afflicted kitten became One Eye.

Still there were two left; two that looked almost exactly alike. Of course the children watched them every day and it did not take them long to find out that one of these was a very spunky kitten. She would spit at the others if they came near when she was eating, or if she was suddenly surprised by any one, and when this was discovered she was dubbed the Spitfire of the family.

But the remaining kitten was the one who made the others "stand 'round." If they did not do as she saw fit she boxed their ears. If the rest came around her saucer of milk she cuffed them away, and so of course she was the Boss.

And no one was more surprised than the children when we discovered that the kittens were all named, for every one was sure he had not named them.

And such a funny lot of names as it was: Blackie, Gray Paws, One Eye, Spitfire and Boss. But the names all fitted and some of them had been earned, and the kittens didn't seem to mind them in the least.—Youth's Companion.

Enlisting School Children.

Miss Eaton, of Pittsburg, is visiting the various public schools organizing Bands of Mercy among the pupils. The work is along the line of humane society efforts, though adapted to the minds of children, who are organized into societies with officers chosen from among themselves. Each member takes the following pledge:

"I will try to be kind to all living creatures and to protect them from cruel usage."

The plan is to hold appropriate exercises at stated periods, the literature for which is provided free of cost by Mr. Geo. T. Angell, a wealthy Boston gentleman, who is devoting a fortune to the work.

The children are said to be enthusiastic over the work, and it will undoubtedly prove successful. The movement already embraces bands aggregating over 1,000,000 members in various parts of the country.—Altoona (Pa.) Gazette.

Animals that Do Not Grow Thirst

How long would you be contented without a drop of water to drink? There are many different kinds of animals in the world that never in all their lives sip so much as a drop of water. Among these are the llamas of Patagonia and the gazelles of the far east. A parrot lived for fifty-two years in the "Zoo" at London, England, without drinking a drop of water, and many naturalists believe the only moisture imbibed by wild rabbits is derived from green herbage, laden with dew. Many reptiles—serpents, lizards and certain batrachians—live and thrive in places entirely devoid of water, and sloths are also said never to drink. An arid district in France has produced a race of non-drinking cows and sheep, and from the milk of the former Roquefort cheese is made. There is a species of mouse which has established itself on the waterless plains of western America, and which flourishes, notwithstanding the absence of moisture.

Labor Laws in Russia.

While Emperor Nicholas has declined until now to endow his people with a constitutional form of government, yet it cannot be denied that he is introducing many reforms which show that he is possessed of an enlightened and broad-minded sense of his responsibilities. Thus he has just promulgated a ukase prohibiting, under severe penalties, any form of labor on Sunday, or on the fourteen principal Russian feast days of the Muscovite calendar. This practically assures the laboring population sixty-six legal days of rest in the year. Children are not permitted under any circumstances to work more than eight hours a day, while eleven are henceforth to constitute the maximum working day of grown men. On Saturday the working day is limited to ten hours.

Buried with His Money on Him.

Not long ago a miserly person, who had been teased almost to death by his heirs, endeavored to cheat them out of his money. Before he died he left positive instructions that he should be buried in a certain suit of clothes. His wish was carried out, but after the funeral his surviving relatives could find no will and no money. Finally one of them suspected that the old man had served them a shabby trick, and suggested that the body be exhumed and the clothing examined. This was done, and the coat, waistcoat and trousers were found to be lined with Bank of England notes.—Chicago Record.

Danger in the X Ray.

Fine complexions, according to a recent sensational announcement, can be made by an application of the X ray. Prof. Elihu Thomson, the electrician, says this is not true, and that to prevent serious physical injury the ray must be used at some distance from the body, with an exposure of not more than from 15 to 30 minutes. Not long ago he tested the power of the ray on his little finger, held close to the tube for 12 minutes. Redness and irritation quickly followed, the nail fell off later, and the flesh looked like it had been scalded. The scar still remains, at the end of eight weeks. Enough is known of the ray to warrant the rule that it shall be handled only by the expert.

A Protection Against Lightning.

"People living in cities are prone to believe that the increasing number of telephone, telegraph and trolley wires increase the danger from electric storms," writes Edward W. Bok in the Ladies' Home Journal. "On the contrary, the maze of wires is a protection, and lessens the danger, since it is shown that where the wires attract the electricity they hold it, and discharge it only at the end of the wires in the central station. The fact is that of the two hundred lightning accidents every year only an average of forty occur in the cities. The trees in the country are a far greater danger; they account for the proportion of four cases in the country to one in the city."

Preserving His Boots.

A new wrinkle may be learned from an English soldier who was noted for keeping his boots in better condition and making them last longer than any of his brother officers. When asked what he did to them to prevent the leather from cracking and keeping it soft and smooth his reply was "Mutton bone." When an explanation was demanded he said: "It is nothing, I assure you. My man asks the cook for a knuckle bone, which he cleans and then bakes. After rubbing the leather with cream, he then frotes them as hard as he can with the bone. Usually my boots last me three years.—New Orleans Picayune.

The Fighting Bells.

One of the family of the "fighting Bells" of Augusta County, Va., has died at the homestead at Long Glade at the age of 80. He was Alexander R. Bell, one of five brothers who together had nineteen sons that fought in Capt. Cushing's company of the Fifth Virginia Regiment, Stonewall Brigade, and were nearly all killed in battle or died of wounds.

A man or woman who reads poetry, will finally attempt to write it.

ALABAMA NEWS ITEMS.

Happenings of a Week Throughout Our Commonwealth.

Killing at Bessemer.

John Crutcher, of Birmingham, was shot and killed at Bessemer by W. J. Crook.

Preparing for Mardi Gras.

Preparations are now being made for the celebration of mardi gras in Birmingham February 22 and 23.

To the Klondyke.

The mail carriers of Birmingham have organized a Klondyke Gold Mining company and will send one of their number to the New Eldorado in January.

James H. Little Dead.

James H. Little, formerly solicitor of Jefferson county, died at the residence of his mother, Mrs. Laura Little, at Livingston, Monday morning.

Clear of Fever at Montgomery.

The report of the Montgomery board of health Sunday was the most encouraging since the beginning of the epidemic. There were no deaths and no new cases.

Commissioner Appointed.

James R. Guin has been appointed United States commissioner to take the office formerly occupied by Marshal Dan Cooper. The appointment was made Saturday night by Judge Bruce.

Called to Eternal Rest.

Col. Alexander C. Davidson, ex-member of Congress from the old Fourth Alabama district, died Sunday morning at his residence in Uniontown. Deceased was 71 years of age.

New Postmasters.

The following postmasters were appointed for this state Saturday: Autaugaville, Lewis D. Hicks; Bell Mills, Ellen E. Hunt; Goldville, John W. Powell; Golightly, D. M. Norwood; Hollywood, James Riddle; Loftin, G. W. Willis; Montevallo, F. F. Crow; Ur, J. J. Wesley.

To Manufacture Spathite Iron.

Work is being pushed repairing the old Vanderbilt furnace near East Birmingham. It is intended to have the plant ready for the torch within the next sixty days at the latest. This furnace is to manufacture spathite iron altogether. It was recently purchased by parties from Tennessee, headed by Col. Sharpe, of Nashville.

Brained His Wife.

A fiendish crime was committed at Dolomite Saturday night by Aaron Bradley, a negro man about 50 years of age. Bradley had just been released from jail and, it is said, went to the house of his wife at that place and a quarrel ensued. He left the house, but returned later with an axe and was ordered from the house by the woman. Bradley resented the reprimand with two blows of the axe upon her head, felling her to the floor and immediately fled.

Two Stills Destroyed.

Friday night Captain W. C. Hanlin and Deputy Collectors Nabers, Cole, Barker and Burgess discovered two stills right together, two miles northwest of Buchanan, in Cleburne county. Both were in operation and the alleged owners were on the spot. The stills were of 20 and 30-gallon capacity, and were turning out fresh "mountain dew" at a rapid rate. Twelve hundred gallons of beer was emptied upon the ground and both stills destroyed. Green Serrett and his son, Bass Serrett, were arrested.

Anniston in Luck.

A deal has been closed to move the Jacksonville Hosiery mill down from Jacksonville to Anniston. The new mill will be known as the Anniston Hosiery mill, and will manufacture men's and children's hosiery, making a specialty of fast black hosiery, and will have in connection with it a dye house. The mill will employ about fifty hands. All the machinery is new and up-to-date. The work of removal will commence at once, and the mill will be at work in Anniston by or before the last of this week.

To Sail for Cuba.

General Fitzhugh Lee, consul-general at Havana, will sail for his post of duty on Wednesday.

Football Doomed.

Representatiue Cole's football bill prohibiting match prize games of football in Georgia where admission fees are charged, came up in the house Monday with a favorable report from the general judiciary committee with an amendment striking out "games of like character." This was adopted and the bill passed by a vote of 91 to 3.

Mississippi Opens Up.

The Mississippi board of health Monday issued an order permitting persons from non-infected points in the state of Alabama to come into non-infected points in the state of Mississippi with proper health certificates. All baggage, freight, express, mail and newspapers from non-infected points in the state of Alabama will be allowed to come into the state of Mississippi. All railroads entering the state of Mississippi from the state of Alabama will be required to establish and maintain relay stations at or near the state line.

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We understand that Tom Watson will probably receive the Populist nomination for Governor of Georgia

The enlargement of The Banner to eight pages has necessitated a good deal of extra work and some changes in the machinery, etc., and consequently has thrown us somewhat behind time. Everything is now about straight and in future we shall be able to get out on time.

Mr. F. I. Davis is authorized to collect subscriptions to The Banner. When he calls upon you we shall be glad to have you renew your subscription, or if you are not already a subscriber remember next year promises to be one of the hottest campaign years, and you want your county paper any way.

If the present low price of cotton is not enough to convince our farmers of the benefits they could derive from a thorough organization, then nothing could prove to them the good of the Farmers' Alliance. Disorganization means demoralization and holds good both in politics and business.

The Montgomery Advertiser of last Sunday contained a garbled account of of some slight fracas which was supposed to have occurred on Saturday in Clanton and mentioned the name of Mr. W. H. Foshee as one of the combatants. Mr. W. H. Foshee desires us to say, and we have much pleasure in acceding to his request, that he was not connected with the affair in any way at all. The Advertiser should secure more reliable correspondents.

The worst of the yellow fever epidemic appears to be over and from all quarters come the glad tidings of fewer deaths and a decrease in the number of new cases Quarantine is being raised in every direction and business is assuming its normal condition. Montgomery to-day reports no deaths and no new cases. At Mobile there was only one newcase and no deaths. At New Orleans the situation is greatly improved. Another frost or two and its all up with yellow jack for this season.

A regular meeting of the Lafayette county Miss., Farmers' Association wrs held in the court house yesterday and the following preamble and resolutions were unanimously adopted:

"Whereas, we, the farmers of Lafayette county, believe that 'dealing in futures' on any farm product is gambling; that it is exceedingly damaging to the prosperity of the producer; that it keeps him in the clutches of the moneyed man who never tilled an acre of land.

Resolved therefore, that we the farmers of Lafayette county, do request and earnestly urge our congressman, Hon. W. V. Sullivan, and his co-workers to use every means in their power to prevent any one from selling or buying the farmers' products unless he can deliver the exact produce sold at the time specified in contract.

"Resolved, That we urge the farmers throughout the United States to band themselve together and by petitions to their representatives asking them to have laws passed that shall henceforth stop all 'dealing in futures.'

The farmers' association kindly ask that all papers friendly to them to publish the foregoing and lend a helping hand to expel the nightmare that is pressing all the life and energy out of the soil-tillers.

American Applications of the "Referendum."

This decision in Philadelphia, about to be made by popular referendum, suggests the growing favor in which the idea is held of a direct decision by the people upon various matters of public interest and concern. Seth Low, for example, has made it evident in his speeches that he would be in favor of referring the question of the Sunday sale of drinks to a direct vote of the citizens of New York. In the two States of Connecticut and New Jersey the voters have within a few weeks taken direct action on important questions submitted for their determination. The voters of Connecticut, by a very large majority, declared themselves on October 3 as in favor of an amendment to the constitution of the State which restricts suffrage to voters able to read in the English language any article of the constitution or any section of the statutes. The vote against the proposition was very slight, every community, whether urban or rural, voting in the affirmative. In New Jersey a great popular contest was waged upon the question of amendment to the constitution prohibiting gambling—the evil practically aimed at being that of race-track pool-selling, book-making, and betting. The country districts of New Jersey were in favor of the amendment, and the large towns were against it. At first the amendment seemed to be lost, but on the final count of the votes it was found that this salutary provision had been adopted. The good citizens of New Jersey have found themselves unable to trust their law-makers to do their duty as against the powerful influence of the gambling fraternity, and thus it has been deemed best to appeal to the referendum and seek protection under a constitutional clause. The almost complete domination of our legislatures by bosses and corrupt elements will probably drive the people of this country to a constantly increasing use, under one form or another, of what is known as the referendum—that is to say, the direct vote of the people themselves upon questions of general importance.—From "The Progress of the World," in American Monthly Review of Reviews for November.

Stands at the Head

Aug. J. Bogel, the leading druggist of Shreveport, La., says: "Dr. King's New Discovery is the only thing that cured my cough, and it is the best seller I have." J. F. Campbell, merchant of Safford, Ariz., writes: "Dr. King's New Discovery is all that is claimed for it; it never fails, and is a sure cure for Consumption, Coughs and Colds. I can not say enough for its merits." Dr. Kings New Discovery for Consumption, Coughs and Colds is not an experiment. It has been tried for a quarter of a century, and to-day stands at the head. It never disappoints. Free trial bottle at Dr. J. S. Johnson's Drug Store.

How are we to get true freedom, self-government, and to be complete it must not only be political but social, economic, industrial, intellectual, and embrace all of the sides and activities of life. The next step toward freedom is political self-government. It we partially have now. Through it the others can be obtained. Through it the education necessary for the others can be gained. How can we get political self-government? We have done away with the middleman in religion. A man can worship as he pleases. We have done away with the middle-man in our intellectual life: a man can think as he pleases. We have partially done away with the middle-man in our governmental life, but not completely. The people themselves must have the final sav on the laws which govern them. Then will the people have complete self-government in political matters.—The New Time.

Are You Weak?

Weakness manifests itself in the loss of ambition and aching bones. The blood is watery; the tissues are wasting—the door is being opened for disease. A bottle of Browns' Iron Bitters taken in time will restore your strength, soothe your nerves, make your blood rich and red. Do you more good than an expensive special course of medicine. Browns' Iron Bitters is sold by all dealers.

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Political Pointers.

People's Press Bureau, St. Louis, Mo., Nov. 10, 1897.

Of the three men who addressed the great throng that assembled to do honor to the memory of Henry George, the most perfect sympathy and greatest applause was accorded to John Crosby, the well known single taxer and People's Party man. Mr. Crosby dwelt upon the work of the man rather than the man and spoke in glowing periods of the great task ahead of those who were the disciples of the man who had sacrificed his life for the cause of humanity. Mr. Crosby is well known throughout the middle-western states, where he was, during his residence in Kansas City, a speaker always in demand and sure of a delighted audience. He removed from that place to New Jersey only to find himself boycotted for his splendid work during the campaign there last spring and he was forced to seek some other location in order to make a living. He is succeeding in New York and has the good wishes of many western friends.

The splendid opportunity for a demonstration of the feasibility of government ownership of railroads offered by the foreclosure of the mortgage on the Union Pacific is past. The sale was made at Omaha on November 1 and the syndicate that saw in its possession a golden opportunity for the control of transcontinental traffic and the accumulation of wealth beyond the dreams of avarice, bid it in without competition. The time will come when a majority of the people will see how they were robbed in this matter.

Senator Allen did splendid service in the Nebraska campaign. On several occasions he paid his respects especially to the judiciary, pointing out the limitations that should be placed around those officials if our liberties are not to be lost. He also made a fine point on the fact that no injunction prohibited the plotting that was done in gilded parlors, but that common people dare not meet even in the highways to discuss plans for protecting their already jeopardized interests.

Bartley, the Nebraska state treasury thief, is helped out of his dilemma of accounting for over $500,000 that are missing since his retirement from office by a republican judge who has handed down the decision that since Bartley's bond was filed before it was approved by the governor, that he was not legally state treasurer at the time and hence cannot be held responsible for the lost money.

Very little has been given to the public as to the recent meeting of the Texas State People's Party Committee except that they agreed that any policy that would overthrow democratic rule in that state would be adopted and followed out with the greatest vigor.

An unanswerable argument in favor of union of all the silver forces is to be found in the election returns from Kansas, where the Republican candidates were snowed under by a union or fusion of the reform forces.

Department clerks hissed the picture of Mark Hanna when it was shown on the stereoptican canvas along with the election returns in Washington, D. C. We venture to believe that they will not be so candid when Mark returns to that city.

Said W. J. Bryan, when he had heard the election returns: "I regard silver as stronger than ever. The sentiment in favor of the Chicago platform shows a healthy growth throughout the country. Perhaps our opponents will now admit that silver is not dead. The attempt to secure international bimetalism has proved a failure, and it is now more apparent than ever that the people of the United States must legislate for themselves on the financial question. Free and unlimited coinage at 16 to 1 is nearer than it was a year ago. High tariff on a gold basis has disappointed those republicans who looked to it for relief.

The meager 20,000 votes cast for young George, in Greater New York, go to show that ours is not a country of heredity in politics. Every man must earn his place—or buy it.

Election returns assure the Populists of Nebraska a decided victory. The democratic press, in speaking of this, chronicles it as a victory for democracy, but this is true only of the radical silver wing of that party.

The election of the Tammany candidate in Greater New York must be an awkward victory for those democrats who indorse the Chicago platform.

Another month of the Dingley bill and no affect of that much lauded measure is felt in the United States Treasury. General Nelson O. Miles, U. S. A. recently returned from the celebration of the Queen's Jubilee, recommends the permanent mounting of gatling guns on the new Post Office in Chicago, so as to sweep all approaches to the building.

Led by Switzerland, five powers of the Latin Union have signed an agreement to increase their number of small silver coins by a franc per head of their population. A. R.

HOW TO FIND OUT.

Fill a bottle or common glass with urine and let it stand twenty-four hours; a sediment or settling indicates an unhealthy condition of the kidneys. When urine stains linen it is positive evidence of kidney trouble Too frequent desire to urinate or pain in the back, is also convincing proof that the kidneys and bladder are out of order.

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Executors' Sale of Land.

By virtue of an order of sale for division, rendered by the Probate Court of Chilton county, Alabama, on September 21st, 1897 in a cause therein pending in which the undersigned are applicants or complainants, and Mary M. Coe and Ida A. Coe are defendants, we will sell for cash to the highest bidder at public outcry in front of the United States Post Office in the Town of Stanton, in Chilton county, Alabama, on the 4th day of November, 1897, the lands in said county, belonging to the estate of Richard Coe deceased, described as follows, to-wit:

The east half of the north east quarter of section twenty two (22) and the west half of the north west quarter of section twenty three (23), in township twenty (20) range thirteen (13), containing one hundred and sixty (160) acres, more or less.

JOHN V. COE,
RICHARD K. COE,
Executors of Richard Coe, deceased.

The above sale is continued to Friday Nov. 19, 1897.

Executors' Sale of Personalty

By virtue of an order of sale for distribution, rendered by the Probate Court of Chilton county, Alabama, on September the 21st, 1897 in a proceeding therein, wherein we are applicants and Mary M. Coe and Ida A. Coe are defendants we will on the 4th day of November, 1897, sell for cash to the highest bidder at public outcry in front of the United States Post Office in the Town of Stanton in said Chilton county, Alabama the following personal property belonging to the estate of Richard Coe, deceased, to-wit:

35 shares of the Capital Stock of the Central City Insurance company;
10 shares of the Capital Stock of the Matthews Cotton Mill company;
3 shares of the Capital Stock of the Academy of Music;
One share of the Capital Stock of the Selma Bridge company;
40 shares of the Capital Stock of the Omaha Elmer Mining and Manufacturing company.

JOHN V. COE,
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Executors of Richard Coe, deceased.

The above sale is continued to Friday, Nov. 19, 1897.

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Mrs. Carrie Mullins has moved into the house she recently purchased from Mr. W. L. Sampey.

Dr. J. P. Hayes was in Clanton Saturday.

The many friends of Dr. Willie Mink Middleton will be proud to know he was married to Miss Alice Roberts of Brandon, Texas, on the 18th inst., and will wish the happy young couple all joy and prosperity.

Jno. W. Bailey, representing the C. H. Dodt Paper Co., of Chicago, Ill. Paper from 3 cents roll up to $5.00. Relief and interior decoration. Lincrusta and Frieze work a specialty. Painting in all its branches in connection. A postal will bring you samples to take over a thousand selections from. JNO. W. BAILEY, Montgomery, Ala.

Miss Marrion Matthews, we are sorry to say, is quite sick with malarial fever.

Two or three weeks ago Mr. J. Logan lost a pair of spectacles which just suited his eyesight. They were probably lost in the neighborhood of McKee's gin. If the finder will return them to him he will be greatly obliged and will pay him for his trouble.

When you are in town call at Foster & Kicker's Store and examine our fine high arm Singer Sewing machines. They will take pleasure in making you prices and terms for me. Respectfully,
C. R. MULLINS,
For The Singer Mfg. Co.

Dr. G. W. Shackelford, the well known and popular Dentist will visit Clanton Monday Nov. 22nd and practice at Duke House one week only, which is first week of court. All those having any work in his line will do well to call on him. His work is first class and warranted. Teeth extracted without pain.

The Epworth League will hold their regular monthly business meeting at the M. E. Church on Friday evening, Nov. 12, beginning at 7:30 o'clock. All applications for membership are requested to present that they may be received into full membership.

Planters' CUBAN OIL cures Cuts, Burns, Bruises, Rheumatism and Sores. Price, 25 cents.

The accommodation train resumed running this morning. Probably Nos. 1 and 4 will resume in a few days.

Mr. Bell, I. Honeycutt escorted — from the northern end of the county to the asylum at Tuskaloosa Sunday.

Mr. Russell McDaniel returned to Montgomery last night.

Dr. W. L. Stewart and Mr. W. Foshee went to Birmingham Sunday.

Mr. Lee Hunt, of Sistrunks, was in Clanton Tuesday.

Miss Annie Lamar is visiting sister, Mrs. G. L. Phillips, of this place.

Marriage licenses have been issued this week by the Probate Judge to the following persons.

Mr. John Northcutt and Miss Ione Travers.

Colored: Henry McCants and Amanda Martin; Henry Wilson and Amanda Shelton.

The young people will enjoy themselves to night at a mask party at Mr. J. E. Evans.

Miss Mattie Sue Chandler attended the marriage of Miss Maggie Alage at Birmingham yesterday.

Misses Celestia Jones, Ollie Garrett and Geneva Jones were all visitors to Clanton Saturday.

Mrs. Joe Johnson lost the first of her week a gold bracelet and if the finder will return it shall be liberally rewarded.

Electric Bitters.

Electric Bitters is a medicine suitable for any season, but perhaps more especially needed, when the languid, tired feeling prevails, when the liver is torpid and sluggish and the need of a tonic and alterative is felt. One bottle of this medicine has averted long and perhaps fatal attacks of fevers. No medicine will act more surely in counteracting and removing from the system the malarial poison. Headache, Indigestion, Constipation, Dizziness yield to Electric Bitters. 50c and $100 per bottle

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Mr. B. H. Chesnutt and little son, Arthur, of Birmingham, spent Sunday with relatives here.

Mr. L. Moore and son, of Verbena, were in Clanton Saturdy.

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Take Laxative Bromo Quinine Tablets. All druggists refund the money if it fails to cure: 25 cents.

Any one having an old sewing machine that they would like to exchange for the latest improved high armed Singer; or any one wishing to purchase our fine machines for cash or on time will please drop me a card and I will call and make them prices and terms. Address,
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JURY LIST.

The following jurors have been drawn for the Fall Term of Circuit Court, which convenes on Monday, November 22, 1897:

GRAND JURY.

F A Gulledge, George Shaw sr, J J Letcher, W D Nix, W L Sampey, R J Young, Albert Patterson, T J Littlejohn, E G Coffer, N F Easterling, J W Reed, J D Glasscock, Crofford Harris, J A Logan, W T Kemp, J P Stonesipher, Pinkney Littleton, M M Durbin, W H Robinson, D H Gentry, J H Burkhalter.

PETIT JURY—First Week.

G W Gothard, John Foshee, W H Cox John Wright, S J Miller, T U Crumpton, W N Childress, J C Culp, G B Armstrong, J N Billingsley, L J Pery, W H Parrish, Wiley Letcher, T L Dickinson, N J Littlejohn, C C Cost, W E Maddox, John Crumpton, I N Brantley, W Q Childress, J R Caine, R A Hardy, C W Hubbard, Alex Rachels, John W Baker, A J Williams, C C Hayes, A J Edson, G S Collins, W D Z Foshee, J W Riggins, C B Gates, W M Trawick, P E Harris,

Second Week.

J R Popwell, William Walker, W A Huckabee, Secar Harris, A J Aldridge, T J Bates, Samuel Griffin, F G Letcher, J W Maddox, H Hardy, Rolling Nelson, J Popwell, Joseph Thomas, John A Strock, J M Murphey, J E Elam, Samuel Abney, R A Hancock, G W Mims H M Hester, P W Davenporte Henry Holditch, J R Thompson, Joseph Gore, S S Scott, Joseph Burnitt, W B Pate, J W Dennis J P Gore, Joseph Litteton B H McCary, Elijah Jones, John Edwards, J M Honeycutt, B H Chesnutt, J C Veazey.

Mus cal Conv.ntion.

The Chilton County Musical Convention will hold its second and last session at Pleasant Grove church, four miles south-west of Jemison, the third Sunday and Saturday before in November.

COMMITTEES:

On musical education, Robert Durham, J. C. Veazey. Elis Scott

On church music, R. L. Grant, N. A. Logan, Z. J. Jones.

On Sunday-school music, A. H. Glass, Enoch Foshee, W. L. Brown.

All music teachers and leaders are expected to be present on Saturday by 9 o'clock a.m., as some important business will come before the convention.

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Final Proof Notice.

Notice No. 19264.

Land Office at Montgomery, Ala., Nov. 1, 1897.

Notice is hereby given that the following named settler has filed notice of his intention to make final proof in support of his claim, and that said proof will be made before the Clerk of the Circuit Court, at Clanton, Ala. on December 18, 1897, viz.: Evan B. Callaway, Homestead entry, No. 26,331, for the s½ of se¼, s½ of sw¼, section 32, tp 22 n r 16 e.

He names the following witnesses to prove his continuous residence upon and cultivation of said land, viz.: J. M. McKee, of Coopers, Ala., D. S. Robinson of Coopers, Ala., W. N. Jones, of Verbena, Ala., J. K. Driver, of Verbena, Ala.

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TAX NOTICE.

ASSESSOR'S & COLLECTOR'S SECOND ROUND.

We will attend at the following times and places for the purpose of assessing the State and County taxes of Chilton county for the year 1898, and collecting the taxes for the year 1897:

		1897
Kincheon	November	8
Pletcher's Mill 8 to 11 am	"	9
Clanton Ford 12 to 4 p m	"	9
Stanton	"	10
Dixie	"	11
Shoults	"	12
Maplesville	"	13
Benson	"	15
Macedonia	"	16
Providence (Beat 2)	"	17
Smith's School House	"	18
Mineral Springs	"	19
Strasburg	"	20
James Maddox's Mill	"	22
Providence (Beat 5)	"	23
Coopers	"	24
Verbena		25 & 26
Davis & Rollins' Gin	"	27
Jemison	Dec'r	1 & 2
Clanton	"	3 & 4

A. C. MIMS, Tax Assessor.
T. J. HUBBARD, Tax Collector.

I will also attend at Clanton from January 1 to January 31, 1898.
A. C. MIMS, Tax Assessor.

I will also attend at Clanton from December 21 to Dec. 31, 1897.
T. J. HUBBARD, Tax Collector.

THE CROSS AND CROWN

Is the title of a treatise on the doctrine of perfection or sanctification, by A. L. Pattillo, of Verbena, now in the press. It is written in a plain, homely fashion by one deeply impressed with the necessity of Christians living a perfect life, who desires to see all professing religion imbued with the same spirit. The Author, who is also a poet, has written several poems, all on religious subjects. The whole when complete will make a book of over 200 pages, bound in a stiff board cover, which at the small charge of 50 cents, should speedily exhaust the edition.

This book has a double claim on the people of Chilton county and should find a place in every home in the county, from the fact that it is entirely a home production, being the first book ever written, printed, bound and published in Chilton. It will be ready early in October. Price only 50 cents. Orders can be sent to THE BANNER, Clanton, or to A. L. Pattillo, Verbena.

Non-Resident Notice.

State of Alabama, Chilton County. } To M. E. Taylor.

You will take notice that at the expiration of ten (10) days from the date hereof The Thorsby Lumber Co., will file in the office of the Judge of Probate of said county their lien on a certain house and lot situated at Thorsby in said State for material furnished by them for the building of said house.

The amount of said claim yet unpaid is $126.96 and The Thorsby Lumber Co. looks to their lien on the said house and lot for its payment.

The lot on which said house is situated and on which a lien is claimed is described as follows, to-wit:

Lot No. 3 in Block No. 21, facing Jones Street, on the East side of the L. & N. R.R. Co.'s track in the town of Thorsby, Ala.

Dated this October 14th, 1897.
THE THORSBY LUMBER CO.
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TEMPERANCE TOPICS.

NOTES OF INTEREST TO THE ANTI-LIQUOR LEAGUERS.

The Belgian Commission of Enquiry Takes Strong Guard Against the Use of Alcohol — Why Cardinal Manning Took the Pledge.

Love's Memories.

O-NIGHT! to-night! what memories to-night
Came thronging o'er me as I stood near thee!
Thy form of loveliness, thy brow of light,
Thy voice's thrilling flow—
All, all were there; to me—to me as bright
As when they claim'd my soul's idolatry
Years, long years ago.

That gulf of years! Oh, God! hadst thou been mine,
Would all that's precious have been swallow'd there?
Youth's meteor hope, and manhood's high design,
Lost, lost, forever lost—
Lost with the love that with them all would twine
The love that left no harvest but despair—
Unwon at such a cost.

Was it ideal, that wild, wild love I bore thee?
Or thou thyself—didst thou my soul enthrall?
Such as thou art to-night did I adore thee,
Ay, idolize—in vain!
Such as thou art to-night—could time restore me
That wealth of loving—shouldst thou have it all
To waste perchance again?

No! Thou didst break the coffers of my heart,
And sat so lightly by the hoard within,
That I too learn'd at last the squanderer's art—
Went idly here and there,
Filling my soul, and lavishing a part
On each, less cold than thou, who cared to win
And seem'd to prize a share.

No! Thou didst wither up my flowering youth
If blameless, still the bearer of a blight;
The unconscious agent of the deallest truth
That human heart hath riven;
Teaching me scorn of my own spirit's truth,
Holding, not me, but that fond worship light
Which link'd my soul to Heaven.

No, no! For me the weakest heart before
One so untouch'd by tenderness as thine;
Angels have entered through the frail tent door
That pass the palace now—
And he who spake the words "Go, sin no more,"
'Mid human passions saw the spark divine,
But not in such as thou!

Use of Alcohol.

Advocates of temperance will be rejoiced to hear of the uncompromising attitude taken up on the liquor question by some members of the Belgian Commission of Enquiry into Alcoholism in Belgium. The commission, as originally appointed, consisted of fifteen members, who were unable to agree upon any unanimous report, and a pamphlet has just been issued by the king's printer in Brussels giving the views entertained by six of their number. These gentlemen maintain that all alcohol is injurious whatever pains may be taken to secure its purity; they point out at some length that restriction of the number of places for selling alcohol leads to no diminution in the quantity consumed; that excessive taxation has also little effect, and encourages smuggling; and that the only thing to be done is to attack the evil at the fountain head, and restrict the output from the distilleries. They aspire after such moral coercion as they find resulting from the organization of temperance societies in Great Britain and America, and they advo- strict the output from the distilleries, with a view to the diminution of the supply of alcoholic liquors. M. de Vauclery, one of the Belgian commissioners referred to, drew up a report on the properties of alcohol which his fellow commissioners adopted. It stated that alcohol, however pure, was no tonic, and did not increase the vital energies; that, instead of warming the body, it lowered the temperature; that in large doses during meals, or in small doses fasting, it led generally to acute alcoholism; that even the moderate daily use of alcohol could produce chronic alcoholism without warning of previous drunkenness; that alcoholism in parents was transmitted to the children, thus infecting the progeny with a hereditary vice; that absinthe, bitters, vermouth and other spirituous liquors led to more terrible disorders in the human system than ordinary alcohol; that distilled liquors possessed no nutritive value; that wine, beer and cider had but little value as food—much less than that of the products used in the preparation; that the moderate use of wine or beer at mealtimes might be wholesome, but that if they are taken in large quantities, and, above all, if they are taken fasting, they are likely to be dangerous and to lead to alcoholism; and that fermented liquors not adulterated are less injurious than distilled liquors containing the same quantity of alcohol.

Rum in Colonial Times.

The power of rum as a commercial factor in the colonies was at its height about 1750. That year the royal treasury report gave sixty-three distilleries in Massachusetts turning molasses into rum. This formed the store for about 900 vessels engaged in various branches of trade—400 in cod fishing, 200 mackerel fishing, 100 whalers, etc. Newport kept pace relatively with Boston. Refuse codfish paid for much of the molasses. Connecticut attempted to prohibit distilling, because it made molasses scarce, but the prohibition was very hastily stopped when the citizens found that business went where rum could be obtained. Rum proved the best New England commodity in all trading operations. Rum was the Indian's choice, in fact his only acceptance, as payment for his peltries; it was chosen with equal eagerness by the Virginian or Carolinian in exchange for his tobacco. The Newfoundland fishermen wished it in return for codfish, and, most important of all, on the Guinea coast New England rum entirely vanquished French brandy as a medium for acquiring slaves. The commerce in rum and slaves afforded all the ready money that paid for any merchandise in England. It was the driving power of all commercial machinery. The circuit was powerful at every step. The Yankee vessel laden with home-made rum sailed to the African coast. The rum was bartered to great advantage for negroes. The negroes were carried to and sold at a large profit at the West Indies and the distillation in Newport and Boston started afresh the round of New England money making. Sometimes trade was so brisk that the market was stripped of rum. In the year 1752 Isaac Freeman wanted a cargo of rum for the African trade. He sent to Newport, where there were then thirty great rum distilleries in full blast. His correspondent wrote that he could not have it for three months. "There are so many vessels loading for Guinea we can't get our hogsheads of rum for cash. We have been lately to New London and all along the seaport towns in order to purchase molasses, but we can't get one hogshead." The shipmasters were not above watering the rum to make it go as far as possible. Old Merchant Potter instructed his captains to "trade with the blacks, worter ye' rum as much as possible, and sell as much by short messur as you can." —Brockton (Mass.) Times.

Consecrated Anew.

The battlecry of a certain Western regiment in our civil war was the name of a field in Mexico on which the regiment had brought disgrace upon itself. The memory of the old stain on the colors fired the men with bravery almost superhuman, and they burned out the old shame in deeds of heroic valor on the new field. So should it be in life. Does the year's retrospect bring the crimson to our cheek as we recall this or that experience? Shall not the memory of our weakness or sin fire us with intense desire to be strong and true hereafter? Shall not the shame of our past failures become a mighty motive to noble and heroic living in the days to come? Shall we not seek to burn out the dishonor on our old record with the brilliant flame of a new loyalty and consecration? Not only should penitence become repentance, but the sorrow we feel over our errors should become energy and impulse toward holy life and consecrated service.—J. R. Miller.

Manning's Pledge.

The consecration of Cardinal Manning's life to total abstinence came, it is said, from a brief conversation with a London dock laborer. "Take the total abstinence pledge," said the prelate in paternal counseling to the laborer, "you need it." "Have you it yourself, father?" replied the laborer, with filial liberty. "Why do yon not need it, too?" Quickly Manning said: "I do need it, and I take it." "Then I also take it," said the laborer. Explaining later his words, the cardinal said: "I needed the pledge, strong as I might have thought myself against temptation, in order to speak convincing words to the poor and the weak." The holiest and purest motives led Cardinal Manning to the practice of total abstinence.—Irish World.

Make It Odious.

Intemperance, like treason, ought to be made odious in the land, but there is very close similarity between the two. The treasonable man endeavors to dethrone the rightful sovereign, and intemperance dethrones reason from her throne, and reason is the presiding spirit of our soul, the ruler of our soul. —Cardinal Gibbons.

Temperance.

The saloonkeepers of Toronto are not allowed to become members of the city council.

Buffalo has a prohibition priest, the Rev. Father George Zurcher, pastor of the St. Joseph's Catholic church.

In Warren, Pa., the druggists propose to close all their stores except one on Sunday. Each of the stores will have a Sunday in turn, while the others will give their employes a rest.

Mrs. Dora Alexander has begun suit in the circuit court at Taylorville, Ill., for $5,000 damages against two saloonkeepers, who she alleges sold liquor to her husband, causing his death from exposure to the cold while intoxicated.

It has been decided by the commissioner of internal revenue that figs are not berries, and, as a consequence, a canning company of Fresno, Cal., although allowed to pay the tax on, and sell a distillation, will not hereafter be permitted to make brandy from figs.

Mayor Edward F. Winkler of Belleville, Ill., was arrested recently charged with malfeasance in office, consisting in issuing a license contrary to law for pool selling at the St. Clair county fair. The fair officers and directors and the pool sellers were also arrested.

Two hundred and fifty-five chiefs of police tell The Voice that sixty-three per cent of their business consists in taking care of the product of the legalized rum shops. Of the 255 officials answering the questions asked them by The Voice 225 put the percentage at not less than one-half, while thirty estimated the proportion at 90 per cent or more.

They had been drifting about in an open boat for seven days, and had almost given up hope, when the lookout cried, wildly: "A sail! a sail!" The only woman passenger looked up, anxiously: "Oh, is it a bargain sale?" —London Tit-Bits.

THE WOLCOTT FIASCO.

NO SHOW FOR INTERNATIONAL BIMETALLISM.

The Republican Party Must Now Meet Democracy and Defend the Obnoxious British Gold Standard—People Fooled Long Enough.

The reply of Premier Salisbury of the British government to the proposals of the bimetallic commissioners sent abroad by the federal administration for the purpose of fooling the people, seems to be very much in the nature of the action of that little bird which once was in danger of being caught through the process of throwing salt on its tail. It is quite possible, at least so far as we are able to judge, it is quite possible, that the salt has been thrown and the throwers have been in a position to watch results. But throwing salt on tails is not an approved manner of capturing birds in this day and age, and so it seems that the bimetallic commissioners and the federal administration they represent are in pretty much the same position as a bird catcher who confined himself to the use of salt, and the upshot of the matter is that the proposal of the federal administration looking toward another international conference has left matters just where they were when the present federal administration went into power. The truth is that this whole affair has been one stupendous sham. There has been a pretense of honest effort. But there is little sense in running up against a stone wall, no matter how honest may be the intentions of the runner. Great Britain gave no promise of favoring another conference, even if it were to be granted that another international conference would amount to any more than the previous conferences have amounted to. There has been no hope at any time that the commissioners could accomplish anything. All that they have been able to do at the most has been to raise a disturbance when the Bank of England was mentioned as giving a slight promise of doing under impossible circumstances what it is expected by authority of its charter to do at all times. The long drawn out negotiations may or may not have been the result of diplomatic delays. The fact is, that defeat faced the commissioners when they were appointed, and it has been facing them ever since. If defeat had taken its eyes off of them for a moment their lack of authority and general uncertainty of object would immediately have drawn the eyes back. It is no wonder, therefore, that the matter has turned out as it has, her only wonder in the matter being in the patience of the American people in the face of this wide-open flim-flam game. The gullibility of the American public is great, but it is almost too much to believe that it has been misled into the belief that the present national administration means to do anything for the rehabilitation of silver. The present administration dare to do nothing in this line. The McKinley following sold itself body and soul to the Platt faction, dominated by the gold standard extremists at the St. Louis convention last year, and it dare not now call its soul its own. It is comforting in all this to know that this commission sham is now a thing of the past, and that the real policy of the administration will now soon be brought to light in the proposition of Secretary Gage to retire the Greenbacks, run the nation into the hands of the banks through bank currency and bind the nation for generations yet to come by a bond issue ad libitum.

Is a Red Rag.

Whatever may be the real opinion of the British press as to silver and practical bimetallism, it is quite certain that the very mention of the subject has the same effect as that of a red rag upon a bull. The present course of the British ministry in maintaining secrecy with respect to its course toward the representatives of the United States commission of supplication for the granting of charitable relief from the present monetary ills is the object of most violent attacks from British newspapers, and the least mention of anything in the nature of a movement toward an international agreement seems to be as exasperating to them as a personal insult. This great show of indignation is quite useless in its way, for there is every reason in the world to believe that nothing will come from this pretended movement on the part of the administration of government in these United States. At the same time it is perhaps only reasonable to believe that the coming of practical bimetallism is now so near that even the newspapers of the United Kingdom can see its approach. They already are commencing the fight they must make for the preservation of the gold standard, if it is to be preserved.

Commerce and Industry Department.

The officers and members of the executive committee of the National Business league have sent a petition to President McKinley asking him to call attention in his forthcoming message to the matter of the creation of an executive department to be called the "department of commerce and industry." They suggest that the department should include, among other things, "matters relative to the gathering of information with a view to the systematic extension of our commerce with the South and Central American States and other foreign countries and the collecting and tabulating of statistics as to the various industries of this country—with reports and recommendations as to the same—as a basis of intelligent action in the interest of such industries and the employes therein." That is all well enough so far, provided agriculture is included as one of the industries. Agriculture is as truly an industry as the production of iron or woolen cloth. It is a vicious trick of the crafty protectionist to include manufacturing and some few other pursuits among the industries and leave agriculture out, as though it was not an industry. It would be a still more vicious practice for congress to establish an executive department separate and apart from the department of agriculture, as though there was some radical difference between agriculture and other branches of industry. Such a proceeding would tend to create and foment antagonism where there ought to be harmony. Agriculture is by far the most important of the incustries, and it lies at the very foundation of most others. That fact may be accepted as a sufficient reason for establishing an agricultural department first. But there is no good reason why another department should be created and all other industries assigned to it, as though there was a natural and radical difference between the chief industry and every other.

Kansas Robbery.

The Republican administration cannot clear its reputation by compromising with the railroad pool and allowing a steal of $12,000,000 to be perpetrated in the Kansas Pacific matter. There appears to be little reason to believe that the great robbery of $20,000,000 would have been prevented had not the Democratic press of the United States shown the iniquity of the plot and in unmistakable terms denounced the plotters from the head of the administration down to the smallest man in the robber syndicate. The New York Journal charges the administration with complicity in the proposed looting of the treasury, and among other strong statements says: "Today the country knows that a comedy was played for its deception, with Mr. McKinley as the star and the syndicate the supporting company. The bid for the Union Pacific has been raised $8,000,000, and the sale will take place on Nov. 2, according to the original program. Postponement is asked for only in the case of the Kansas Pacific, which, except as a part of the Union Pacific, is of comparatively small value. When the Union Pacific has been taken possession of by the conspirators, as it will be on Nov. 2, the Kansas Pacific will be in the market. It owes about $13,000,000 to the government, and the government will be allowed to keep it, unless it shall consent to sell on the ring's terms." This is the situation as it stands today, and unless the administration heeds the warnings of the Democratic press, the stigma of a gigantic steal will still be placed upon the Republican party. President McKinley cannot afford to go down in history as the first chief magistrate of the United States who allowed the people to be robbed of $12,000,000, but he may be forced into that disgraceful position by the powerful influence of the trusts.

Gold Men and the Farmers.

One of the many evidences of the perturbed state of mind of our gold friends is the eagerness with which they seize upon the temporarily increased price for the farmers' wheat to argue that the farmer must now be prosperous and happy; that he no longer looks for the restoration of silver as a necessary means of maintaining the price of farm products. They hail the apparent improvement of the farmers' condition as the forerunner of coming prosperity for all. However, we must remind them that this verifies our contention "that to the extent the agriculturists prosper so may we expect the country generally to prosper." Up to this hour, however, it has not been usual, in these parts at least, to see farmers driving in coach and four, nor do they, as a rule, wear silk hats or tanned shoes. They feel and look just as they have felt and looked for many years past. It is true the failure of the wheat crop in other countries has, for the time being, strengthened the wheat market, and just now our farmers are getting a price for their wheat just about sufficient to pay the cost of its production.—R. P. Bland in North American Review.

Only Outside Markets Needed.

Knoxville (Tenn.) Tribune: Informed Englishmen admit that this country excels England in the cheapness of iron and steel manufacturing and that the south has superior advantages over all other sections. The south contains about 40 per cent of the total coal area of this country and in less than two decades has increased its coal output from 14 to 24 per cent of the total production of American mines. The coal and iron industries of the south need no tariff protection. Demand from outside markets will be worth more to them than all the tariffs that can be levied.

How Bosses Keep in Power.

Baltimore Sun: The boss cannot afford to be scrupulous about means. Bribery, corruption, the purchasing of support and of votes, with money or with office or the promise of office, are among the most innocent means to which he can resort. Violence, the intimidation of voters, election murders, pudding tickets, repeating, ballot-box stuffing, the falsifying of election returns, the burning of ballots to prevent the discovery of fraud—these are among the methods by which "bossism" has been perpetuated.

Bondage Is an Innovation.

As far at least as our race is concerned freedom is everywhere older than bondage. It is liberty that is ancient, tyranny that is modern.—E. A. Freeman.

ASIA'S CROSS OF GOLD.

BEING CRUCIFIED BY THE BANKERS OF LONDON.

The Commerce and Industries—Whole Continent Gradually Passing into the Hands of the Money Lenders—Ruin and Desolation Everywhere.

The government of India has undertaken the negotiation of a loan of three crores of rupees at 3½ per cent, and it was declared at the outset that the money should be raised in India, and without the interference of London capital. Now a crore of rupees consists of 100 lacs, and a lac is 100,000 rupees, so that the loan calls for 30,000,000 rupees, or nominally something less than half that sum in American dollars. It does not appear what success attended the effort to thus further mortgage the resources of the country, but that part of it need not be in doubt a moment, for there is abundant capital seeking investment on such security, despite the starving of hundreds of thousands of impoverished natives. But the volume of this loan is a mere bagatelle to what is coming as a result of the existing troubles on the northern frontier of that rich and productive but unhappy land. There will be fines, heavy enough in all conscience, imposed upon the rebellious tribesmen just as soon as they are properly subdued, and their territory occupied by British soldiery. The bulk of the expenses of the campaign, however, will have to be paid by the people of India, and inasmuch as the revenue of the government is already inadequate the necessity of additional taxation will furnish the next pretext needed for disguising the extortion by the imposition of a gold standard coinage. Taxation has reached such a pass in India that to impose more of it directly on the people would be as dangerous to British supremacy there as were the greased cartridges at the opening of the Sepoy rebellion forty years ago. The expedient required is one that will add to the revenues of the horde of English office holders in India, and at the same time blind the eyes of the Hindus to the real cause of the hard times, which must ensue when the producer has to give more and ever more of his productions for the same number of rupees. Many able English economists fear the effect of the gold standard in India, but inasmuch as it has been worked off on a much more intelligent people commercially, the people of the United States, the men in charge of affairs governmentally are confident that with caution the same gold brick can be palmed off on the Hindus without inciting a rebellion. To be sure when Lord Herschell's commission was discussing this matter in London a year or two ago one member of the commission remarked that he washed his hands of the iniquitous proposal because, as he put the case, "it looks too much like setting fire to your neighbor's house to roast your own sucking pig." But conscientious scruples of this kind are in a minority, and the new India loan may therefore be reasonably regarded as part and parcel of the scheme which is to make a larger Ireland out of the fairest section of all India. By systematically depressing the price in gold of silver the London bullionists have already driven China into the market for another loan to enable her to pay her war indemnity, and keep her governmental head above water. This is but the beginning of the end there, too. Already the English Straits Settlements' dollar is finding its way into the innermost provinces of North China, and the latest consular reports from the interior are to the effect that ninety per cent of the trading junks on the rivers now fly the flag of British ownership. All this is going on, the economic enslavement of Asia for the benefit of the luxurious few in London and one or two minor financial centers is being visibly accomplished, while an army of political party hacks in the United States are trying to barter honor and intellect for a few paltry offices by doing to their native land what England is doing to her conquered provinces. Usury caused the downfall of ancient Rome, but the modern form of usury is more subtle and difficult to detect, for while nominally reducing the rate of interest it bleeds the debtor of more and ever more of his productions. Just how long it will take the great majority to fully appreciate the enormity of the swindle is the same question as is asked by those who inquire how long government by bribery and corruption can stand. It is the one basic problem upon which the stability of modern civilization as exemplified in the policy of the English speaking, and no one living can tell the outcome.

American Cotton Goods Abroad.

Boston Globe: The cotton manufacturers who have been holding session in Philadelphia ought to go to their homes with a keen appreciation of the foreign market opportunities which Americans have in the past so strangely neglected. Great Britain, the chief rival of this republic in trade, has not neglected her chances. Great Britain, without a pound of native raw cotton, spins and weaves over 77 per cent of the cotton goods that are purchased by other nations, while this country, producing over one-half of all the cotton grown in the world, supplies less than 1 per cent.

Farmers' Profits.

This has been a marvelous month for the farmers. Farmer Charles Pillsbury has made $500,000. Farmer D. R. Francis has made $300,000. Farmer J. Pierpont Morton has made $1,000,000. There will be great doings at the county fairs this fall.—Chicago Journal.

LORD BEACONSFIELD.

The Great English Statesman a Single Standard.

A speech of Lord Beaconsfield the subject is very noticeable, ing in the House of Lords on 1879, in a discussion on the state of agriculture and tr lordship said:

"Notwithstanding an increa population—which alone alw quires a large increase of rency to carry on its transactions amount every year has dim and is diminishing, until a stag fairs has been brought about gold discoveries exactly the rev what they produced at first. every day appreciating in valu as it appreciates in value the become prices. This, I think, cause of the depression * * may lead to consequences which be of a very serious character * it is not impossible that as a f velop the country may require some formal investigation made by the causes which are ing the prices of the precious and the effect which the change value of the precious metals has the industry of the country and the continual fall of prices."

These are very striking words read in the light of recent events, appointment of the gold and commission in 1886, and the h of several international monetary ferences, as well as the holding eral inquiries into trade depr and into agricultural depression called for by the fall in prices. significant commentary on Lord consfield's sagacity in foreseeing far-reaching effects of the stee monetary changes which were the ginning.

Wrath of a British Organ.

Sir William Henry Houldsw Conservative member of parli for the northwest division of chester, who was the delegate of Britain at the monetary confere Brussels in 1892, presided at a ing held in Manchester recently adopted a resolution calling upo government "in view of the in effects of the dislocation between and silver, to take advantage overtures of France and the U States and redeem the governm promise in regard to securing a parity with gold and silver." London Chronicle in mentioning rumor, stated that the govern "intends to do something for silv involving the opening of the U mints, but involving a conf which the English delegates wo tend with a free hand," asks edi ly: "Are we to be plunged in acute and dangerous controversy the currency problem? Is this for the foremost financial cent Christendom to revert to the from which other states are s to rise? We protest against any action, merely to oblige the U States, who do nothing to oblige

Contrast Full of Suggestion.

New York Journal: The New and Philadelphia Traction Co invaded the township of Bridge New Jersey, with an army of men, prepared for battle. With franchise, and in defiance of a j injunction, it tore up a road, b trolley line and ran a car. It the sheriff of the county, and away his deputies by force of Its representatives pocketed th of the court with a laugh, and the work to proceed. Here was feature of a lawlessness that wa ing at Hazleton. There was not ly the fear that a mob might some illegal act; there was the violation of law in flagrant pr There was not merely a fear th sheriff's posse might be overpo there was an actual attack and actual rout of the forces of But when we look for an acco the volleys from the Winchest the outraged guardians of the with a list of dead and wounded way magnates, we do not find it do not even find that the milit called out. On the contrary, the iff meekly surrendered, and the breakers finished their work wi punity.

McKinley Diplomacy.

Modern diplomacy is continuall ing its head in the sand. We state department at Washington ing a ridiculous affectation of respecting matters of which the country is informed. All the and "representations" and tums" and "replies" which have exchanged between our own ment and that of Great Britain cerning the seal fisheries or the zuelan question have been pri substance several days before the eign office of either country their existence. The same is the diplomatic correspondence ing Cuba. Newspaper enterpri "leakiness" of diplomats and the erness of cabinet ministers to public opinion have combined der diplomatic secrecy a mere ical tradition.

A Few Thieves.

These United States Senators owners of railroad shares, valu the way from $100,000 to $1, Hanna and Foraker, Ohio; Platt, York; Wetmore, Rhode Island; Banks, Indiana; Hawley, Conn Morrill, Vermont; Hoar, Massa etts; Quay and Penrose, Penns We presume that some mem the other branch of congress are similar situation. No wonder virtually give away to a syndic 000,000 or more of United States ests in the Union Pacific. Each of those thieves will ge rat a alive.—San Francisco Star.

TALMAGE'S SERMON.

SUNDAY'S DISCOURSE BY THE NOTED DIVINE.

A Christian Home and What It Should Be—A Powerful Test of Character—Various Meanings of Home—Can Be Made the Brightest Place on Earth.

TEXT: "Go home to thy friends and tell them how great things the Lord hath done for thee," Mark v., 19.

There are a great many people longing for some grand sphere in which to serve God. They admire Luther at the Diet of Worms, and only wish that they had some such great opportunity in which to display their Christian prowess. They admire Paul making Felix tremble, and they only wish that they had some such grand occasion in which to preach righteousness, temperance and judgment to come; all they want is only an opportunity to exhibit their Christian heroism. Now the evangelist comes to us, and he practically says: "I will show you a place where you can exhibit all that is grand, and beautiful, and glorious, in Christian character, and that is the domestic circle."

If one is not faithful in an insignificant sphere he will not be faithful in a resounding sphere. If Peter will not help the cripple at the gate of the temple, he will never be able to preach three thousand souls into the kingdom at the Pentecost. If Paul will not take pains to instruct in the way of salvation the jailer of the Philippian dungeon, he will never make Felix tremble. He who is not faithful in a skirmish would not be faithful in an Armageddon. The fact is, we are all placed in just the position in which we can most grandly serve God; and we ought not to be chiefly thoughtful about some sphere of usefulness which we may after a while gain, but the all-absorbing question with you and with me ought to be: "Lord, what wilt Thou have me now and here to do?"

There is one word in my text around which the most of our thoughts will this morning revolve. That word is "Home." Ask ten different men the meaning of that word, and they will give you ten different definitions. To one it means love at the hearth, it means plenty at the table, industry at the workstand, intelligence at the books, devotion at the altar. To him it means a greeting at the door and a smile at the chair. Peace hovering like wings. Joy clapping its hands with laughter. Life a tranquil lake. Pillowed on the ripples sleep the shadows.

Ask another man what home is, and he will tell you it is want, looking out of a cheerless fire-grate, kneading hunger in an empty bread trough. The damp air shivering with curses. No Bible on the Shelf. Children robbers and murderers in embryo. Every face a picture of ruin. Want in the background and sin staring from the front. No Sabbath wave rolling over that doorsill. Vestibule of the pit. Shadow of infernal walls. Furnace for forging everlasting chains. Awful word! It is spelled with curses, it weeps with ruin, it chokes with woe, it sweats with the death agony of despair.

The word "Home" in the one case means everything bright. The word "Home" in the other case means everything terrible.

I shall speak to you this morning of home as a test of character, home as a refuge, home as a political safeguard, home as a school, and home as a type of heaven.

And in the first place I remark, that home is a powerful test of character. The disposition in public may be in gay costume, while in private it is in dishabille. As play actors may appear in one way on the stage, and may appear in another way behind the scenes, so private character may be very different from public character. Private character is often public character turned wrong side out. A man may receive you into his parlor as though he were a distillation of smiles, and yet his heart may be a swamp of nettles. There are business men who all day long are mild, and courteous, and genial, and good-natured in commercial life, damming back their irritability, and their petulance, and their discontent; but at night fall the dam breaks, and scolding pours forth in floods and freshets.

The reason men do not display their bad temper in public is because they do not want to be knocked down. There are men who hide their petulance and their irritability just for the same reason that they do not let their notes go to protest. It does not pay. Or for the same reason that they do not want a man in their stock company to sell his stock at less than the right price, lest it depreciate the value. As at sometimes the wind rises, so after a sunshiny day there may be a tempestuous night. There are people who in public act the philanthropist, who at home act the Nero with respect to their slippers and their gown.

Now, that man who is affable in public and who is irritable in private is making a fraudulent overissue of stock, and he is as bad as a bank that might have four or five hundred thousand dollars of bills in circulation with no specie in the vault. Let us learn to show piety at home. If we have it not there, we have it not anywhere. If we have not genuine grace in the family circle, all our outward and public plausibility merely springs from a fear of the world or from the slimy, putrid pool of our own selfishness. I tell you the home is a mighty test of character. What you are at home you are everywhere, whether you demonstrate it or not.

Again, I remark that home is a refuge. Life in the United States army on the national road to Mexico, a long march with ever and anon a skirmish and a battle. At eventide we pitch our tent and stack the arms, we hang up the war cap and lay our head on the knapsack, we sleep until the morning bugle calls us to marching and action. How pleasant it is to rehearse the victories, and the surprises, and the attacks of the day, seated by the still campfire of the home circle!

There is the place where we may talk of what we have done without being charged with self-adulation. There is the place where we may lounge without being thought ungraceful. There is the place where we may express affection without being thought silly. There is the place where we may forget our annoyances, and exasperations, and troubles. For lorn on earth pilgrim! no home? Then die. That is better. The grave is brighter, and grander, and more glorious than this world with no tent for marchings, with no harbor from the storm, with no place of rest from this scene of greed, and gouge, and loss, and gain. God pity the man or the woman who has no home.

Further, I remark, that home is a political safeguard. The safety of the State must be built on the safety of the home. We cannot France come to a placid republic? Ever and anon there is a threat of National capsize. France as a nation has not the right kind of a Christian home. The Christian hearthstone is the only cornerstone for a republic. The virtues cultured in the family circle are an absolute necessity for the State. If there be any religious influence to make the family all that it can be, will it not be enough politically to induce the State to adopt it? No, it does not mean that. Turcos and Vandals, means the Nomads of Asia, means the Nomads of Africa, changing from place to place, according as the pasture happens to change. Confounded be all those Bastiles of impurity which would overtower and destroy the home. The same storm that upsets the ship in which the family sails will sink the frigate of the constitution. Jails and penitentiaries and armies and navies are not our best defense. The door of the home is the best fortress.

Further, I remark, that home is a school. Old ground must be turned up with subsoil plow, and it must be harrowed and reharrowed, and then the crop will not be as large as that of the new ground with less culture. Now, youth and childhood are new ground, and all the influences thrown over their heart and life will come up in after life luxuriantly. Every time you have given a smile of approbation, all the good cheer of your life will come up again in the geniality of your children. And every ebullition of anger and every uncontrolable display of indignation will be fuel to their disposition twenty, or thirty, or forty years from now—fuel for a bad fire a quarter of a century from this.

Oh, make your home the brightest place on earth, if you would charm your children to the high path of virtue, and rectitude, and religion. Do not always turn the blinds the wrong way. Let the light which puts gold on the gentian and spots the pansy pour into your dwellings. Do not expect the little feet to keep step to a dead march. Do not cover up your walls with such pictures as West's "Death on a Pale Horse," or Tintoretto's "Massacre of the Innocents." Rather cover them, if you have pictures, with "The Hawking Party," and "The Mill by the Mountain Stream," and "The Fox Hunt," and "The Children Amid Flowers," and "The Harvest Scene," and "The Saturday Night Marketing."

Above all, my friends, take into your homes Christian principle. Can it be that in any of the comfortable homes of my congregation the voice of prayer is never lifted? What! No application at night for protection? What! No thanksgiving in the morning for care? How, my brother, my sister, will you answer God in the Day of Judgment, with reference to your children? It is a plain question, and therefore I ask it. In the tenth chapter of Jeremiah God says He will pour out His fury upon the families that call not upon His name. O parents, when you are dead and gone, and the moss is covering the inscription of the tombstone, will your children look back and think of father and mother at family prayer? Will they take the old family Bible, and open it and see the mark of tears of contrition and tears of consoling promise wept by eyes long before gone out into darkness?

Oh, if you do not inoculate Christian principle in the homes of your children, and you do not warn them against evil, and you do not invite them to holiness and to God, and they wander off into dissipation and into infidelity, and at last make shipwreck of their immortal soul, on their death-bed and in their Day of Judgment they will curse you. Seated by the register or the stove, what if on the wall should come out the history of your children? What a history—the mortal and immortal life of your loved ones. Every parent is writing the history of his child. He is writing it, composing it into a song or turning it into a groan.

My mind runs back to one of the best of early homes. Prayer, like a roof, over it. Peace, like an atmosphere, in it. Parents, personifications of faith in trial and comfort in darkness. The two pillars of that earthly home long ago crumbled to dust. But shall I ever forget that early home? Yes, when the flower forgets the sun that warms it. Yes, when the mariner forgets the star that guided him. Yes, when love has gone out of the heart's altar and memory has emptied his urn into forgetfulness. Then, the home of my childhood, I will forget thee! The family altar of a father's importunity and a mother's tenderness, the voices of affection, the funerals of our dead father and mother, with interlocked arms like intertwining branches of trees making a perpetual arbor of love, and peace, and kindness—then I will forget them—then and only then. You know, my brother, that a hundred times you have been kept out of sin by the memory of such a scene as I have been describing. You have often had raging temptations, but you know what has held you with supernatural grasp. I tell you, a man who has had such a good home as that never gets over it, and a man who has had a bad early home never gets over it.

Again, I remark, that home is a type of heaven. To bring us to that home Christ left His home. Far up and far back in the history of heaven there came a period when its most illustrious citizen was about to absent Himself. He was not going to sail from beach to beach; we have often done that. He was not going to put out from one hemisphere to another hemisphere; many of us have done that. But He was to sail from world to world, the spaces unexplored and the immensities untraveled. No world had ever hailed heaven, and so far as we know heaven had never hailed any other world. I think that the windows and the balconies were thronged, and that the pearly beach was crowded with those who had come to see Him sail out the harbor of light into the ocean beyond.

Out, and out, and out, and on, and on, and on, and on, and down, and down, and down He sped, until one night, with only one to greet Him, he arrived. His disembarkation, so unpretending, so quiet, that it was not known on earth until the excitement in the cloud gave intimation that something grand and glorious had happened! Who comes there? From what port did He sail? Why was this the place of his destination? I question the shepherds, I question the camel drivers, I question the angels. I have found out! He was an exile. But the world has had plenty of exiles—Abraham an exile from Ur of the Chaldees; John an exile from Ephesus; Kosciusko an exile from Poland; Mazzini an exile from Rome; Emmett an exile from Ireland; Victor Hugo an exile from France; Kossuth an exile from Hungary. But this one of whom I speak to-day had such resounding farewell and came into such chilling reception—for not even a hostler went out with his lantern to help Him in—that He is more to be celebrated than any other expatriated one of earth or heaven.

It is ninety-five million miles from here to the sun, and all astronomers agree in saying that our solar system is only one of the small wheels of the great machinery of the universe, turning round some one great center, the center so far distant it is beyond all imagination and calculation, and if, as some think, that great center in the distance is heaven, Christ came far from home when He came here. Have you ever thought of the homesickness of Christ? Some of you know what homesickness is, when you have been only a few weeks absent from the domestic circle. Christ was thirty-three years away from home. Some of you feel homesickness when you are a hundred or a thousand miles away from the domestic circle. Christ was more millions of miles away from home than you could calculate if all your life you did nothing but calculate. You know what it is to be homesick even amid pleasurable surroundings; but Christ slept in huts, and He was athirst, and He was a-hungered, and He was on the way from being born in another man's barn to being buried in another man's grave. I have read how the Swiss, when they are far away from their native country, at the sound of their national air get so homesick that they fall into melancholy, and sometimes they die under the homesickness. But, oh, the homesickness of Christ! Poverty homesick for celestial riches. Persecution homesick for hosanna. Weariness homesick for rest. Homesick for angelic and archangelic companionship. Homesick to go out of the night and the storm and the world's exceeration, and all that homesickness suffered to get us home.

At our best estate we are only pilgrims and strangers here. "Heaven is our home." Death will never knock at the door of that mansion, and in all that country there is not a single grave. How glad parents are in holiday times to gather their children home again. But I have noticed that there is almost always a son or a daughter absent—absent from home, perhaps, absent from the country, perhaps absent from the world. Oh, how glad our Heavenly Father will be when He gets all His children home with Him in heaven! And how delightful it will be for brothers and sisters to meet after long separation! Once they parted at the door of the tomb; now they meet at the door of immortality.

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INTERNATIONAL LESSON COMMENTS FOR NOVEMBER 14.

Lesson Text: "Paul's Ministry in Rome," Acts xxviii., 17-31—Golden Text: Romans i., 16—Commentary on the Day's Lesson by the Rev. D. M. Stearns.

17. "After three days Paul called the chief of the Jews together." The expression "three days" is so suggestive of resurrection that one cannot fail to think of it who has anything of the spirit of Paul, who had as one of his heart utterances "That I may know Him and the power of His resurrection" (Phil. iii., 10). At his conversion he was three days without sight, and then Ananias came to him, sent of God. Probably he gave himself to prayer these three days in Rome that he might be fully in the Lord's hands as His messenger to accomplish His pleasure, and now the principal Jews of the city have come together to hear what he has to say.

18. "There was no cause of death in me." Yet here he is in Rome a prisoner by the will of God. So there was no cause in Christ why He should be hated (John xv., 25) or crucified, yet by the will of God He suffered the just for the unjust. To be willing to endure hardship for the good of others is Christlike, for He loved us and gave Himself for us, leaving His home in glory for over thirty-three years and suffering all the humiliation consequent upon His being the sinner's substitute, that we who accept Him might not only be saved, but share His glory.

19. "Not that I had aught to accuse my Nation of." Although it was through his own people that he was now a prisoner, yet he would not accuse them, but rather see the hand of God in it all and continue to love and pray for his poor, blinded people. See his heart for them in Rom. ix., 3, and x., 1, "I could wish that myself were accursed from Christ for my brethren." "Brethren, my heart's desire and prayer to God for Israel is that they might be saved." And it was his custom always as here in Rome to seek the Jews first.

20. "For the hope of Israel I am bound with this chain." By comparing chapters xxiii., 6; xxiv., 15; xxvi., 6, 7, it is evident that the hope which Paul meant was associated with resurrection, the resurrection of Christ and then of His people. The resurrection spoken of in Dan. xii., 1-3, and in Hos. vi., 2, and elsewhere—very fully in Ezek. xxxvii., where it is said that they shall be one nation in their own land under one king, never to be divided or scattered any more.

21, 22. "As concerning this sect we know that everywhere it is spoken against." They had heard nothing evil of Paul, but they had heard the followers of this Jesus Christ spoken against. Simeon said to His mother that He would be for a sign spoken against (Luke ii., 34), and it is written, "All that will live godly in Christ Jesus shall suffer persecution" (II. Tim. iii., 12). The carnal mind is enmity against God, and the wisdom of this world knows not God.

23. "He expounded and testified the kingdom of God, persuading them concerning Jesus, both out of the law of Moses and out of the prophets from morning till evening." Having appointed him a day, they came to him to his lodging, and thus he talked to them. The beginning, middle and end of his talk was Jesus and His resurrection, looking to the kingdom yet to be established with Israel as a righteous nation at the center, Jesus, the Son of David, as their King, and all nations blessed through them, their King acknowledged by all as King of kings and Lord of lords.

24. "And some believed the things which were spoken and some believed not." So it has been and will always be in this age. Paul never expected that all would believe him, but he labored that he might by all means save some (Rom. xi., 14; I. Cor. ix., 22). Our Lord taught us that some seed will fall by the wayside, some on stony soil, some among thorns and some on good ground; that the tares will grow with the wheat until the harvest and that the kingdom will come at harvest time.

25-27. "And when they agreed not among themselves they departed after that Paul had spoken one word." That one word was a quotation from Isa. vi., 9, 10, and is also found in Math. xiii., 14, 15; John xii., 40; Rom. xi., 8. Isaiah having seen His glory and having heard the question, "Whom shall I send and who will go for us?" replied, "Here am I, send me." Then he was told that the people to whom he was sent would not all receive his message. Jeremiah and Ezekiel were also told the same thing (the record is in Jer. i., and in Ezek. ii. and iii.). It is the one business of the Lord's messenger to deliver the Lord's message faithfully, diminishing not a word, and trust the Lord to see to the results. See Hag. i., 13; Jer. xxiii., 28; xxvi., 2. We are not to think out the passage any more than the prophets did or our Lord Jesus Christ Himself. Both He and they spake only the words commanded them by God (John xii., 49; Jer. i., 6, 7; Ex. iv., 12), and we must not think to do otherwise.

28, 29. "To the Jew first was his way always; then, when rejected by them, turn to the gentiles, sure that somehow the Lord shall see of the travail of His soul and shall be satisfied. Since He shall not fail nor be discouraged (Isa. xlii., 4), there is no room for any servant of His ever to be discouraged. We must remember His word to Moses and to Joshua to put off their shoes, which, if I understand it, signified that the work was the Lord's and not theirs.

30. "And Paul dwelt two whole years in his own hired house and received all that came in unto him." During that time he probably wrote the epistles to the Ephesians, the Philippians, the Colossians and some others. When people came to him, he would be ever ready to welcome them and talk with them of Him of whom his heart was so full.

31. "Preaching the kingdom of God and teaching those things which concern the Lord Jesus Christ with all confidence, no man forbidding him." Thus this book of the Acts begins and ends with the kingdom, for we read in chapter i., 3, that during the forty days he ween the resurrection and ascension our Lord, when He appeared from time to time, spoke of the things pertaining to the kingdom of God. The time will come when the kingdoms of this world shall have become the kingdom of our Lord and of His Christ, when all kings shall fall down before Him and all nations serve Him (Rev. xi., 15; Ps. lxxii., 11). What can we do to hasten it? First let Him save us freely by His grace, then let Him as our Lord use us as He will and where He will to make Him known to others, that they, too, may receive Him and help complete His body and hasten the time of His return to bring the kingdom and restore all things of which the prophets have spoken. —Lesson Helper.

God of all patience, by whose long-suffering love alone we are permitted to continue in the opportunities of life, keep us in the quiet of thy presence all day long that we sin not in hasty word or deed. Be swifter than our provocations, stronger than our easily resetting sins, and kinder than our own thought of others. In our impatient hours, when anger burns within us and cries out for utterance, give us courage in the memory of thy love for self-restraint. In the reflection of thy mercy may our faces shine. In cheerful hours may we await the ripening of thy purpose. So teach us to weigh the hopes and fears, the joys and disappointments of this mortal life that we may know the worth of the enduring treasure of thy grace. Guard us from the folly of heart rest in earthly things. Enlarge our souls in the good hope of eternal life through Christ and make us willing instruments of service. Enable us to think in charity, to speak in kindness, to deal lovingly as well as justly in all relations and responsibilities of life. And glorify thyself in us through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

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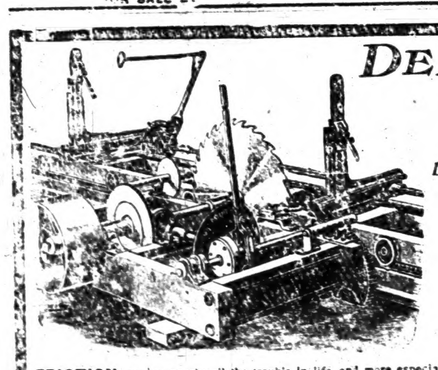

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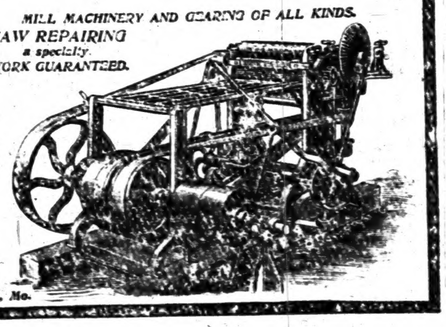

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I shall be glad to answer any questions regarding my case from anyone enclosing a two cent stamp. Gratefully yours,

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Yours truly REV. L. VON WALD,
March 31, 1896. Milbank, S. D.

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For twenty long years my wife suffered untold tortures from Sciatica and Neuralgia, and I thank God for the day that your heaven-sent remedy fell into my hands, for it completely cured her. I am a minister of the Gospel, and when I find any who suffer, I cannot help but recommend "5 DROPS", for I know it will do more than you claim for it.

REV. F. M. COOK, Washington Center, Md.

PARALYSIS AND RHEUMATISM.

DEAR SIRS: NOVEMBER 4, 1896.

It is with pleasure I write you of your priceless remedy and of the cure it has done me. For the last eight years I have been an almost helpless cripple from paralysis and rheumatism. Just think for eight years a total cripple, unable to eat a potato without assistance, unable to walk or even stand on the ground without the aid of support to lean on. Heaven bless the man who discovered this remedy, for thanks to him I am able to walk and attend to my business. I have only taken two-thirds of a bottle, but have not had any pain in my back since I took the first dose, and after the second dose I walked across the floor, which I have not done in years. I have thrown away my crutches and shall never need them again. To any one sending me a two-cent stamp I will send an affidavit. I have another bottle of "5 DROPS" and value it at $1.00 per drop.

Thankfully yours, EDWARD CASTLE,
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I wish to tell you and suffering humanity how much good "5 DROPS" has done me. I was in the beginning of this year I took down in bed last with Inflammatory Rheumatism, and I was doctored by as good physicians as the country has, but they could not cure me. In August 4, I began to take "5 DROPS", and at that time every joint in my body and my limbs were stiff, so that I could not be moved. Even my tongue was stiffened so that I could hardly speak so any one could understand me, but to-day, only seven weeks from that time, I am absolutely cured, and I thank you and God for my recovery.

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THE COMPRESS MUST GO.

...e cylindrical baling of cotton ...ain to revolutionize the hand... of cotton the world over. The ...s for thinking so are given ..., and the facts which I will ...can all be verified by anyone ...cares to do so.

...e process is interesting, and, ...ould be expected of a great ...tion, is simplicity itself. ...e a bale is being rolled in one ..., the bale is being taken out ...e other.

...e cotton comes direct from the ... through the lint flue, just as it ...arily comes to a box press, and ...g down between the moving ... former" aprons comes out be... in a fleecy white stream about ... wide and 4 inches thick. It ... passes under the feed roll—be... it and the first bailing roll—... comes out in the form of a bat ... 1½ inches thick, still very ... The bat is carried by a wide ...er belt, which passes over both ...g rolls to a small steel core ...dle or spool, which engages ...t and the rolling beging. As ...le increases in size it shoves ... the movable roll against the ...alic cylinder, the pressure be... carefully graduated automati...

...en the bale reaches 25 inches ...meter, which is the usual size, ...stream of cotton is switched ...and the other press begins to ... While the finished bale is ...olling in the press, a strip of ...cotton cloth is started to roll... with it, and wound spirally ...the whole bale is covered. ...bale is then removed from the ...the steel core taken out, the ...ing stitched on, the bale ...ed and marked and it is then ... for the mills.

...n bale so turned out is a ...th, cloth-covered roll 4 feet ...and 25 inches thick, average ...t 430 pounds. It is far ahead ...ordinary compressed bale in ...requisite of a good bale, as a ...consideration will show.

...st—As to the density of the ...ge, that is, the close packing, ...verage of the round bale is 31.8 ...s per cubic feet, while much ...cotton exported runs below ...d the New Orleans Cotton ...ge only requires 22. Of ...this density is a first requis... ...ness the great number of ...sses scattered throughout ...tton States. I have seen a ...d of round bale cotton that ...ed 68,268 pounds, 8,268 ...s over the capacity of an or...ar.

...nd—As to the security of the ...e from bursting, etc., all ...handlers, and especially the ...s, know how often the ...on the compress bale burst, ...r bale has to be recompress... ...Under the press it is often put ... a pressure of 4,500,000 ...s and eight or even ten ties ...ecurely hold it. The reason ...under the sudden push of ...ress the cotton is jammed ...er in a disorderly mass, the ...g imprisoned at a tremen... ...pressure, and every separate ...the cotton trying with all ...might to straighten itself ...On the other hand the round ...e no more burst than a roll ...t. A twine string and a ...wrapper will hold it. The ...s made up into an orderly ...e fibre laying to some ex...ent, and the air squeezed ...e by layer.

...—The wast in the present ...s astonishing. The state... ...made—and while I do not ...e it, I believe it—that the ...y crop of wasted cotton. ...ed in 21 covers 11 pages.

WEDDING BELLS RING MERRILY

Yesterday evening as the shades of night began to steal o'er the earth, a gallant gentleman from Georgia came and carried away with him one of Clanton's fairest belles. While the gentleman is to be congratulated upon his suuccessful wooing, there remains in Clanton many who need condoling with.

At 4:30 yesterday evening a select party of relatives and friends assembled at the home of Mr. W. L. Sampey to witness the nuptials of Miss Minnie Pinckard and Dr. W. J. Meadors, of West Point, Ga. Dr. J. Hall, of Newnan, Ga., who came over for the purpose performed the ceremony in an impressive manner. Mr. Batson, of West Point, was best man with Miss Ola McCree as Maid of Honor. The bride carried a bouquet of white roses, and Miss McCree one of yellow chrysanthemums.

The happy couple left on the mail for their home in West Point, Ga., carrying with them the best wishes of all for their future happiness and prosperity.

Oakgrove, Ala., Nov. 12, 1897

On the evening of the tenth at 8:30, Mr. Warren W. Wright and Miss Maggie Aldridge were happily united in matrimony at the Presbyterian church, at this place. Rev. Dr. Russel, of Piedmond, Ala., officiating. At the appointed hour as the strains of Mendelssohn's wedding march pended forth the wedding procession marched to the alter, Mr. S. T. Palmore, as best man, Miss Hattie Aldridge, sister of the bride, as maid of honor. The other attendants were Miss Mattie S. Chandler, Miss Ada Johnson, Mr. L. M. Hopkins and Mr. S. L. Douglas. After the happy couple were made man and wife the party with a number of friends returned to the home of the bride's parents where they were entertained royally until a late hour with music, dancing and refreshmeets. Each one bidding the newly married pair good-night, with showers of good wishes and blessings, took their leave.

The services of Judge Honeycutt were called into requisition last Thursday to unite in matrimony Mr. George W. Tackett and Miss Rebecca A. Connell, both of southeast Chilton. We wish them much conjugal felisity.

Mr. S. E. Edwards and Miss M. E. Langston, of Jemison, were married in the probate office by Judge Honeycutt on Monday morning in his usual happy style. The BANNER joins their many friends in best wishes for their welfare.

A WHOLE MAN.

A whole man is another name for a healthy man. One of the prime essentials of health is cleanliness. The first step in this direction is a clean skin. This fact is well known. Not only should the outside of the body be perfectly clean, but the interior of the body as well. Clean teeth, clean mouth, clean throat, clean nasal passages, are all requisites of perfect health. The whole body, as well as every organ in the body, is lined with mucous membrane, which is even more liable than the skin to become very dirty. The most frequent cause of unclean mucous membrane is catarrh. Catarrh creates unnatural secretions, even though the catarrh be very slight. In this condition good health is impossible.

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CORRESPONDENCE.

[We are willing to publish our subscribers views at any time, but it must be distinctly understood we do not hold ourselves responsible for these opinions.—EDITOR.]

Jemison Jems.

The two old gentlemen recently on the sick list are to the delight of friends moving around in their midst.

We have just returned from a visit to Mrs. Sophronia Whatley, of Mulberey. We are made to wonder what has become of the angels who should continually be administering to such afflicted ones as Mrs. Whatley. A tender word of sympathy and an act of Christian chairity is what St. James says is pure religion. Away with long prayers and outside demonstration of holiness, so long as the widow is not visted in trouble and affliction.

It is pleasant to see the farmer rolling in his barrels of choice home made syrup. How much 5c cotton would it take to buy 40 gallons of molasses? and all the while missing the jubilee of making syrup and candy.

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Maplesville.

Judge Savage of Anniston, Esq. Adams of Clanton, Mr. Bledsoe of Selma, have been here on business

Mrs. Knight, Mrs. Young, Miss Grace Jones, Misses Wilkins and Folks, of Selma, have been at Mrs. Goodwin's on their return to Selma

Mrs. Betsey McCarv and Mrs. Rebecca Goodwin have been visiting Mrs. N. A. Goodwin.

Mrs. Blalack has been to her son's at Welch's mill. Miss Della Blalack has visited her aunt, Mrs. Mary Rasberry.

Miss Mollie Garner commenced school Monday.

Our rains were so very local in these regions that cotton is streaked as the rainfall was; early corn that the drougth struck was poor yield but that planted later was good; potatoes, cane, peas and goobers were better yield than last year. SUBSCRIBER.

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South Chilton Locals.

The general health of the community is good.

Prof. E. B. Deason delighted his friends at Huckabee with a visit last week.

Misses Cora and Ida Popwell visited relatives near Billingsley Sunday last.

Miss Pearl Parker, of Clanton, visited friends near Billingsley.

Mr. G. S. Robinson, of this place visited his friends at Clanton Sunday.

Miss Mamie Letcher, of Plantersville, is with her sister, Mrs W. A. Gandy. She adds much to the social circles of this community.

Mr. W. H. Mills and wife visited R. P. Mills' family last Sunday.

Messrs. T. W. and M. W. Hinton, of Prattville, who has been at their father's for some time on account of yellow jack being in their town, have returned to their occupation. WALTER.

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Kincheon.

The weather continues very warm.

Mrs. Eliza Headly has been very sick but is now some better.

Mrs. Durbin's little daughter, Pearly, has been quite sick, but is now recovering.

Mr. William Vance and sister attended preaching at Liberty Sunday.

Misses Cora and Ida Popwell attended preaching at Center Point Sunday.

Miss Ola Popwell is on a visit to relatives in South Chilton.

Mr Charles Edwards' new dwelling is near completion.

Mrs. Julia Williams visited her sister, Mrs. Edny Rainwater, near Kincheon, Sunday.

Mrs. M. A. Roper visited Mrs. M. L. Edwards Sunday.

There will be singing at the Dickinson school house next Sunday.

Wishing THE BANNER much success, I remain,

TIMBERTOE.

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The Grandest Remedy

Mr. R. B. Greeve, merchant, of Chilhowie, Va., certifies that he had censumption, was given up to die, sought all medical treatment that money could procure, tried all cough remedies he could hear of, but got no relief, spent many nights sitting up in a chair; was induced to try Dr. King's New Discovery, and was cured by the use of two bottles. For past three years has been attending to business, and says Dr. King's New Discovery is the grandest remedy ever made, as it has done so much for him and also for others in his community. Dr. King's New Discovery is guaranteed for Coughs Colds and Consumption. Don't fail. Trial bottle free at Dr J. S. Johnson's Drug Store.

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Maplesville, Nov. 15, 1897

Dear BANNER: Please receive my heartfelt congratulations for your improved paper. The courageous way in which your sentiments are spoken is commendable. For each to fearlessly express his opinions is good for his national health. Your political items are so condensed and tersely told that they are better understood than when in such a fog of long winded speeches that the few grains of gold (and often none of this last named) that must be winnowed from the chaff is not worth one's time.

Yours sincerely,

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Speigners.

Fire broke out in the carpenter shop of the state prison at 4 o'clock Saturday morning and destroyed that shop, the blacksmith shop, wagon shed and a considerable lot of harness and tools. A terrible loss to the state was averted by heroic word on the part of several convicts. The loss amounts to about $2,500. Considerable excitement was created among the convicts. but not a man escaped.

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The three-year-old boy of J. A. Johnson, of Lynn Center, Ill., is subject to attacks of croup. Mr. Johnson says he is satisfied that the timely use of Chamberlain's Cough Remedy, during a severe attack, saved his little boy's life. He is in the drug business, a member of the firm of Johnson Bros. of that place and they handle a great many patent medicines for throat and lung diseases. He had all these to choose from, and skilled physicians ready to respond to his call, but selected this remedy for use in his own family at a time when his child's life was in danger, because he knew it to be superior to any other, and famous the country over for its cures of croup. Mr. Johnson says this is the best selling cough medicine they handle, and that it gives splendid satisfaction in all cases. Sold by J. S. Johnson, jr. Druggist.

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Clanton Locals.

Mrs. J. F. McKee spent a few days at her mother's home this week.

Mr. H. I. Honeycutt went to Calera Tuesday.

Good board and lodging for visitors to court at Mr. Pat Smith's. Stalls for your horses.

Miss McGee is visiting her sister Mrs. W. T. Callen.

Dr. A. J. Marlar, of Stanton, was a visitor to Clanton to-day.

Mrs. N. J. Calloway, of Higgins' Ferry, was a visitor to Clanton last Fridry.

Mr. Ed Wilkes visited friends here this week.

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SOMEBODY'S DARLING.

Into the ward of the whitewashed walls
Where the dead and dying lay—
Wounded by bayonets, shells, and balls—
Somebody's darling was borne one day.
Somebody's darling! so young and so brave,
Wearing still on his pale sweet face—
Soon to be hid by the dust of the grave—
The lingering light of his boyhood's grace.

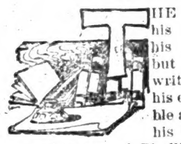
Matted and damp are the curls of gold,
Kissing the snow of that fair young brow;
Pale are the lips of delicate mold—
Somebody's darling is dying now
Back from the beautiful blue-veined face
Brush every wandering, silken thread;
Cross his hands as a sign of grace—
Somebody's darling is still and dead!

Kiss him once more for somebody's sake;
Murmur a prayer, soft and low;
One bright curl from the cluster take—
They were somebody's pride, you know.
Somebody's hand hath rested there;
Was it a mother's soft and white,
And have the lips of a sister fair
Been baptised in those waves of light?

God knows best. He was somebody's love;
Somebody's heart enshrined him near;
Somebody wafted his name above,
Night and morn, on the wings of prayer.
Somebody wept when he marched away,
Looking so handsome, brave and grand;
Somebody's kiss on his forehead lay:
Somebody clung to his parting hand—

Somebody's watching and waiting for him,
Yearning to hold him again to her heart:
There he lies—with the blue eyes dim,
And smiling, child-like lips apart.
Tenderly bury the fair young dead,
Pausing to drop on his grave a tear,
Carve on the wooden slab at his head,
"Somebody's darling lies buried here."
—New York Ledger.

"WHO MAKETH ALL."



THE scholar sat in his study before his writing-table, but he did not write. He leaned his elbow on the table and his head on his hand, and he was thinking of Phyllis far away in Rai Pindi with her husband. The table was piled with books—several stood open invitingly—and a fair white sheet of paper lay on his blotting-pad—but he did not write.

Presently Jakes opened the door and said: "There's a young woman, sir, asking to see you; shall I say you're engaged?"

"A young woman, Jakes?" queried the scholar. "What sort of a woman, and from whence?"

"Well, sir," and Jakes closed the door behind him, "I do think she's from the circus as is on the village green."

"From the circus!" repeated the scholar. "What can she want?"

"She won't give no name nor yet no message, sir. Shall I say that you're engaged, sir?"

Jakes considered it the "height of impudence" that a hussy from the circus should dare to ask to see his master, and longed to send her about her business. Fine doings, indeed, for such as she to be asking for gentlemen, as bold as brass!

The scholar pondered, then he said to himself: "Phyllis would like me to see her—she was always kind. Jakes, you can show her in."

Jakes departed, much displeased, and presently ushered a young woman into the room and shut the door after her carefully, and in a fashion that said as plainly as possible: "Well, I wash my hands of this foolhardy proceeding."

The young woman advanced into the middle of the room and then stood awkwardly and said nothing. She was a tall, slight girl, attired in a variety of garments, startling in hue, and having apparently no connection with one another. Her hair was brushed about her forehead and stuck out in a series of large "rolls" behind. The hair was crowned by a hat of portentous size adorned by several rather dejected-looking feathers. But under the furze-bush of hair the face was oval and almost beautiful in its regularity of feature and pure color.

The scholar rose and bowed, then with old-fashioned courtesy he set a chair for her, and having seen her seated, murmured something shyly as "to what he was indebted for the pleasure of this visit?"

The girl stared at him with wide blue eyes, then said, abruptly: "I say, you're a knowin' old cove, aren't you?"

The scholar started a little at this description of himself, and waved his hands in deprecating wise. The girl went on: "I've 'eard in the village as you are always a-studying old books, and knows all sorts of heathenish lingo; now do you know 'ow to make a love poshin?"

The scholar gazed at her in speechless astonishment, then he grasped the edge of his writing-table for support and stammered: "Do I understand you to ask me if I know anything about love philters?"

"Yes, that's the ticket!" said the girl, genially. "I want a love poshin to give my young man. 'E's been and took up with Mad'selle Leonore, what does the trials of strength, and I wants to bring 'im back to me. You give me the perskiption and I'll ask the galipot to make it up. I was sure as you'd know."

The scholar felt quite sorry for her when he realized the disappointment he was about to inflict, she smiled so prettily and looked so pleased. He shook his head, then he said gently: "I'm afraid I am quite unable to help you in this matter. I know nothing of such things, neither do I believe that they can have the smallest effect."

"But I thought you was always a-studyin' ancient days," said the girl in an argumentative voice, leaning forward in her chair. "Do think—in some of them old books" (waving her hand in the direction of the book-lined walls). "Ain't there something in some of them old books?"

"I fear not," sad the scholar, almost sadly, she was so eager, so much in earnest. The girl drew herself up in her chair and said, abruptly:

"I'm a honest girl, I am."

"That I am sure you are, and therefore you need no love philters. Believe me, you are quite pretty and good enough to inspire love, an honest love, without recourse to magic." The scholar spoke persuasively, his voice was very gentle and his manner courtly. The girl winked her wide-blue eyes and made a little swallowing motion with her throat, then she cougned and continued:

"My father's brought us up strict, 'e 'ave. 'E doan't 'old with swearin' for women; and if we was light 'e'd lay the 'orse w'ip about our shoulders, 'e would. 'E's clown in our show, 'e is."

There was silence for a minute in the big library, then the scholar said gently: "Why do you want a love philter? Is the—man you are engaged to fickle?"

"Well, 'e runs after Mad'selle Leonore, and I can't stand it, and I rates 'im, and 'e laughs at me, and I'm beastly miserable, I am!"

The girl's voice broke, and great tears rolled down her cheeks. The scholar was much distressed. He was a very learned man, and instructed in the best wisdom of many lands, but he had also studied diligently a book that it requires no great erudition to understand, but only what is quite as rare, a humble heart. A certain saying in that book which runs: "But thou hast mercy upon all, and winkest at the sins of men; because they should amend," came into his mind, and the trouble of this poor circus girl was very real to him. She wiped her eyes with a gayly-bordered pocket-handkerchief, and said:

"What would a lidy do?"

The scholar pondered for a moment, then said diffidently, and with extreme shyness: "I think that she would not—show that she minded. That she would try to be always sweet and good-tempered and gracious, above all to Madam What's-her-name. Don't let him think himself so precious, my child. We all value what is hard to obtain. He's too sure of you or he wouldn't tease you. If you are wise, and if he is worth having—if he's worthy of you and of your good father, you'll find that all this nonsense will come to an end as a tale that is told."

It was a long speech for the scholar to make; he flushed a little as he made it, and the circus girl gazed at him admiringly, exclaiming:

"You are a knowin' old cove!"

The scholar shook his head and said humbly: "I fear I am ignorant in these matters. I have only known three women intimately in my life—my mother, my wife, and my daughter."

"Is that what your daughter did—the young lidy as is just married?" she asked eagerly.

"I don't know what she did," answered the scholar gently; and indeed it was true, for the engagement had come upon him as a bolt from the blue while he was thinking of Phyllis as still in pinafores.

"Was she very 'ard to please?" persisted the girl.

Hah Phyllis been hard to please? the scholar asked himself. He did not know. It had not taken long to please her, anyhow; so he said: "I don't know if she was hard to please, but I know that whatever she did was right and sweet and womanly, and you can do all that yourself my dear."

"I wish I was a lidy!" sighed the circus girl; "but father says as one can be as good a girl in a troupe as if one was a scripture reader, 'e do. I see you're a sky pilot by yer choker. What do you say?"

"I quite agree with your father; he must be a most sensible man, and I wish I knew him. Believe me, a circus lady can be just as useful as any other if she will only try, and I am sure you'll try."

The girl rose from her seat, so did the scholar; she held out her hand to him and he took it, and the old man and the girl looked into each other's eyes.

"Good-bye," said the girl; "I'm glad I came, though you are so ignorant about love poshins."

"I'm very glad you came," said the scholar heartily; "and, believe me, you need no 'love poshins,' you are quite charming enough without!" The girl nushed up to the roots of the furze-brush. Then the scholar said: "Would you like some rosest" The girl said: "Please, sir," in the shyest, smallest voice, and the scholar held the door open for her to pass out. Then he followed her across the hall and through the open front door. He took his pruning-knife from his pocket and he cut a great bunch of the roses that were famed throughout the county, then he walked down the drive with her, and at the lodge gate he bade her good-by.

She started down the road, and then looking back and seeing him still standing at the gate, she ran back, saying breathlessly: "I wish you'd come and see me ride. I can jump through the 'oops beautiful, I can! I should like to show yer."

The scholar's eyes were very kind, but he shook his head, saying: "I'm getting an old man, my dear; I hardly ever go out at night."

"But there's a matinee—an afternoon show"—she explained, "this afternoon."

The scholar wavered, then the beseeching blue eyes caught his and held them. "Phyllis would like me to," he murmured; then—"I will come and see you ride this afternoon."

"I shall look out for you, mind," said the girl; "don't you forget!"

The scholar did not forget—he went! —Windsor Magazine.

Our idea of a good joke on a woman is a pair of twins.

How She Cured Him.

"I thought I was going to sell a coffin to one of my neighbors a few days ago," said the undertaker. "A certain young man who had been dissipating considerably of late, and had got into debt, became desperate and threatened on several occasions to commit suicide if his widowed mother did not give him some of the money she had borrowed on their little home. Not long ago he went home with a desperate look on his face, and, calling his mother into the drawing room, said, as he pulled a revolver from his hip pocket: 'I will have the money, or I will end my miserable existence.' 'Wait! Wait!' screamed his mother, as she rushed from the room. A look of satisfaction overspread the young man's face as he mumbled to himself about knowing he would get it. In a moment his mother returned carrying a large rug. Quietly she spread it down on the carpet, and then, straightening up, said: 'Now, George, go ahead. I was afraid you would spoil my carpet with blood stains. Any choice about coffins?' The young man almost sank to the floor in his astonishment and disappointment. He was sure if he threatened to shoot himself his mother would accede to his unjust demands and give him the little money she was saving to buy the necessaries of life with, but on the day before she had come over to my house and told my wife about his threats. My wife put the idea into her head to chaff her son the next time he threatened to commit suicide. She was afraid to try, but, summoning all her nerve, she carried out instructions, and succeeded. The young man hasn't said a word about dying since."—New Orleans Times-Democrat.

Elephants.

Some elephants are said to be good climbers. They make their way up and down mountains and through a country of steep cliffs, where mules would not dare to venture, and even where men find passage difficult. Their tracks have been found upon the very summit of mountains over seven thousand feet high. In these journeys an elephant is often compelled to descend hills and mountain sides which are almost precipitous. This is the way in which it is done. The elephant's first manoeuvre is to kneel down close to the declivity. One foreleg is then cautiously passed over the edge and a short way down the slope, and if he finds there is no good spot for a firm foothold, he speedily forms one by stamping into the soil if it is moist, or kicking out a footing if it is dry. If the elephant is now sure of a good foothold, the other foreleg is brought down in the same way. Then he performs the same work over again with his feet, bringing both forelegs a little in advance of the first foothold. This leaves good places already made for the hind feet. Now, bracing himself up by his huge, strong forelegs, he draws his hind legs, first one and then the other, carefully over the edge, where they occupy the first places made by the forefeet. This is the way the huge animal proceeds all the way down, zigzag, kneeling every time with the two hind legs while he makes footholes with his forefeet. Thus the center of gravity is preserved, and the huge beast prevented from toppling over on his nose.

Fox a Queer Character.

Henry Stephen Fox, one of the earliest English ministers at Washington, was so eccentric as to make himself the laughing stock of the whole town. He generally did not arise until other people were almost ready to go to bed. When duty compelled him to rise earlier, he was like an owl in the daytime. "How strange," said he to Mme. Caldron, one morning at a state "function" —"how strange we look to each other by daylight." His debts compelled him to economy, and he rarely gave dinners. He once invited a large party to his house—Mr. Clay, Mr. Calhoun, Mr. Webster and all the giants—and when they were all assembled, he said: "Gentlemen, now be good enough to put on your hats and follow me." And then he led them to a neighboring eating house.—Ohio State Journal.

The Musical Blacksmith.

"I was walking along a hot, dusty street in Redwood City the other day," remarked a tourist, "when I stopped to rest in the shade of the village smithy. The smith was a giant in stature, and, with the sleeves of his red flannel shirt rolled up to his brawny shoulder and his big leather apron on, he was as picturesque a son of Vulcan as I ever saw.

"I watched him blowing his wheezy old bellows, and then as he commenced fashioning a horseshoe he broke out into song. It was 'The Armorer's Song,' from Robin Hood, that made the sooty rafters ring.

"'Let hammer on anvil ring, ring ring,' he sang, as he struck the white hot iron blow after blow that made the fiery sparks fly. Then followed the familiar 'Cling, clang, cling, clang.'

"I have heard Cowles sing that a dozen times, and I have heard ambitious amateurs sing it all over the world, but that song never stirred me as it did when I heard that blacksmith's mighty voice singing it over his anvil. I will never forget it as long as I live."

The singer was big Bill McDonald, the second bass in Grace Church choir —San Francisco Post.

Qu te Diff rent.

There are fine distinctions, though usually with a difference. In the days when Scotland was even stricter in its observances than it is now, a visitor to Edinburgh was whistling in the street on Sunday.

"Mon," said another, reprovingly, "ye maunna whustle."

"I am whistling to my dog," was the conciliatory answer.

"Oh," was the concession, "ye may whustle to the doagie, but ye maunna whustle."—Youth's Companion.

OUR BOYS AND GIRLS

THIS IS THEIR DEPARTMENT OF THE PAPER.

Quaint Sayings and Cute Doings of the Little Folks Everywhere, Gathered and Printed Here for All Other Little Ones to Read.

My Brave Soldiers.

Two grave, quiet-looking men stood on the steps of a big house in Washington some years ago. They were watching four bright children get into a cart and drive down the street, throwing back kisses and "good-bys" to "papa," and "papa's" friend, the general.

The younger man, and the father, was General Phil Sheridan, "Fighting Phil," as he was called in those days. Another general, an old friend, said: "Phil, how do you manage your little army of four?"

"Don't manage—they are mischievous soldiers; but what good comrades! All the good there is in me they bring out. Their little mother is a most wonderful woman, and worth a regiment of officers! John, I often think what pitfalls are in waiting for my small brave soldiers all through life. I wish I could always help them over."

"Phil, if you could choose for your little son, from all the temptations which beset him, the one most to be feared, what would it be?"

General Sheridan leaned his head against the doorway, and said soberly: "It would be the curse of strong drink! Boys are not saints. We are all self-willed, strong-willed—maybe full of courage, and thrift, and push, and kindness, and charity—but woe be to the man or boy who becomes a slave to liquor. Oh! I had rather see my little son die to-day than see him carried in to his mother drunk. One of my brave soldier-boys, on the field, said just before a battle, when he gave me a message to his mother, if he should be killed: "Tell her I have kept my promise to her. Not one 'drink' have I ever tasted." The boy was killed. I carried the message with my own lips to his mother. She said: "General, that is more glory for my boy than if he had taken a city."

General Sheridan and the other brave man lie in historic Arlington. A great white monument marks the place.

The "little brave soldier, Phil Junior," is growing tall every year. He, with his mother and three pretty sisters, keep their soldier's grave beautiful with sweet flowers, and still more beautiful is the character of the small soldier, who scorns "strong drink," and declares himself to be a "temperance boy."—Temperance Banner.

About a Huge Joker.

An elephant enjoys a joke as well as any boy or girl. A writer in Our Animal Friends tells about the antics played by a huge elephant kept in the Zoo at Paris. He lived in a great inclosure out in the open air, so that he had plenty of room to roam about. In the same inclosure was a very large hippopotamus, for whose comfort and amusement a great stone basin had been built and filled with water, and the hippopotamus in turn furnished amusement for the elephant. It was quite early one morning—before the hour for admitting the public to the garden—when I noticed the elephant walking around on the stone edge of the basin, curiously watching the hippopotamus.

I felt quite sure that the elephant was up to some prank, and I was not mistaken; for, just as soon as the ears of the hippopotamus came into view, the elephant quickly seized one of them with his trunk and gave it a sudden pull. The enraged hippopotamus lifted his ponderous head clear out of the water and snorted and blew; but every time he rose to take a breath the elephant would recommence his antics. Around and around the beast would go, keeping a sharp lookout for the little ears of the hippopotamus, which he would seize the moment they appeared. His evident delight in teasing his huge neighbor was very comical, and there could be no doubt that he thoroughly enjoyed it.

Again, one day, the keeper placed some food for the hippopotamus in a corner of the inclosure, and at once the hippopotamus began to leave the water to get to it; but the elephant slowly ambled over to the same corner, and arriving there first, he placed his four feet over the favorite food in such a way that the hippopotamus could not get at it, gently swayed his trunk back and forth, and acted altogether as though he were there quite accidentally, and if the garden was thrown open to the public and he went forward to receive the daily contributions of bread, cake and pie, which were always offered him by his hosts of admirers.

They Know.

Scottish dogs are frequently to be seen at the kirk. They know, without being told, the Kirk day, or Sunday and are always ready to accompany their masters to the service.

On entering the sacred building, the dogs at once take up their positions beneath the seats and quietly go off to sleep. They rest peacefully all through the service and the sermon that follows until the benediction has been pronounced.

The moment that has been concluded by the minister, the dogs, one and all, immediately rise, give themselves a shake and calmly make for the door.

In olden days the turnspit dogs (dogs put in a wheel to turn the spit for roasting the meat) used to attend church and heartily enjoy their rest on the seventh day.

On one occasion, however, they were greatly disturbed, as in the course of the Scripture reading for that Sunday the word "wheel" was the signal for them to turn to their hated labor, and on hearing it in church the dogs replied by a low growl.

Again the word came, and another growl was heard; but when it came for the third time, the dogs could stand it no longer, and, giving a continuous growl, rushed out of the church.

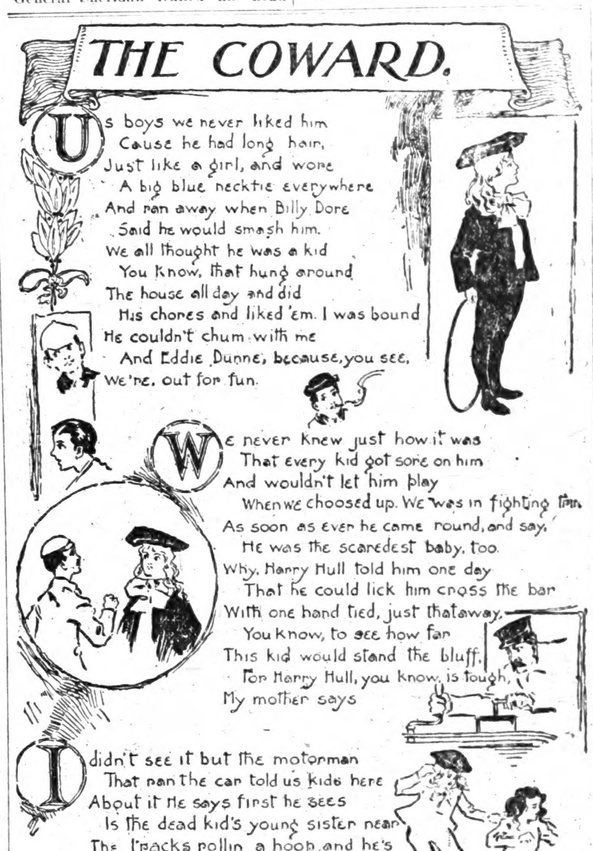
Charley's Philosophy.

Charley and Bessie were two bright little children, aged three and five respectively. Out in the old pepper tree in the garden a pair of linnets had built their nest and hatched five young ones. Every day the little ones went to see how the birdies were getting along. One day when they went to look at them the birdies flew away. They were all feathered out. Bessie looked astonished. "How did they ever grow so quick?" she asked. "'Cause them's birds," he replied. "Well, but how did that make any difference?" she innocently asked. "Why don't we be growed, too?" "Oh, my, girls are so stupid," Charley replied in disgust. "I guess if our mamma would sit on us all the time we'd get growed up, too."—San Francisco Call.

The Boy Got a Raise.

"See here, my boy, you mustn't hum at your work."

"Why, sir, you wouldn't check the hum of revived industry, would you?" —Cleveland Plain Dealer.



TRUMPET CALLS.

Ram's Horn Sounds a Warning to the Unredeemed.

KEEP faith in your child. Merry [illegible] are seldom [illegible] nais.

Abused [illegible] dom is the [illegible] of national [illegible]

[illegible] a grudge, carries a [illegible] head.

He who lives only for the riches of two worlds [illegible]

Nature is full of [illegible] written on every [illegible]

To scatter the [illegible] some poor fellow on [illegible]

Our most [illegible] generally die in [illegible]

The natural and [illegible] but different stages of [illegible]

He makes the [illegible] that improves the [illegible] bors.

Self respect and [illegible] will ever remain the crown [illegible] manhood.

If all great deeds and [illegible] into print, the world would [illegible] books.

A pleasant voice, a [illegible] nance and a good record, will [illegible] you anywhere.

If your table be full, [illegible] your pride, if scant, they publish your untruthfulness.

The pig looks straight [illegible] nose when you ask him what the [illegible] was made for.

There is something wrong with [illegible] preaching that never makes a [illegible] realize that he is one.

Don't be too ready to say, "Give the devil his due," till you are quite [illegible] he has no mortgage on you.

It is God's law that nothing can [illegible] added to our treasures that we wrongfully take from others.

Count your troubles, and you will fall down in the dust. Count your mercies, and you will get up and shout.

He who has never helped the needy knows but little of the richer light that falls on the pathway of the just.

We are not helped most by the people who soar among the stars, but by those who walk beside us on the earth.

Had some people who make most noise in church been in Daniel's place the story of the lion's den would not have been written.

All Important.

Aristocracies in different places and ages have prided themselves on many different things. One of the queerest, perhaps, is the aristocracy according to cheeses, which prevails among the patricians of Zermatt. The aristocracy of families is valued by the number and age of the cheeses they possess. When a child is born, a cheese is manufactured, which is then called by the name of the child. It is partly eaten when its namesake gets married, each wedding guest tasting a portion. The cheese is then put away again, and finally cut into and finished at the funeral of the person whose name it bears. When a young man wooes a maiden, he begs to be allowed to dine with her family on a Sunday. His offer being accepted, the lovers wait anxiously to see whether the girl's father will cause the cheese to be set on the table. At the end of the long meal, if all goes well, the master of the house solemnly fetches the cheese bearing the would-be bride's name, sets it on the table, cuts it and gives a piece to the young couple. When they have eaten it, they are a betrothed pair.

Curing the Hens.

Editor Terry, of the Minden Herald, wants to know how to keep his neighbors' hens out of his garden. Well, Charley, take a lot of small, stiff cards about 1 by 2 inches, write on them "Please keep your darned old hens at home," tie a short string to each card with a grain of corn at the other end of the string and scatter these where the hens congregate. When the hungry biddy gobbles up the grain that drags the prize, she follows up the string, stowing it away until she comes to the card, then you will see her pull out for home, carrying in her mouth your polite request. Try it, brother, and let us know how it works.—Brown City (Mich.) Standard.

Blind Statistics.

It is estimated that there are 1,000,000 blind people in the world, or one to every 1,500 inhabitants, says an exchange. Latest reports show 28,000 blind persons in England, or 870 to each million inhabitants. Blind infants of less than five years, 100 for each million; between five and fifteen, 286; between twenty and twenty-five, 422; between forty-five and sixty, 1,625; above sixty-five years, 7,000 for each million. Russia and Egypt are the countries where the blind constitute the largest proportionate number of their population.

Another Thing.

Wife—You saw Mrs. Browser last evening?

Husband—Yes, but not to speak to her.

Wife—What a story! I heard you were sitting with her for more than two hours.

Husband—That's so; but it was she who did the talking.—Up-to-Date.

Neither a cantelope nor a woman is as sweet as they look, and very few can pick out a good one.

NEWS ITEMS OF THE WEEK

Carefully Condensed in Brief and Pointed Paragraphs.

CHATTANOOGANS TO BUILD A COTTON MILL.

A Polar Expedition to be Dispatched to the Arctic Regions. Mt. Vesuvius in Active Eruption. Two Boys Killed While Watching a Circus Loading.

At Ha[illegible] Tenn., Maynard Geol[illegible] instantly killed by Deputy Sh[illegible]

At May[illegible] fire destroyed the Fr[illegible] Industrial School [illegible]

Ex-[illegible] has named [illegible], in honor of his [illegible] Mrs. [illegible]

The [illegible] committee of the M[illegible] church ap[illegible] domestic and foreig[illegible]

Chas. [illegible] of Illinois, has been app[illegible] extraordinary and Mi[illegible] plenipotentiary of the United States [illegible]

John C. Ba[illegible] formerly of Big Stone Gap, Va., [illegible] government law-yer of Dolphin Mann, committed suicide in New York Friday.

Fire destroyed the foundry and machine shop of Middlesboro, Ky., Thursday, [illegible] a loss of $500,000, with insurance of $100,000.

The Texas [illegible] law has been declared unconstitutional. This law attempted to combat the storing of liquors in local option towns.

The building known as "The Lion," in Chicago was burned the past week. The building and contents were valued at $164,000. Insurance $130,000.

The Young Men's Business League of Chattanooga has undertaken to raise $50,000 to build a cotton mill. Outside capitalists will put in a like amount.

The British steamer Governor, from Galveston for Newport News, passed Cape Henry Friday. She signalled the Weather Bureau office that her cargo was on fire.

At Hayden, Ky., in a row over politics, John Schriver shot and killed Henry Davis, and Schriver was shot and mortally wounded by Mollie Davis, a sister of Henry.

Edward Hankins was hanged Thursday at Danville, Va. He was 52 years of age. His crime was the murder of Dr. John Roy Cabbe, a prominent citizen of Danville.

President J. J. Durragh, charged with wrecking the Kansas City Safe Deposit & Savings bank, has been found guilty and sentenced to two years in the state penitentiary.

United States court at Chattanooga decided that the eastern band of Cherokee Indians had no rights as citizens, and cannot make contracts without the sanction of the government.

It is reported that Commissioner of Pensions H. Clay Evans will soon remove from Chattanooga to Philadelphia, Pa., the state of his nativity, where he will actively engage in politics in the Keystone state.

The Russian minister to the United States, M. Kotzebue, has been relieved of his post at his own request owing to his ill health. His successor has been appointed in the person of Count Cassini, present Russian minister at Pekin.

The eruption of Mount Vesuvius, which began on Monday last, is increasing in activity. The spectacle is grand. Columns of smoke and tongues of flame are belching forth from the central crater, while showers of cinders are falling.

King Oscar and a number of private persons have contributed sufficient money to insure the dispatch of a Swedish polar expedition in 1898, which will be led by Professor Nathorst, the geologist. The cost of the expedition is estimated at 70,000 crowns.

While [illegible] the Pawnee Bill Company had their stock at Girardville station, Pa., Enoch Davis, aged 19; Henry Jones, aged 21; Edward Davis, aged 22, and Frank Grady, aged 24, were struck by an engine. Enoch Davis and Henry Jones were killed, and the others seriously injured.

By an almost unanimous vote the Georgia house of representatives agreed to appropriate $500 for the painting of a life-sized picture of the late Chas. F. Crisp, to be hung in the state capitol. The original bill called for an appropriation of $1,000, but passed with an amendment making it $500.

The expert who has been engaged for several months in examining the books and accounts of ex-State Treasurer Bartley, of Nebraska, submitted his report to the legislative investigating committee showing Bartley's shortage to be $[illegible]. Bartley is now in the Douglas county jail under a twenty-year sentence to the penitentiary.

Fire at Moss Creek, Tenn., a small station on the Southern railway, destroyed almost the entire village. All the stores and several residences burned, together with the building in which the telephone station was located. The loss is not yet estimated, but the village is reported to be wiped out.

Ex-Congressman Frank W. Mondell, of Wyoming, was appointed assistant to the solicitor of the general land office. Judge Emory F. Hay, of Illinois, whom he succeeds, in all probability, will be appointed an assistant attorney-general in the interior department.

James B. Sovereign, who has been general master workman of the Knights of Labor for the past four years, was relieved of his office Friday by the general assembly, which has been in session in Louisville, Ky., since Monday last. Harry A. Hicks, of District 268, New York City, was chosen to fill Mr. Sovereign's place.

The bubonic plague is raging in the districts of Poona, Shotapur and Suri, India. It has also appeared at Kota, near Karachi in Sinde, and at Jand Kawal, in Junudulun district. Near Hardwar a colony of monkeys have been attacked by the disease. The authorities are destroying and isolating the diseased animals.

The attack on President Moreas, of Brazil, and the killing of General Betancourt, late minister of war, last Friday afternoon, was the result of a widespread conspiracy. The government's proclamation declaring the federal district of Nictheroy in a state of siege has been ratified by congress, which has passed a bill confirming it.

"LORD" BERESFORD'S ILL LUCK.

His Father-in-Law Drops Dead—Pelkey's Brother Gets the Fortune.

Thursday afternoon Alexander Pelkey, the father-in-law of the notorious Sidney Lascelles, alias Lord Beresford, dropped dead in the office of the Lee house at Fitzgerald, Ga.

Mr. Pelkey was about fifty-two years of age, and came to Fitzgerald from Rhode Island nearly two years ago. His property interests at Fitzgerald is composed of a handsome brick block, a number of fine business and residence lots, worth in the aggregate nearly $15,000. His property and other interests in Rhode Island is supposed to be about $35,000, making in all nearly $50,000, to which his only brother, at Westerly, R. I., was made heir, with request that he provide for Clara, Lascelles' wife, in case she ever gets rid of her "hypnotic husband," whom she still follows in his career of crime, utterly unable to break the magnetic spell which he has over her.

PENNSYLVANIANS IN THE SOUTH.

Several Thousand Veterans Come to Dedicate Monuments to Fallen Heroes.

Governor Daniel H. Hastings, of Pennsylvania, and staff and the Commander-in-Chief, General J. S. B. Goben, of the Grand Army of the Republic, with his staff, arrived in Chattanooga a few days since to visit Chickamauga battlefields. Many special trains loaded with Pennsylvanians also accompanied the governor and several thousand veterans.

The event was for the regimental dedication of monuments. The survivors of the regiments engaged in the Chickamauga battle gathered around the monuments erected in their honor and dedicated them with appropriate exercises. Their exercises consisted principally of addresses, music and the unveiling of the monuments.

WHITECAPS' BLOODY WORK.

Two White Girls Are Given a Terrible Beating in Ohio.

From Oakwood, Ohio, comes the news of an outrage perpetrated Thursday night by whitecaps upon two girls, Edith and May Roberts, aged 17 and 19 years. Ten days ago the young ladies received a whitecap notice warning them to leave the town and county, but they paid no attention to it. Last evening they retired early, and during the night they were awakened by a band of eight or ten men entering their room and dragging them from their beds in their night robes to the road, where they were terribly whipped by a cat-o'-nine-tails. After bearing the two girls, the whitecaps gave them a coat of tar and feathers and took them back to the house, where they were found unconscious the following morning.

The Low Water Mark.

General Wade Hampton, who has just been succeeded by General Longstreet as commissioner of railroads, has submitted to the interior department his report for the past fiscal year. He says that the year marked the low water mark of railway construction. During the year thirty-four companies, with 5,441 miles of road, passed into the hands of the courts and fifty-eight others, previously placed in receiverships, were sold at foreclosure. A steadily improvement in railroad earnings during the first six months of the current year is noted, an improvement particularly apparent in the bond-aided Pacific railroads.

Closed Their Work.

The United Daughters of the Confederacy ended their fourth annual convention at Baltimore. The following officers were elected for the ensuing year:

Mrs. Kate Cabell Currie, Dallas, Tex., president; Mrs. D. G. Wright, Baltimore, first vice-present; Mrs. Helen C. Plane, Atlanta, Ga., second vice-president; Mrs. J. P. Hickman, Nashville, Tenn., senior secretary; Mrs. Annie W. Duncan, Vicksburg, Miss., corresponding secretary; Mrs. J. Jefferson Thomas, Atlanta, treasurer.

The convention adjourned to meet next year in Hot Springs, Ark.

Cuban Insurgents Using Dynamite.

The insurgents have dynamited and derailed a train running between Neuvitas, the port of Puerto Principe, and the city or Puerto Principe, capital of the province of that name. The force of the explosion overturned the engine, destroyed several cars, killed the engineer, fireman and ten other persons and injured twenty-seven soldiers and passengers.

The First National bank of Seguin, Tex., has been authorized to begin business. Capital, $50,000.

AN INFUSION OF NEW LIFE

Marks Trade Conditions on Account of Colder Weather.

INCREASE IN IRON AND STEEL PRODUCTION.

Railroad Earnings Show Small Gains. Slight Re-action in Cotton Noted. Movement of Grain Continues Heavy. Southern States in the Increase.

Bradstreets trade review says: One of the most significant features of the business situation is found in the continued heavy weekly totals of the bank clearings, that for the six days ending Nov. 11 amounting to $1,347,000,000, an increase of 10 per cent. over the preceding week and 13 per cent. compared with the second week of November, 1896, when business began to revive sharply in speculative lines.

Railroad gross earnings shows smaller gains as comparisons begin to made with more nearly normal conditions one year ago. Total October earnings of 117 companies operating 100,000 miles of road, aggregate $55,464,339, a gain of $5,000,000 over September and 9 per cent. over October a year ago. This gain compares with gains of 14 per cent. in September and 12.5 per cent. in August over corresponding periods in 1896. The Pacific Southwestern and Central Western roads made the best showing.

Other favorable features are the continued firmness and activity in wool, iron and steel. The heavy output of iron and moderate reduction of stocks last week suggests the improbability of the advance in prices of iron and steel next, which so many have hoped for.

The slight reaction in the price of cotton, in view of the extreme depression to which that staple had been subjected, attracts attention as the possible beginning of the end of the prolonged decline. Already there is an improvement in the price of and demand for cotton yarns.

The unfavorable influences in price movements this week are declines for cottons and print cloths, the latter touching the lowest price on the record. Wheat, lard and lead are also heavier, and wire nails have been shaded. There is a long list of staples for which prices are unchanged. The more important advances are confined to Indian corn, oats, hops and turpentine.

Colder weather in the central west and northwest has stimulated demand for winter goods, particularly clothing.

Exports of wheat (flour included as wheat) from both coasts of the United States and from Montreal this week amount to 5,445,542 bushels compared with 5,590,000 bushels last week, 4,664,000 bushels in the week a year ago, 3,325,000 bushels two years ago, 2,909,000 bushels three years ago and as contrasted with 2,645,000 bushels in the like week of 1893.

Exports of Indian corn this week amount to 2,651,546 bushels against 2,199,000 bushels last week, 3,782,000 bushels in the week a year ago.

There is an increase in the number of failures, the total throughout the United States this week being 273, compared with 223 last week, 258 in the week one year ago, 279 two years ago, 280 three years ago and 270 in the second week of November, 1893.

The large proportion of this week's increase over last week's is in New England and Southern states.

THIRTY KILLED.

A Russian Wedding Party Struck by a Locomotive.

A terrible accident has occurred near Bielostok, Russian Poland, resulting in the death of thirty persons. A wedding party was returning from the church to the home of the bride. All were in one wagon, a huge vehicle drawn by eight horses. The road along which they rode crosses the railroad tracks on the level, and the driver, either through carelessness or ignorance of the train schedule, pushed his swiftly moving horses upon the crossing just as the express was coming in. The locomotive struck the vehicle squarely, killing many members of the party outright and maiming others so that they soon expired. Not a member of the party escaped.

ALL IN BLAST.

First Time in Three Years Such Has Been the Case.

For the first time in over three years every blast furnace in Allegheny county, Pennsylvania, is in operation. In addition to this, more furnaces are in operation here than ever before for the past summer; four new plants completed and placed in active work. There are thirty iron furnaces in this county now making from two to three blasts every twenty-four hours. The daily output of smelted iron is approximately 10,000 tons.

It is estimated that there are 1,300,000 Irish people in Australia.

Mississippi Quarantine Abolished.

The absolute abolition of the Mississippi quarantine enabled the Kansas City, Memphis and Birmingham Railroad Thursday to renew its passenger schedule which has not been in operation for a month or more. All the Southern and Alabama Great Southern trains also went back on Thursday.

Masked bandits in woman's attire held up a passenger train on the Missouri Pacific railroad Friday night, but secured no booty.

POST-EPIDEMIC CRUSADE

Will Be Inaugurated by the Marine Hospital Service.

Now that the yellow fever epidemic in this country has been brought practically to an end by the appearance of cold weather the marine hospital service is preparing to begin a post-epidemic crusade for the purpose of preventing a recurrence of the contagion next year. The officials of the bureau will cooperate with the health authorities of the various states affected in conducting a thorough disinfection of the districts in which the fever gained a foothold. The cleansing of all infected cities will be urged and each house in which there was a case of fever will be thoroughly fumigated. It is believed that by pursuing this course the country can be protected against another yellow fever epidemic in 1898.

Montgomery Clear.

No new cases of yellow fever and no deaths were reported at Montgomery Friday. Only five cases have been reported the past week, and almost all of the patients have practically recovered.

New Orleans Almost Free.

The number of new cases of yellow fever at New Orleans Friday was 7; deaths, 2. Total cases of yellow fever to date, 1,790; total deaths from yellow fever to date, 559.

At Mobile Friday three new cases and one death was reported.

All other towns infected are free from new cases, and the end of the epidemic is at hand.

NO BLUFF IN THIS.

Germany Orders a Warship to Port au Prince to Defend Her Honor.

The German warship Geflon is under orders to sail for Port au Prince, Hayti, this month, in order to insist upon redress for the arrest there of Herr Lueders, a German subject, and his unlawful imprisonment, for which Count Scherwein, the German minister at Port au Prince, has demanded an indemnity. Lueders is now believed to be in Germany, having been released from prison in order to avoid further complications, the natives of Port au Prince having threatened to mob the German legation and lynch Lueders. The fitting out of the warship is being hastened as much as possible. The officials of the German foreign office do not believe the matter will be adjusted for some time to come, because the Haytian government has assumed a stubborn attitude.

A dispatch from Berlin says: "The United States is credited here with offering its intervention in the difficulty between Germany and Hayti, but the German government is waiting for the arrival of Herr Lueders and the report of Count Schwerein, due by the next mail packet."

A PASSENGER TRAIN BURNED.

A High Wind Overturned a Car and the Train Rushed Into It.

A passenger train on the Louisville, Henderson & St. Louis road was derailed and entirely consumed by fire Thursday morning near Lewisport, Ky. No lives were lost, and, so far as is known, no one was seriously injured.

The accident was attributed to the freak of the high wind, which overturned a box car standing on the Lewisport siding. The car fell directly across the main track and near a sharp curve in the road. It was not seen by the engineer of the passenger train until it was too late to stop the engine, and the train rushed into the obstruction, caught fire and before anything could be removed was entirely consumed.

AGRICULTURAL INTERESTS

To be Protected—Gen. Blanco Issues an Order to Allow No Molestation.

Captain-General Blanco has issued a circular announcing that he has decided to furnish all the necessary protection to bring about a general resumption of planting, harvesting and reconstruction throughout Cuba, especially in the way of the sugar crop. He sets forth that all the officials are to lend unstinted assistance to the owners of plantations and farmers in their efforts to gather their crops and tend their cattle. They are instructed to encourage to the utmost those who are apprehensive of grinding sugar cane and to offer them assurance and the necessary military forces.

Receiver Asked For.

A bill for receiver and injunction has been filed in the United States federal court against the Southern Home Building and Loan association, of Atlanta, Ga. The bill was brought by stockholders of the association who reside in Alabama, and who claim that the association cannot pay its withdrawal stock and that it is being conducted at a great loss to the stockholders. The charge is also made of insolvency, and the court was asked to name a receiver to take charge of the association's business and hold the assets subject to the future orders of the court.

Exports and Imports.

The export of specie from the port of New York for the week amounted to $4,793 in gold and $819,447 in silver. The imports were: Gold, $62,114; silver, $94,603; dry goods, $1,384,563; general merchandise, $9,748,892.

It is understood that the president has decided to make practically no more appointments until the assembling of congress.

SPANISH ARMY IN CUBA.

Gen. Blanco's Investigation Reveals a Deplorable State of Affairs.

SOLDIERS IN A HALF-STARVED CONDITION.

Of the Vast Army of Men Only a Small Per Centage Are Fit For Active Service—Renewed Work of Incendiarism Begun.

A dispatch from Havana says: Much incredulity is expressed publicly as to the ability of the government to persuade or compel grinders to resume planting and to afford protection. The action of the insurgents does not seem to have been taken into consideration and without their consent for an exchange of tribute, no amount of government protection can avail to prevent the burning of cane.

Renewed work of incendiarism is said to have begun. Smoke is seen rising to the southwest of Havana, a distance apparently about twenty miles, and it is reported that the rebels are burning plantations.

Application of the decree of amnesty still hangs fire.

General Blanco's investigation into the condition of Spain's army in Cuba has already revealed a deplorable condition of affairs. Not only are frauds in connection with the payment of the troops being brought to light, but proof is being obtained that of the 200,000 men sent to General Weyler, only a small percentage are now fit for active service,

The towns are garrisoned principally by convalescent soldiers, too weak in many instances to offer more than a feeble resistance to the attacks of the rebels.

The military commander in Guines reports the patients in the military hospital there entirely without medicines and other necessities, and that the food supply is entirely inadequate. The small hospital fund, he states, has long since been expended, and large amounts are owing to shopkeepers. The proprietors of the stores have notified the hospital authorities that they will not furnish any more goods on credit.

ALABAMA NEWS GLEANINGS.

A movement is on foot to build a new Christian church in Selma.

Sunday school organizations are being formed in the various counties.

The Marion county prisoners are confined at Vernon jail, as the jail at Hamilton is undergoing repairs.

Dr. Thomas R. Ward, a prominent physician of Greensboro, died Sunday night. He was 71 years old.

Calhoun county Confederate Veterans will purchase Sulphur Springs camp grounds and erect a home for needy old soldiers.

The receipts at the treasury will likely enable the auditor to send out the Confederate pension warrants about the last of the month.

All of the railroads except the Louisville and Nashville have resumed the running of their trains suspended on account of the quarantines.

The Montgomery city council has elected Ed. Houser, a railroad engineer, to fill the vacancy caused by the death from yellow fever of Alderman Deming.

The Italian colony in Baldwin county is reported to have succeeded beyond expectations. The hills surrounding the members' homes are vine-clad, and in their gardens, which are carefully cultivated, they have planted olive trees and other fruits. The promoters of the colony are very much pleased with the outlook.

Three Indians Hanged by a Mob.

At Bismarck, N. D., Alexander Condot, Indian half breed, Paul Holytrack and Philip Ireland, full blooded Indians, the first of whom was sentenced to death for the murder of six members of the Syicer family last February and had just been granted a new trial by the supreme court, and the latter two self-confessed accessories in the murder, were taken from the county jail in Emons county Saturday night and lynched. The lynching had been apparently cooly planned and was carried out without a break in the programme.

In Each Others Arms.

Rome Bronson and Florence Williams, his betrothed, were overtaken by a storm on Blackpoint Mountain, near Little Rock, Ark., and both perished. After an all-night search they were found dead locked in each others arms under a tree where they had taken refuge from the storm. They had been struck by lightning. The bodies were interred in the same grave on the mountain side on their wedding day.

Will be Included in Amnesty Decree.

Dispatches from Madrid confirm the previous reports to the effect that the prisoners captured on board the American schooner Competitor, in April, 1896, will be included in the general amnesty decree soon to be issued. The second trial by court martial of the Competitors' crew was to have begun on Monday last, but was postponed on account of the sickness of the president of the court.

Banks Fail.

Three banks, respectively located in Leavenworth, Ind., and at Marengo and English, with deposits estimated to aggregate $160,000, have closed their doors. R. H. Willet, cashier of the parent bank and principal stockholder in the other two concerns, has left for parts unknown.

SOUTHERN PROGRESS NOTES.

The New Industries Reported in the South in a Week.

Among the new industries for the week just ended The Tradesman reports the following: The Batesville Compress Co., capital, $30,000, Batesville, Ark.; electric light plants at Corbin, Ky.; Camden, S. C.; Brownsville, Dallas and Terrell, Tex.; extensive chemical works at Wilmington, N. C.; the Novelty Mill Co., capital, $200,000, at Parkersburg, W. Va., and other large flouring mills at Gaither, Ark.; Cherryville, N. C., and Lebanon, Tenn. Engine works will be erected at Portsmouth, Va.; the Charleston Land and Mining Co., capital, $500,000, has been chartered at Charleston, W. Va.; the Whitney Coal Co., capital, $10,000, at Louisville, Ky.; the Buford Saddlery Co., capital, $12,000, at Buford, Ga.; the West Virginia Torpedo and Powder Co., capital, $50,000, at Sistersville, W. Va.; the Consumers Petroleum Oil Co., capital, $12,000. at Corsicana, Tex., and the Williamson Oil Co., capital, $50,000, at Welch, W. Va. A cotton mill will be erected at Scooba, Miss., and woodworking plants will be established at Campbellsville and Dickson, Tenn., and Gilmerton, Va.

The enlargements are also an important feature of the week, among the number being: The Gordon Chemical Works, at Round Mountain, Ala., the plant of the Augusta (Ga.) Street Railway Co., at a cost of $25,000; the Macon (Ga.) Gas Light and Water Co.'s plants, at a cost of $100,000; the Alabama Foundry and Machine Works, New Decatur, Ala.; and cotton mills at Meridian, Miss., New London, N. C., and Yorkville, S. C. The Marietta (Ga.) Paper Mfg. Co. will increase its capital from $150,000 to $250,000.

HIS FAMILY PRIDE.

Postmaster in Texas Holds Over for Reasons.

Postmaster E. T. Page, of Redwater, Texas, will be retained by this administration, and all because of the birth of quadruplets and twins in his family. Eleven years ago an effort was made to replace the postmaster with a candidate of the Republican party. Page appealed for retention, citing that his wife had just presented him with bouncing quadruplets, and that twice before twins had been born to them. This settled the case. The case has now come up again, and a number of candidates have sought the place. But Page has again protested that the successful raising of three of the quadruplets and two sets of twins entitle him to some consideration, and sent photographs of the three surviving quadruplets, now almost young ladies. Assistant Postmaster General Bristow conferred with Postmaster General Gary, and the two decided that there should be no change in the office.

Comes as a Peacemaker.

William R. Cremer, formerly member of parliament for the Haggerston division of Shoreditch, secretary of the International Workingmen's association and secretary of the International Arbitration league, was a passenger on the American liner St. Paul, which arrived at New York from Southampton Saturday. Mr. Cremer will present to every United Senator an address to the United States senate in favor of arbitration, signed by 7,000 workingmen, each of whom is an officer of a trades union, the whole representing over 2,750,000 British workingmen.

Monday's Yellow Fever Report.

Monday's fever record was not so favorable as the few days preceding owing to the warm weather. Following shows the number of new cases and deaths for the day: New Orleans, new cases 11; deaths 2; Scranton, new cases 10; deaths 1; Edwards, new cases 3; deaths 1; Montgomery, new cases 3; deaths 0; Mobile, new cases 3; deaths 0; Pensacola, new cases 0; deaths 1; Clinton, new cases 1; deaths 0. Total new cases, 31; deaths 5.

An Old Custom Revived.

The old practice of branding animals owned by the United States with a hot iron will be resumed under a regulation just issued by Major General Miles. It provides that all public animals shall upon the day received be branded with the letters "U. S." on the left foreshoulder, the letters to be two inches in height. Cavalry and artillery horses assigned to organizations will also be branded on the hoof of one forefoot and 4½ inches below the coronet.

Both Feet Amputated.

John Groat sustained serious injuries in an accident at Ensley City early Monday evening. He was employed by the company as a switchman. In attempting to board a moving car he slipped and fell under the wheels. Both feet were amputated.

Cecil Robison, 14 years old, shot and instantly killed his 17-year-old sister, Mattie, Sunday night, at the Robison home, on Jefferson avenue, Indianapolis, Ind. The shooting was accidental.

Nicaragua Ripe for Revolution.

There are many indications that there will be another revolution soon in Nicaragua, the third in about three years. The people are restless, and do not want President Zelya to sell the national railroad and the steamboats. It is claimed that some of the most prominent Nicaraguan officials have been placing large amounts to their credit in Europe.

Jess Sugars, the negro murderer of Jackson Orr, was sentenced to hang at Decatur, Ala., on December 1.

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THE yellow fever is very nearly done with. The two or three frosty mornings we have had lately have put a better feeling into everyone. Refugees have flocked back to Montgomery and business is once more going on as usual.

As the time is now at hand when farmers are arranging their plans for another crop, it has occurred to us that a great deal of hard-earned money might be saved by the use of home made fertilizer instead of high-priced guanos. This is a matter every farmer can best determine for himself, but it is well worth looking into.

CHAIRMAN G. P. Deans says he will soon call the State Executive Committee together to arrange preliminaries for the forthcoming campaign. The prospects for a hot campaign are good, and it is well to take time by the forelock. The Populist party has sometimes made the mistake of waiting for the other parties to act, but we are inclined to think that line of policy is about played out. We know what we want, and cannot do better than to formulate our own plans and then go ahead and win.

AT the recent session of the Knights of Labor, General Master Workman J. R. Sovereign stepped down and out, and Henry A. Hicks of New York was elected in his place. Mr. Sovereign has made a splendid record and the Knights will be fortunate indeed if they have found his equal. The story is making the rounds of the daily papers that it is the intention of Mr. Sovereign to become a candidate for the Presidency in 1900. At this moment we do not know if there is any truth in the report, and all we can say is we hope it may prove to be true. We would be delighted to see him in the Presidential chair.

JUST a word to our readers who are coming to court. During the last year Clanton has made a considerable forward movemant and our merchants now have such well assorted stocks at city prices that you can save the trouble and expense of going either to Montgomery or Birmingham. Next week when your come to court will be a good opportunity for you to begin to lay in your Christmas supplies. You will confer a favor on THE BANNER by reading over the advertisements of our merchants, and when you call upon them be kind enough to tell them that you saw their adv. in THE BANNER. They will appreciate it and so will THE BANNER.

WE respectfully suggest that the reform editors of the State hold a Press meeting in Montgomery the first Wednesday in January to transact some business along reform lines. Lets all go up there and look at each other. We are to be fellow soldiers in the trying conflict of another year, and we ought to be better acquainted before we go into the battle. As for us we want to know the company. We want to know the real situation of their counties. We want their ideas as to the conduct of the campaign. We want to get in concert of action. The campaign of 1898 is now open. We say let's meet and swap ideas.—Ozark Free Press.

The Compress Must Go.

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samples, etc., collected and baled, amounting to 180,000 bales of cotton annually, worth about $6,000,000. The grower may think he gets paid for this, but he is mistaken. It is all taken into account by the buyer. By the round bale process there is no waste, and only one sample is taken, and that while the bale is being rolled.

Fourth—The round bale is fire and water proof. Compressed cotton needs none. On July 13, 1897, a warehouse burned, in which were stored forty round bales. The cotton was burned about an inch deep, and all the rest saved. It was bought by the Rock River Cotton Company, of Janesville, Wis., who wrote on September 15, 1897, "The water had not penetrated any. They were damaged much less than we had anticipated they would be." I, myself, has poured coal oil and piled kindling wood over a round bale and fired it. The fire scorched the outside of the bale and died of itself—loss, about five pounds of couton.

Fifth—The weight of the covering on the compress bale is about twenty-five pounds; on the round bale three pounds. The freight on the difference amounts up astonishingly.

Sixth—The cost of the bagging and ties in Texas in 1896 was 85 cents per bale; the cost of the round bale covering is only about 20 cents, and home-grown cotton cloth can be used instead of imported bagging and ties.

Seventh—The bale is easily handled—needs no hooks to pull it to peices and waste it, and can be clearly marked.

Something to Know.

It may be worth something to know that the very best medicine for restoring the tired, out nervous system to a healthy vigor is Electric Bitters. This medicine is purely vegetable, acts by giving tone to the nerve centres in the stomach, gently stimulates the Liver and Kidneys and aids these organs in throwing off impurites in the blood. Electric Bitters improves the appetite, aids digestion, and is pronounced by those who have tried it as the very best blood purifier and nerve tonic. Try it. Sold for 50c or $1.00 per bottle.

UNCLE JOE FOR GOVERNOR.

The People's Journal published at Jacksonville, Calhoun county, nominates Uncle Joe Harris of Chambers for Governor as the People's party's candidate. This is a good nomination—we believe the very best that perhaps could be made. Everybody is friendly to Uncle Joe, and everybody loves him. Even the democrats recognize in him a true man in every sense of the word; everybody knows him and has confidence in his honesty, capacity and incorruptible integrity. His nomination would have the effect to inspire renewed confidence in the propose of the party, In the chaotic condition of the democratic party in this state just at this time, he would command the support of thousands of democrats on account of his high character, against the shallow and blatant demagogue Joe Johnston. At one time we were inclined to Congressman Howard, but we have it pretty straight that he does not seek the nominatian. We cannot but believe that he is wise in this. We would have the benefit of his transcendant oratorical ability in the canvass, and at the same time keep him at his post in congress where he can do most good. Let it be Uncle Joe.—Living Truth

Negress Burned to Death

Alice Dunnigan, one of the best and hardest workers of Clanton's colored population, who has been partially deranged for some months past, by some means set herself on fire last Friday while working at an open fire in the yard. Mr. Charley McDaniel, who heard her screaming, finally succeeded in saving her from perishing, but her injuries were such she died on Sunday.

Political Pointers.

People's Press Bureau, St. Louis, Mo., Nov. 17, 1897.

It may not be just the polite or considerate thing to do, when the G. O. P. is not recovered from the shock of the recent election defeats, but we feel constrained to remark on the growing treasury deficiency. It is climbing up at the rate of $10,000,000 a month. The excess of expenditures over receipts amounted up so the first week in November, to, $2,811,382, 18, At the pesent rate the dificiency for the fiscal year will exceed $190,000,000. Such figures should convince even the most stupid that the tariff man-of-straw has outlived his usefulness to divert the people from real issues

The Knights of Labor met in Louisville, Kentucky, November 9, and held a meeting to transact routine business and to formulate plans for the future. Grand Master Workman Sovreign has made excellent plans for educative work among the working men, and much good to the reform cause may be expected from this order

Kansas officials are following up the prosecution of employers who have been using script to pay workmen. The enforcement of the law as it stands on the Kansas statute books would do away with the "company store." Violations of the coal screening law are also to be investigated and rebuked.

Thomas M. Patterson, of the Rocky Mountain News, has been interviewed by St. Louis papers and he predicts that the middle-of-the-road element will, by their extreme views and violent methods, drive all conservative men out of the Populist party and they will ally themselves with the silver democrats before the fight of 1900 comes on. The interview reads a good deal like Mr. Patterson had never transferred his allegiance from the democratic party. He also declares that Mr. Bryan is the only possible candidate for the anti-gold parties.

J. A. Edgerton, State Secretary of the People's Party in Nebraska, has recently published several poems that show him as graceful a writer as he is a sagacious politician.

Talk of war with Spain still fills the daily papers and is supposed to engage the attention of the president and his cabinet, but dispassionate men do not anticipate any war.

Much capital is being made by the republican press, of the fact that Jerry Simpson's county went republican. It is well to mention in this connection that no other county in Kansas has received anything like the same amount of money for corruption purposes as has this county. Mr. Simpson's bravery both in the House and on the stump has made him a marked man, and his defeat in the future would be a sweet morsel under the tongues of Hanna or Reed.

An extraordinary condition of affairs exists in Mitchell county, Kansas. The democrats, who are in the minority, held their convention after both the populists and republicans had held their conventions, and nominated full tickets, but instead of putting on their own men they made up their ticket of three men off the republican and three off the populist tickets. Those so selected were elected while those that they did not select off of the two tickets were defeated, and they are claiming to have carried everything. Such a condition must be rather bewildering to those who regard fusion between any but those parties which have similar principles, as an unholy alliance.

Judge O. D. Jones, of Missouri, who recently protested against the dominance of eastern and foreign influences in the Missouri State University, has been justified in much that he said on this point by the late appointment on the faculty. A German doctor has been imported at a fast salary to fill the chair of Pathology.

Another evidence of the return of prosperity is given in the sweeping reductions made in wages of the employes in the cotton factories at Fall River, Massachusetts. The manufacturers say that they must choose between a shut-down and a reduction of all wages.

Several erstwhile middle-of-the-road papers have within the short time that has elapsed since the election, been converted into republican papers outright. The change had to be announced officially in order that any difference in the tone and policy of the paper might be noticed. Notably among these is the "Comet" of Jackson, Missouri.

Eight hundred Chinese are to be put in the coal mining district of Northern Illinois in the place of the miners who struck. It is well to bear in mind that the owners of these coal mines have never been able to deny the accusation that their men were instructed to vote the republican ticket last fall, and obeyed.

HOW TO FIND OUT.

Fill a bottle or common glass with urine and let it stand twenty-four hours; a sediment or settling indicates an unhealthy condition of the kidneys. When urine stains linen it is positive evidence of kidney trouble Too frequent desire to urinate or pain in the back, is also convincing proof that the kidneys and bladder are out of order.

WHAT TO DO.

There is comfort in the knowledge so often expressed, that Dr. Kilmer's Swamp-Root, the great kidney remedy fulfills every wish in relieving pain in the back, kidneys, liver, bladder and every part of the urinary passages. It corrects inability to hold urine and scalding pain in passing it, or bad effects following use of liquor, wine or beer, and overcomes that unpleasant necessity of being compelled to get up many times during the night to urinate. The mild and the extraordinary effect of Swamp-Root is soon realized. It stands the highest for its wonderful cures of the most distressing cases. If you need a medicine you should have the best. Sold by druggists, price fifty cents and one dollar. You may have a sample bottle and pamphlet both sent free by mail Mention THE BANNER and send your address to Dr. Kilmer & Co., Binghamton, N.Y. The proprietor of this paper guarantees the genuineness of this offer.

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Executors' Sale of Land.

By virtue of an order of sale for division, rendered by the Probate Court of Chilton county, Alabama, on September 21st, 1897 in a cause therein pending in which the undersigned are applicants or complainants, and Mary M. Coe and Ida A. Coe are defendants, we will sell for cash to the highest bidder at public outcry in front of the United States Post Office in the Town of Stanton, in Chilton county, Alabama, on the 4th day of November, 1897, the lands in said county, belonging to the estate of Richard Coe deceased, described as follows, to-wit:

The east half of the north east quarter of section twenty two (22) and the west half of the north west quarter of section twenty three (23), in township twenty (20) range thirteen (13), containing one hundred and sixty (160) acres, more or less.

JOHN V. COE,
RICHARD K. COE,
Executors of Richard Coe, deceased.

The above sale is continued to Friday Nov. 19, 1897.

Executors' Sale of Personality

By virtue of an order of sale for distribution, rendered by the Probate Court of Chilton county, Alabama, on September the 21st, 1897 in a proceeding therein, wherein we are applicants and Mary M. Coe and Ida A. Coe are defendants we will on the 4th day of November, 1897, sell for cash to the highest bidder at public outcry in front of the United States Post Office in the Town of Stanton in said Chilton county, Alabama the following personal property belonging to the estate of Richard Coe, deceased, to-wit:

25 shares of the Capital Stock of the Central City Insurance company;

19 shares of the Capital Stock of the Matthews Cotton Mill company;

3 shares of the Capital Stock of the Academy of Music;

One share of the Capital Stock of the Selma Bridge company;

40 shares of the Capital Stock of the Alabama Timber Mining and Manufacturing company.

JOHN V. COE,
RICHARD K. COE,
Executors of Richard Coe, deceased.

The above sale is continued to Friday.

Persistent Coughs

A cough which seems to hang on in spite of all the remedies which you have applied certainly needs energetic and sensible treatment. For twenty-five years that standard preparation of cod-liver oil,

SCOTT'S EMULSION

has proved its effectiveness in curing the trying affections of the throat and lungs, and this is the reason why: the cod-liver oil, partially digested, strengthens and vitalizes the whole system; the hypophosphites act as a tonic to the mind and nerves, and the glycerine soothes and heals the irritation. Can you think of any combination so effective as this?

Be sure you get SCOTT'S Emulsion. See that the man and fish are on the wrapper.

50c. and $1.00, all druggists.

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New York World (3 papers every week)	$1.50
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People's Party Paper (Tom Watson)	$1.50
Silver Knight National Watchman	$1.50
Alabama Monitor (Frank Ballzell)	$1.50
New Time (Reform magazine)	$1.50
Home and Farm	$1.50

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ALL THE LATEST FALL AND WINTER STYLES, IN

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We also handle Pure and Wholesome Groceries, Hardware, and everything kept in a General Store.

We are natives of the county and understand what you need, and bought our stock to meet your wants.

When in town call and examine our stock before purchasing elsewhere we are bound to please you.

No trouble to show goods, and they are good goods and worth inspecting.

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is the best time in every man and woman's life, the happiest time, the jolliest time. That 's so!

Twice a year everybody comes a courting to Clanton, and when you come this year, you can be made to think of old times and have a better time than you have ever had in your life before. You want to know how. Well, there 's only one way and that is by doing your trading with Abe Kanter, at the old court house store, where you will find the biggest assorted stock and the smallest prices you have ever heard of.

There 's no use in keeping goods in stock. We must sell them or give them away. Our prices are so low it is just about the same as giving goods away. We are clearing out our Winter Goods to make room for our new Spring stock and this is your opportunity.

Don't forget that the place to trade is at

Yours respectfully,

ABE KANTER
CLANTON

MEETING WITH DESTINY.

No man can tell when it will come along. Often it starts up before us in unexpected times and places. Even an afternoon stroll with a friend and a chance introduction may shape all the course of one's after life. To be always at your best and not ashamed of your destiny **you must dress like a true gentleman.** This can be done by ordering your Suits and Overcoats of

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TOWN ITEMS

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Price to-day 5 cents.

BALES RECEIVED TO DATE:

Sampey	1949
Mollins	987
Wilson & Bro.	382
Total	3318

1500 acres of Good Land to sell; 240 acres to rent. Apply to
W. M. ADAMS,
Clanton, Ala.

Mr. Duncan May who, with his charming wife, has been sojourning here, returned to Montgomery Tuesday. Mrs. May will stay a short time longer.

When you want Fresh Groceries go to T. J. Arnold. Everything eatable found there. No charges if you don't get the best in the market.

Mr. A. W. McCord, of Montgomery, is spending several days in this section in the interest of R. G. Dun & Co.

Any one intending to buy a sewing machine will do well to call on Miss Rosa Thornton at the hotel. She is agent for a company that sells machines for half what they can be bought for elsewhere. You can get a good machine from her for $12.50.

Bring your Produce to T. J. Arnold and get the highest Price.

Miss Mattie Riggins is visiting her sister, Mrs. L. B. Pounds, this week.

Dr. G. W. Shackelford, the well known and popular Dentist will visit Clanton Monday Nov. 22nd and will practice at Duke House one week only, which is first week of court. All those having any work in his line will do well to call on him. His work is first class and guaranteed. Teeth extracted without pain.

Mr. J. T. Palmar went to Montgomery yesterday.

I am giving 15 cents a dozen for Eggs. Bring me all you have.
T. J. Arnold, Clanton.

Mr. A. J. Gullahorn and wife of Billingsley, visited relatives here this week.

There will be Thanksgiving service at the M. E. Church on Nov. 25th. Appropriate songs will be furnished by the committee on music in the Epworth League.

It's a little store and don't look very good on the outside, but when you get inside you can find the best and cheapest Clothing and Dry Goods to be found anywhere All new and fresh and just in. Try it once and you will come again. Prices are so low we caint put them in the paper but will explain them to you when you call.
H. TARNANSKY,
Clanton, Ala.

It's the store next THE BANNER office.

The Epworth League will hold its regular monthly literary entertainment at the residence of Mr. W. H. Merritt on Friday evening, Nov. 19th, beginning promptly at 8 o'clock. Everybody cordially invited. The Junior Leaguers are practicing their songs for a sacred concert to be held during Christmas week.

When you are in town call at Sartor & Kicker's Store and examine our nine high arm Singer Sewing machines. They will take pleasure in making you prices and terms for me. Respectfully,
C. R. MULLINS,
For The Singer Mfg. Co.

Mrs. Hester was called this week by a telegram, to the bedside of her daughter, Miss Minnie, who is quite sick with typhoid fever in Selsville. We wish for Miss Minnie a speedy recovery.

Planters CUBAN OIL cures Cuts, Burns, Bruises, Rheumatism and Sores. Price, 25 cents.

Marriage licenses have been granted this week by the Probate Judge to the following persons.

Mr. George W. Tackett and Miss Rebecca A. Connell; Mr. S. E. Edwards and Miss M. E. Langston Mr W. J. Meadors and Miss Minnie Pinckard.

Colored. Esios Parnell and Mollie Howard; Moses Jones and Laura E. Price.

Rev Parker, the seven-year old son of Mr. Peter Parker died Monday night after a long spell of sickness, suffering from an abcess in the side. He was buried at Clanton Tuesday. We sympathize with the bereaved family.

Mr. Tom Stubbs returned to Montgomery this morning.

A Wonderful Discovery.

The last quarter of a century records many wonderful discoveries in medicine, but none that have accomplished more for humanity than that sterling old household remedy, Browns' Iron Bitters. It seems to contain the very elements of good health, and neither man, woman or child can take it without deriving the greatest benefit. Brown' Iron Bitters is sold by all dealers.

W. L. SAMPEY
Merchant
AND Cotton Buyer
Clanton

Chronic Dyspepsia Cured.

AFTER suffering for nearly thirty years from dyspepsia, Mrs. H. E. Dugdale, wife of a prominent business man of Warsaw, N. Y., writes: "For 28 years, I was a constant sufferer from dyspepsia and a weak stomach. The lightest food produced distress, causing severe pain and the formation of gas. No matter how careful of my diet I suffered agonizing pain after eating. I was treated by many physicians and tried numerous remedies without permanent help. Two years ago I began taking Dr. Miles' Nerve and Liver Pills and Nervine. Within a week I commenced improving, and persisting in the treatment I was soon able to eat what I liked, with no evil effects I keep them at hand and a single dose dispels any old symptoms."

Dr. Miles' Remedies are sold by all druggists under a positive guarantee, first bottle benefits or money refunded. Book on diseases of the heart and nerves free. Address,
DR. MILES MEDICAL CO., Elkhart, Ind.

Dr. Miles' Nervine Restores Health

Mr. Elmer Welch left last Saturday for Wetumpka where he will enter school.

The depot is receiving a coat of paint, and looks quite gay.

TO CURE A COLD IN ONE DAY.

Take Laxative Bromo Quinine Tablets. All druggists refund the money if it fails to cure. 25 cents.

Any one having an old sewing machine that they would like to exchange for the latest improved high armed Singer; or any one wishing to purchase our fine machines for cash or on time will please drop me a card and I will call and make them prices and terms. Address,
C. R. MULLINS,
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DR. A. J. MASSEY
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Will be at the Davis House, Clanton during Fall Term of court, well prepared to do any Fine Dental Work as usual and invites his old customers, as well as new ones, to come promptly.

Will pay for your meals at the Davis House while waiting for your work.

Your teeth extracted painless by use of Odontunder. No bad after effects as by using cocain alone so oftimes.
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For all diseases peculiar to women and girls. It Tones up the Nerves, Improves the Appetite, Enriches the Blood, and gives Life, Health and Strength. It is the

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FREE! A Bottle of "Monthly" Regulating Pills with each bottle. For sale by all dealers or send direct upon receipt of price by New Spencer Med. Co., Chattanooga, Tenn.

LADIES' SPECIAL TREATMENT: In cases requiring special treatment, address, giving symptoms, Ladies' Medical Department. Advice and book on Female Diseases, with testimonials, free.

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must be done quick and good. I have just erected a new ginnery and put in the latest improved patent gin.

No handling of cotton. Everything clean and free from dust. Your own seed goes into a separate hopper.

Drive your wagon up to the gin, then go and attend to your business in town, and in less than an hour we give you your bale.

Your patronage respectfully solicited, C. J. STEWART,
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Known to everyone in this section as the Bivings gin, has been thoroughly overhauled, and is now in the best running order.

Our saw mill is now ready for business.

Thanking you for past favors, and soliciting a continuance of your patronage
Respectfully,
McKEE & STANFIELD.
Clanton.

JURY LIST.

The following jurors have been drawn for the Fall Term of Circuit Court, which convenes on Monday, November 22, 1897:

GRAND JURY.

F A Gulledge, George Shaw sr, J J Letcher, W D Nix, W L Sampey, R J Young, Albert Patterson, T J Littlejohn, E G Coffer, N F Easterling, J W Reed, J D Glasscock, Crofford Harris, J A Logan, W T Kemp, J P Stonesipher, Pinkney Littleton, M M Durbin, W H Robinson, D H Gentry, J H Burkhalter.

PETIT JURY—First Week.

G W Gothard, John Foshee, W H Cox John Wright, S J Miller, T U Crumpton, W N Childress, J C Culp, G B Armstrong, J N Billingsley, L J Pery, W H Parrish, Wiley Letcher, T L Dickinson, N J Littlejohn, C C Cost, W E Maddox, John Crumpton, I N Brantley, W Q Childress, J R Caine, R A Hardy, C W Hubbard, Alex Rachels, John W Baker, A J Williams, C C Hayes, A J Ellison, G S Collins, W D Z Foshee, J W Riggins, C B Gaines, W M Trawick, P E Harris,

Second Week.

J R Popwell, William Walker, W A Huckabee, Secar Harris, A J Aldridge, T J Bates, Samuel Griffin, F G Letcher, J W Maddox, H Hardy, Bolling Nelson, J Popwell, Joseph Thomas, John A Strock, J M Murphey, I E Elam, Samuel Abney, R A Hancock, G W Mims H M Hester, P W Davenporte, Henry Holditch, J R Thompson, Joseph Gore, S S Scott, Joseph Burnitt, W R Pate, J W Dennis, J P Gore, Joseph Littleton, B H McCary, Elijah Jones, John Edwards, J M Honeycutt, B H Chesnutt, J C Veazey.

Musical Convention.

The Chilton County Musical convention will hold its second and last session at Pleasant Grove church, four miles south-west of Jemison, the third Sunday and Saturday before in November.

COMMITTEES:

On musical education, Robert Durham, J. C. Veazey, Elis Scott

On church music, R. L. Grant, N. A. Logan, Z. J. Jones.

On Sunday-school music, A. H Glass, Enoch Foshee, W. L. Brown.

All music teachers and leaders are expected to be present on Saturday, 9 o'clock a.m., as some important business will come before the convention.
J. B. NORTHCUTT, Sec.

Planters CUBAN RELIEF cures Colic, Neuralgia and Toothache in five minutes. Sour stomach and Summer Complaints. Price, 25 Cents.

Final Proof Notice.

Notice No. 19264.

Land Office at Montgomery, Ala., Nov. 1, 1897.

Notice is hereby given that the following named settler has filed notice of his intention to make final proof in support of his claim, and that said proof will be made before the Clerk of the Circuit Court, at Clanton, Ala. on December 18 1897, viz.: Evan B. Callaway, Homestead entry, No. 26,931, for the s½ of se¼, s½ of sw¼, section 32, tp 22 n r 16 e.

He names the following witnesses to prove his continuous residence upon and cultivation of said land, viz.: J. M. McKee, of Coopers, Ala., D. S. Robinson of Coopers, Ala., W. N. Jones, of Verbena, Ala., J. K. Driver, of Verbena, Ala.
ROBERT BARBER, Register.

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TAX NOTICE.

ASSESSOR'S & COLLECTOR'S SECOND ROUND.

We will attend at the following times and places for the purpose of assessing the State and County taxes of Chilton county for the year 1898, and collecting the taxes for the year 1897:

		1897
Kincheon	November	8
Pletcher's Mill 8 to 11 am	"	9
Clanton Ford 12 to 4 p m	"	9
Stanton	"	10
Dixie	"	11
Shoults	"	12
Maplesville	"	13
Benson	"	15
Macedonia	"	16
Providence (Beat 2)	"	17
Smith's School House	"	18
Mineral Springs	"	19
Strasburg	"	20
James Maddox's Mill	"	22
Providence (Beat 5)	"	23
Coopers	"	24
Verbena	25 &	26
Davis & Rollins' Gin	"	27
Jemison	Dec'r 1 &	2
Clanton	" 3 &	4

A. C. MIMS, Tax Assessor.
T. J. HUBBARD, Tax Collector.

I will also attend at Clanton from January 1 to January 31, 1898.
A. C. MIMS, Tax Assessor.

I will also attend at Clanton from December 21 to Dec. 31, 1897.
T. J. HUBBARD, Tax Collector.

THE CROSS AND CROWN

Is the title of a treatise on the doctrine of perfection or sanctification, by A. L. Pattillo, of Verbena, now in the press. It is written in a plain, homely fashion by one deeply impressed with the necessity of Christians living a perfect life, who desires to see all professing religion imbued with the same spirit. The Author, who is also a poet, has written several poems, all on religious subjects. The whole when complete will make a book of over 200 pages, bound in a stiff board cover, which at the small charge of 50 cents, should speedily exhaust the edition.

This book has a double claim on the people of Chilton county and should find a place in every home in the county, from the fact that it is entirely a home production, being the first book ever written, printed, bound and published in Chilton. It will be ready early in October. Price only 50 cents. Orders can be sent to THE BANNER, Clanton, or to A. L. Pattillo, Verbena.

Sheriff's Sale.

State of Alabama, Chilton County.

Under and by virtue of an execution in my hands from the Justice Peace court of J. D. Patterson, Notary Public and Ex-officio Justice of the Peace in and for said county in said State in favor of W. D. Lawrence against G. W. Fox, jr., I will proceed to sell on

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 29th, 1897,

at Maplesville, Ala., to the highest best and last bidder for cash during the legal hours of sale the following described personal property, as the property of the defendant, to-wit:

One spotted or what is called a calico colored mare, right eye blind subject to mortgage of D. C. Savage
J. T. COOLEY, Sheriff.

CLANTON BARBER SHOP
W. H. TAYLOR, Proprietor.
HAIR CUTTING
SHAVING
SHAMPOOING
In all the Latest City Styles. Reasonable Charges. Prompt Attention.
HOT AND COLD BATHS.
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are essential to every community, and so is a first-class store where you can rely upon getting full value for your money. At the Postoffice Store I have a full line of

GROCERIES, DRY GOODS, HATS, SHOES, NOTIONS, JEWELRY, ETC.

AT PRICES WHICH DEFY COMPETITION.

New Stock of Fall and Winter Goods coming.
New patterns in Dress Goods.
All the latest styles in Hats and Shoes.

ALL GRADES SEWING MACHINES AT YOUR OWN PRICE. | AGENT FOR THE WHALEBONE BUGGY CO.

Highest price paid for Country Produce—Bring in your eggs and get 10 cents a dozen

T J ARNOLD, Clanton

CANDY CATHARTIC Cascarets CURE CONSTIPATION

REGULATE THE LIVER

10¢ 25¢ 50¢ ALL DRUGGISTS

CANDY CATHARTIC ..... CASCARETS taste good. Eat them like candy. They remove any bad taste in the mouth, leaving the breath sweet and perfumed. It is a real pleasure to take them instead of nauseating liquids or cannon-ball pills.

BOON FOR MOTHERS ..... CASCARETS increase the flow of milk in nursing mothers. A tablet eaten by the mother makes her milk mildly purgative and has a mild but certain effect on the baby, the only safe laxative for the babe-in-arms.

PURELY VEGETABLE ..... CASCARETS are purely vegetable and contain no mercurial or other mineral poison. They are made of the latest remedies discovered and are a scientific combination never before put together in any form.

PLEASE THE CHILDREN ..... CASCARETS are liked by the children. They taste good and do good, stop wind-colic and cramps, and kill and drive off worms, and all kinds of parasites that live in the bowels of the growing child.

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TEMPERANCE TOPICS.

NOTES OF INTEREST TO THE ANTI-LIQUOR LEADERS.

Liquor in Small Quantities — Water Versus Alcohol—Health Versus Liquor — Timely Topics for Temperance Advocates.

Through Nature Up to God.

Up through the hush
of dim cathedral arches,
In countless temples, rings His
praise to-day;
For thee, the drooping boughs of
shivering larches
Between thee and the skies, make
places to pray.

Far off, the echo of unnumbered voices—
The whole world's prayers—makes murmur like the sea;
Think ye the God, whom mighty praise rejoices,
Hath not a listening ear for thee, for thee?

Bends He to hear the tide of music, swelling
From countless multitude and eager throng,
And answers not the silent love, up swelling
From hearts whose sobs are changing to a song?

Full sweet and still may be the solemn shadow
Of His own house, where faint souls find Him near—
But look! His smile is on this sunlit meadow,
And even green leaf whispers, God is here!

O sore, sad heart—and eyes so dim with weeping—
He hears thy call; and sky, and cloud, and sod,
And stream, and leaf, all safe in His dear keeping,
Answer—Come, hide thyself with us in God.

Let the great world go by. In this safe hiding
It shall not jar thee with its strife and noise,
Hide thee in Him—then He in thee abiding,
Shall make thy soul with nature to rejoice. —Mary Lowe Dickinson.

Small Quantities.

Some theorists, indeed, perversely argue that though alcohol, in large doses, is doubtless poisonous, yet, because it is not apparently hurtful when taken in small quantity, or "moderation," that therefore it is no poison. The same men may, in the same way, assoilzie every article of the animal and vegetable kingdoms that is brought as panel to their bar. Prussic acid in a full dose will kill you like a shot; but dose of two or three drops of diluted acid, taken three or four times a day, not only do no harm, in certain circumstances, but even effect a great deal of positive good. Therefore prussic acid is no true poison! And so of arsenic. Swallow an ounce, and you die in torture. But in Styria, you will be told that it "actually gives both to horses and men, increased vigor, increased beauty, and an enviable rejuvenescence, when taken regularly in minute doses." Ego, "horrible arsenic" is no true poison! Is not this horrible quibbling? Arguing thus, you virtually contend for the extinction of poisons as a class. According to your way of it, there can be no true poison. And verily there is none, if alcohol is not such.

Adopting the tactics of the alcoholists, we could make out almost as good a case for tartar emetic as for alcohol. A patient at one time had much too good an appetite, to his thinking; he was getting stout and pursy; and by no ordinary means could he keep the demands of his clamorous stomach within reasonable bounds. At last a happy idea struck him. He would have recourse to physic, so as to produce slight sickness—a morbid condition; and accordingly a slight dose of tartar emetic was taken a short time before every meal. This succeeded admirably; the appetite lessened; the "too solid flesh" began to melt, and the patient was quite satisfied. Now, the tartar emetic in one sense took the place of food, therefore was a substitute for food, therefore was equivalent to food, and therefore was food!

Water Vs. Alcohol.

The great advantage of the water-drinker, as compared with the alcoholist, under work is this. He has the same strength, with greater self-control. He is ready to stop, when necessity requires that he should, and runs less risk, consequently, of injury by excessive strain. He does not expend a temporary energy at the expense of future exhaustion. He does not avail himself of a doubtful and deceitful help, at the cost of deterioration of the blood, and consequently danger to health and life. He does not work at least as copiously and as well as the other, even for a time; and in long continuance of labor, he has the whip-hand of him quite. He obtains his desired end in all respects satisfactorily. There is no lassitude, headache, feverishness, foul tongue, or aching limbs next day—even after the hardest labor. All is fresh and supple and free. Reaction is real; blemished by no fever; and not falling suddenly and treacherously away. "I have backed as many as sixty tons in a day with perfect ease," says a London coal-whipper, "since I took the pledge. But before I could scarcely have been able to crawl home; certain to have lost the next day's work."—Extracts from "Alcohol: Its Place and Power," by James Miller, F. R. S. E., F. R. S. C. E.

Health Vs. Liquor.

The most perfect health and strength depend, it would seem, on frequent and complete disintegration of tissue, with a corresponding, constant and complete replacement of the effete parts by the formation of new material; and this salutary combination is best secured by abundant exercise, plentiful supply of nutritious food, good digestion, and copious drinking of water. The training of prizefighters, and other athletes, illustrates this; their "condition" being the result of much strong exercise in the open air, free use of animal food, and the eschewing of all strong drinks in favor of the pure element.

Temperance.

At the special license election in Waupaca, Wis., recently, the $500 license fee carried the day by fifty-eight majority over the $200 fee. The fight was spirited.

An order was issued a short time ago by the United States commissioner of pensions "requiring employes of the pension bureau to abstain from the use of intoxicating liquors, not only during office hours, but at all other times, under penalty of dismissal from the service.

In his annual report Secretary Fitzgerald of the Illinois Liquor Dealers' Protective Association stated that the late campaign was disastrous to saloonkeepers. Out of 6,200 saloonkeepers in Chicago, 1,500 have gone out of business. And the Illinois association had lost 500 members. He also said more than 2,000 restaurants, department stores and disorderly houses in Chicago were selling liquor without a state license.

Good Evidence.

While a number of young men in the waiting room of an English railway were discussing the merits of total abstinence, a policeman came in with a handcuffed prisoner, and listened to the dispute, but gave no opinion.

A minister of the gospel, who was also present, stepped up to the policeman and said:

"Pray, sir, what have you to say about temperance?"

"Well," replied the guardian of the law, "all I have to say is that I never took a teetotaler to prison in my life."

Large Doses.

Alcohol kills in large doses, and half kills in smaller ones. It produces insanity, delirium, fits. It poisons the blood, and wastes the man. The brain suffers most injury, both in structure and function; next comes the liver, in the order and amount of suffering, and there is no vital organ of the body in which there is not induced, sooner or later, more or less, disease and disorder. I might go on. The list of evils is not exhausted, wherewith alcohol is found in most damnatory conjunction. But I feel confident that the case is already more than proved.

Uplifting Power of Prayer.

True prayers are prophecies. Their aspirations and supplications may not express the actual spiritual level of the one praying, but the ideal of feeling and motive toward which that one is looking and striving. Hence the unreasonableness of the disparaging remark sometimes heard, "If so-and-so were only as good as his prayers!" That would mean an end of all progress in the Christian life. Prayer is one of the means by which we work our way to higher ground. Sometimes, when the winds fail, a boat's crew rows out a cable's length with an anchor, and, when it is sunk, by means of it the windlass of the ship works up to her moorings. So the faith-believing prayer lays hold of perfections beyond our actual attainment, and we are drawn toward these ideal excellences as we pray for them. The prayer that expresses better things than the life, prophesies what the life shall be.—Sunday School Times.

Trees Producing Different Kinds of Fruit

A peach tree at Napa, Cal., belonging to the Rev. Richard Wylie produces five different kinds of fruit, namely, almonds, plums and three different kinds of peaches. This result was attained by Mr. Wylie grafting on his peach tree different varieties of fruit. A cherry tree belonging to a farmer in Herefordshire, in England, yields four different kinds of fruit, owing to his having grafted on a cherry, a pear, an apple, and a plum. A Naples orange grower grafted a lemon on one of his trees, and now gathers from the same tree both oranges and lemons. The Khatta orange tree, which grows in upper India, produces two different kinds of orange—first the ordinary smooth-skinned oranges, ripe at the end of the dry season, and then an after crop of warted oranges, ripe soon after the beginning of the rains.

He Does Not Wait.

Just as a mother would not love a child the better for its being turned into a model of perfection by one stroke of magic, but does love it the more deeply every time it tries to be good, so I do hope and believe our great Father does not wait for us to be good and wise to love us, but loves us and loves to help us in the very thick of our struggle with sin and folly.—Juliana Horatia Ewing.

More of a Hero.

A man who will sacrifice his wit to save the feelings of another is more of a hero than the man who risks his life to save a friend from fire or drowning before a crowd of spectators.—Walter Blackburne Harte.

A Feminine Paradox.

"There's another thing about woman that is paradoxical," growled Cynicky.

"What's that?"

"The less she puts on the longer it takes her to dress."

One Form.

"Davie, what's a friend?"

"Why, a friend's some one yuh tell things about yourself to so's they can tell about yuh to some one else."

THE UNION PACIFIC.

SYNDICATE DEALS HERE AND IN HONDURAS.

Corporation Ownership of Central America Is Duplicated Practically in the United States—Wiping Out of Government.

Honduras has fallen a speedy victim to the bond system which is more deliberately but no less surely getting its grip on nearly every municipality in the United States, as well as on the nation. Late in the sixties that state issued $25,000,000 of bonds, to borrow itself out of a debt, but speculators grabbed them in such a manner that only $1,000,000 was realized, leaving the state hopelessly in debt, and having first jumped from the frying-pan into a slow fire, she now jumps into a quick one by turning over all the custom-houses and banks to a syndicate of New York millionaires, who will bleed Honduras at every pore under pretense of discharging its debts, and throw it away like a sucked orange when nothing more can be got out of it, says the San Francisco Star. This is all of a piece with the past acquisition of twenty-odd great railroads and any number of small ones by a similar (or perhaps partly identical) combination, some or all of the members of which are in the deal to snatch the Union Pacific at a pretended "competitive" auction.

The grabbing of the Honduras custom-houses is based upon the same principle as corporation railroad combinations—that of individuals and companies usurping the legitimate functions of government. Carried to its logical conclusion it would involve contracting out the entire functions of government to syndicates. The Honduras grab, though more flagrant in appearance, is no more repugnant to ever principle of a popular government than is our present railroad and telegraph system.

Trust Abuses.

Byron W. Holt, of New York, in a recent speech before the Boston Reform Club, presented a startling array of figures showing the enormous profits of the sugar trust under the operation of the legislation secured at Washington in its favor. He said that the retail price of granulated sugar, which constitutes about nine-tenths of all the sugar consumed in this country, is about 5½ cents a pound, or 18 pounds for $1. When a family invests $1 in sugar it pays out about 55 cents for sugar and 45 cents for tariff. At present out of this 45 cents the government is getting about 20 cents, the refiners' monopoly 20 cents, and the sugar growers and wholesale grocers the remaining five cents. Next year, when the refined is made from the raw sugar on which the present duties have been paid, the government will get about 25 cents and the refiners about 15 cents. Of the $18 which the average family will spend for sugar this year $10 will go for sugar, $4.50 to the government, $3 to the sugar trust and 50 cents to sugar growers and wholesale grocers. As our sugar account amounts to about $200,000,000 a year, the sugar trust will this year pocket about $30,000,000 of our sugar tax.

It will be seen that the sugar trust is getting by far too large a proportion of the sugar duty. Consumers, knowing the revenue necessities of the government, would pay the duty with equanimity if they knew that a proper proportion of it was going into the national treasury. It was reported at the time the tariff bill was pending that the trust was able to get about what it wanted at the hands of congress, and this appears to have proven true. It accounts in a great measure for the rise of more than $50 per share in the sugar trust's common stock.

Degenerate Republicanism.

The Republican party, as it exists today, is the same party in purpose, in the bulk of its membership, as was the party that stood out in resistance to the spread of slavery, that elected Abraham Lincoln to be president, that took the lead in preserving the union of the states from destruction. The charge has been only in its organization. Its organization has brought the money power to bear upon elections; it has created boss-ships in the greater states of the union; it has subjected the party in those states to the rule of one man, who has governed it in the spirit of a despot, and has made it the instrument for the corruption of public morality.

Future of American Export Trade.

Manchester, N. H., Union: Two causes at least are likely to operate against a continued increase in our manufactured exports for the present, especially in those classes of goods which go to individual consumers. These causes are the failure of crops in other countries and the spirit of retaliation, that comes from the feeling that foreign products have been unreasonably discriminated against in the Dingley tariff act.

The Dangerous Classes.

The majority of our students, even at maturity, are distressingly lacking in moral enthusiasm. They unduly prize money, fame and success. They are at peace with the world. Their sense of justice is lax. Great principles and great causes fail to appeal to them strongly. To sum up: they know too little; they think too little, and they care too little about highest things—President Andrews, in Cosmopolitan.

POINTS FROM THE PRESS.

Plutocrat is defined as "one who exercises political power by virtue of his wealth." It fits like a glove and we see no reason for ruling it out of the vocabulary.—Civic Review.

The total output of the gold and silver mines of the United States last year was about $125,000,000, about what the wheat and corn crops of Kansas for 1897 are worth.—Topeka Advocate.

Those owning orchards allege that apples are too cheap to pick. The allegation is probably true. However, out this way they are too dear to eat. The railroads want 1,000 per cent more than the farmer gets for hauling them a few hours. Result: Apples rot on the ground. Let's have government ownership of railways.—Stillwater (Minn.) Populist.

It looks as if President McKinley might attack the stability of our currency by placing a few more Republicans in the offices now held by Gold Democrats. — Silver-Knight Watchman.

Wouldn't it be nice to elect your man every time you vote? The preferential ballot does that very thing, and yet the professional politician is against it.—Pittsburg Kansan.

These are some of the powerful figures given by the Single Tax advocates. There is not the most remote doubt of the fact that the single tax would benefit ninety-nine in a hundred of the farmers of the country.—Colusa Sun.

In the last five years George Gould has lost $25,644,637, or at the rate of $5,000,000 a year. In the last three months he has made it all back except $9,728,525, which is incontrovertible proof that the Dingley law is the workingman's best friend.—Chicago News.

Call it by any name you like, it will smell just as sweet, when "confiscation" or "repudiation" sets in in 1900. That's what Johnny Bull called it 121 years ago, when the American colonies rebelled against the British tax-gatherer. That is the ultimatum now, and it is brewing fast.—Coming Events.

The most dangerous anarchist is one worth a million dollars, mouthing patriotism and piety at every step, and continually trampling upon and setting at defiance the laws of God and man.—Hanford Radical.

The Chicago & Alton railroad pulls six mail trains daily between Chicago and St. Louis, for which it receives $360. This means $60 for each train trip. The distance is about three hundred miles. To operate a train requires an engineer, fireman, conductor, three brakemen—six men who receive, say, $4 per day each. This makes $24, leaving a balance of $36 for coal and each train's proportionate share of the office and track expense. You can plainly see that the mail charges pay all the expenses of operating a passenger train, even if the passengers were carried free and no charge were made for hauling the express car! And yet some are so thoughtless that they believe that the railroads do not pay because their stock is purposely manipulated so that it is worthless except to gamble in.—Appeal to Reason.

The utter unreliability of telegraphic news reports has come to be a serious question. No man can now tell with any degree of reasonable certainty whether a newspaper report is true or false. Generally it seems to be false and contradictions occupy nearly as much space as original reports. The Associated Press, which has most of the papers by the throat on ninety-nine year contracts, seems to have utilized its cinch to revel in corruption and unreliability. After a while national enlightenment will bring a postal telegraph, and then it will be impracticable to form combinations between telegraph and news monopolies.—Sacramento News.

That was a powerful comparison which George Fred Williams of Boston drew when he said that the British officers and men who shot down citizens in front of the old Boston State House on March 5, 1770, were surrendered to the civil courts for trial, while Sheriff Martin and his murdering gang of deputies were protected from arrest by Pennsylvania militia in September, 1897. More than what was gained in the war of the revolution has been thrown away in government by injunction and military rule today.—San Francisco Star.

Our Cause Sure to Triumph.

Fight on, thou brave, true hearts, and falter not, through dark fortune and through bright. The cause thou fightest for, so far as it is true, no farther, yet precisely so far, is very sure of victory. The falsehood alone of it will be conquered, will be abolished, as it ought to be, but the truth of it is part of nature's own laws, cooperates with the world's eternal tendencies, and cannot be conquered.—Carlyle.

So It Was.

It was a good thing for Patrick Henry that he lived during the last century, for if he was alive to-day and made a speech in Virginia like the one that made him famous, some little corporation judge would close his mouth with an injunction and probably send him to jail to boot.—Tacoma Sun.

ALABAMA NEWS ITEMS.

Happenings of a Week Throughout Our Commonwealth.

More Cases Settled.

Col. J. M. Falkner, of Montgomery, general attorney for the Louisville & Nashville railroad, was in Birmingham Monday engaged in settling many of the damage suits filed on account of the Cahaba river bridge disaster. Six more of the complaints were settled out of the court, and this leaves but two or three pending.

Well Supplied With Assessors.

J. M. Nolen, the appointee of Governor Johnston as tax commissioner of Coosa county, and against whom Judge Carmichael decided in the quo warranto proceedings at the last term of court, has taken an appeal to the supreme court. In the meantime both Mr. Nolen and Mr. Moore, the old assessor, are assessing the taxes of the county.

Steel Bridge Proposed.

Frank Conger, president and general manager of the Grotton Bridge company, New York, has a proposition to submit for the erection of a steel bridge across the Tennessee river at Decatur. Mr. Conger proposes at his own expense to make the survey for the bridge and approaches on both sides of the river, at a cost of about $1,000, provided he meets with the proper encouragement from the citizens of Decatur.

Five Stills Raided.

Franklin county has furnished the revenue officers with three stills in the last few days. One sixty-gallon copper still and 1,300 gallons of beer, One forty-gallon still and 2,100 gallons of beer and one fifty-gallon still and 4,500 gallons of beer destroyed, is the record. Lauderdale county furnished the officers with two stills of forty and fifty gallon capacity and about 1,500 gallons of beer.

To Increase the Price of Cotton.

A large number of cotton farmers at Maysville, Ala., have inaugurated a movement which they say will raise the price of cotton to 10 cents. Their plan is that every precinct organize an association with a president, secretary and treasurer, that the precinct organization be subordinate to a state association and the state association to the American Cotton Growers' Protective Association. A meeting will be held at Huntsville at an early date to give the movement a good start.

Practically at an End.

The local board of health at Montgomery Sunday issued the following:

"The board of health is of the opinion that the existence of yellow fever in this city is practically at an end. Citizens residing east of Court and Commerce streets can return to the city with a slight risk. However, we would not advise the return of those living west of these streets until after a killing frost."

No cases and no deaths were reported Sunday.

Public School Teachers to be Paid.

The public school teachers will be paid this week. The governor has borrowed $100,000 for this purpose. He obtained the loan in New York without the expense of any trip there at the rate of 4 cents per annum. The money was borrowed for sixty days. The state had to pay last year interest at the rate of 6 per cent. The treasurer has also been directed to pay one-half of the quarterly appropriation to all the normal and agricultural schools this week. The remainder will be paid next month.

New Lighting Company Formed.

A company has been organized in Birmingham under general laws governing business corporations in Alabama and has had assigned to it all the exclusive patent rights and royalties to make and use the Kitson hydro-carbon light and heating system for the city of Birmingham, and within the limits of the territory included in Jefferson county. The new light is made from coal oil gas burned in conjunction with air. It makes a bright, white light. The company was organized by local men, who have purchased all the patent rights. The capital of the concern is $50,000.

Whisky Receipts Growing.

Collector of Internal Revenue Julian H. Bingham reports a marked increase in the sales of Alabama-made whisky for the month of October.

During the past month over $10,000 was paid out for Alabama-made whisky. This was more than double the sales for the same month in 1896. It is estimated that the sales for November will exceed $15,000, double those for November, 1896. Mr. Bingham accounts for this remarkable increase by the fact that more whisky is being made in Alabama than formerly. Heretofore a great deal of whisky was shipped into Alabama which was stamped at the office from which it was sent.

Meetings Arranged.

Definite arrangements have been made for taking up the subject of the reciprocity treaty between the United States and Canada and to this end meetings have been fixed between Hon. John W. Kasson, who is specially designated by President McKinley to conduct the reciprocity negotiations, and Sir Louis Davies minister of marine. This is the result of a long and friendly conference held between Secretary Sherman and Sir Wilfred.

THE SABBATH

INTERNATIONAL LESSON FOR NOVEMBER

Lesson Text: "The Christian Ephesians vi., 10-20—Golden Ephesians vi., 10—Commentary Lesson by the Rev. D. B.

10. "Finally, my brethren, be the Lord and in the power of His The first three chapters of tion, or rather His salvation ness. They we are taught chapters what our walk daily life should be, and of our lesson we are taught and also in the doctrine in all things. Titus ii. 10. must be very familiar with it only just connecting with it Titus ii., 10. the association. May with power.

11. "Put on the whole that ye may be able to stand of the devil." The devil, the enemy of God and the prince of this world the bottomless pit the lake of fire and 20; Eph. ii., 2; Rev. xx.

12. "For we wrestle blood." The definition work are not all visible or women. The air is They come at us when alone and fairly strong thoughts and lies. house of God, and when and even when on our knees How shall we know these? opposite of all that is of God, ness and peace and rest and all of God and His Spirit through The opposite must be of the devil.

13. "Wherefore take unto you armor of God, that ye may be withstand in the evil day, and done all, to stand." One of the greatest things is to understand we are saved freely by His grace (Rom. iii., 24), so we stand continually the same grace (Rom. v., 1, 2) served favor of God. Unless we ly that all our salvation from first wholly undeserved on our part, ours only in and through Jesus Christ His finished work, satan will get advantage over us. We are not but Thou art worthy, O Lord. On us stand firmly and continually.

14. "Stand, therefore, having girt about with truth and having breastplate of righteousness." said, "I am the Truth," and He made unto us righteousness (John I Cor. i., 30; II Cor. v., 21), so we have learned to see no one but only," to "run with patience look Jesus," and ever to consider Him xvii., 8; Heb. xii., 2, 3), we have the secret of standing firmly.

15. "And your feet shod with the aration of the gospel of peace." shod also takes us back to the Passover (Ex. xii., 11), for we can do and are asked to do nothing till safe under the blood. We are pointed by Isa. iii., 7, "How upon the mountains are the feet that bringeth good tidings, that publisheth peace." The first thing is to be at by the blood of Christ, "for He is our peace" (Eph. ii., 13, 14). Then in mind staid on Him in perfect peace xxvi., 3). Then carry the tidings through the blood of His cross (Col. to every creature.

16. "Above all taking the shield, wherewith ye shall be able to quench fiery darts of the wicked one." Yes are very fiery, but none the less precious tokens of His approval who gives us ship with Himself (I Pet. iv., 12). has not promised to keep us out of but to be with us in it, even as with iel's friends (Isa. xliii., 2; Dan. iii., if He can be better seen in the fire shall we not praise Him even for the as to these fiery darts of the devil hurle at us, there is not one that can us to harm us, for all may be quenched a quick and firm "I believe God xxvii., 25). Confidence in God and ance upon His word will do it every

17. "And take the helmet of salvation and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God." In I Thess. v., 8, 9 ten, "for an helmet, the hope of salvation This is the completion of our salvation His coming, which is every day nearer when we believed (Rom. xiii., 11) blessed hope that purifies (I John iii., for then we shall be like Him, even our bodies, for we shall see Him as (Phil. iii., 21; Rom. viii., 23). From last all the knowledge and comfort come to us through His word, which ever settle in heaven and true from ginning (Ps. cxix., 89, 160).

18. "Praying always with all prayer supplication in the Spirit, and watching thereunto with all perseverance and supplication for all saints." Our Lord whole nights in prayer. David said, pray evening and morning and noon, and times a day (Ps. lv., 17; Dan. vi., 10). We should pray without ceasing (I Thess. v., 17). It is possible to live in an attitude of prayer, constantly communing with Him about everything who prays honestly will expect and watch for them as truly as one who throws his ball into the air for it to return to him.

19. "And for me that utterance may be given unto me, that I may open my mouth boldly to make known the mystery of the gospel." He said to the Corinthians, "ye are enriched by Him in all utterance and in all knowledge" (I Cor. i., 5). And yet, recognizing his own weakness and the reality of the wiles of the devil, he asks prayer for himself that he may have utterance and boldness for Christ. He was very conscious of his own weakness and often spoke of it.

20. "For which I am an ambassador in bonds; that therein (margin therein) I may speak boldly as I ought to speak." The Lord's messengers with the Lord's message are supposed to have no fear of the face of man, yet many are weak and not many seem to be in danger of thought of man's frown or favor, instead of the council of God. Many ministers know little or nothing of the message which God has just spoken, and which in chapter iii., the mystery hid from the beginning of the world, now specially revealed to Paul; that the postponement of the kingdom of God, gathering from Jews and gentiles a people for Christ, the church, which shall be His bride when He shall come in His glory to take unto Him His great power and reign. Many seem to think that instead of gathering out a body for Christ He is now working conversion of the world, and so are working and walking in much darkness.—Lesson Helper.

In an interview the president of the Haas, said: "The company has decided, as a result of the meeting held, to develop the brown ore in the Leeds. How extensively we will develop them or where we shall begin have not been decided upon. To raise the money necessary for this and other purposes of improvement the company voted an increase of its capital stock. The amount it was increased to has not made known later on."

The commissioners of Lee county have just let a contract for the erection of a fine steel bridge across Elk river in the northern part of the county at Redus' Shoals. The bridge will be of the best material, and will cost the county $9,000.

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Germany has 1,900,000 acres of land in sugar beets, and France has 1,700,000. Ten or twelve tons of beets can be grown to the acre and will yield a ton of sugar. One million acres of sugar beets give a crop worth $50,000,000. One million acres in corn at present prices give a crop worth $8,250,000. Why not grow sugar beets?—Leavenworth Times.

Rome's Cemetery.

The most extensive cemetery in the world is that at Rome, in which over 3,000,000 human beings have been interred.

Electric Light on Battlefields.

Special attention is being given by the French military authorities to the questions of succoring the wounded on battlefields when night comes on after a great battle. Experiments have been made with powerful electric arc lights, but the apparatus has conditions. At length it has been practically determined that the ambulance corps men shall wear little incandescent glow-lamps in their hats, just like ladies of the ballet in a spectacular extravaganza. Each man is to carry a little primary battery in his pocket for the production of the current. The wounded in need of succor will look out for the little moving lights, and if possible drag themselves toward them.—Paris letter.

Number of Foreign Cardinals.

Cardinal di Ronde's death, according to the Tablet, has made the number of foreign Cardinals greater than that of the Italian for the second time within twelve months. There are now thirty-one of the former to thirty of the latter, a state of things which, until within a few years, had not occurred for many centuries.

Not Very Cleanly.

The natives of Alaska never change their clothes, unless they are worn out. They are considered the filthiest race of beings on the earth.

CHICAGO'S VETERAN POSTMAN.

Abram D. Jones Thirty Years a Letter Carrier in the Windy City.

Letter carriers are now wearing their service stripes. Each stripe is indicative of five years of service. The greatest honor to be conferred, that of six stripes, was awarded to Abram D.

CHICAGO'S OLDEST LETTER CARRIER.

Jones, the veteran letter carrier of Chicago. It was in 1867 that Jones received his appointment. At that time General Frank S. Sherman was postmaster. Jones had come here from New York a mere lad and gained his position through the influence of Judge Henry Fuller. He has remained in continuous service ever since, a period of thirty years, in which the veteran letter carrier has never paid the penalty of a single day's suspension for blunders. He has served at the central station, says the Times-Herald, since the day of his appointment, and has passed through all the various vicissitudes of the growth of the postoffice. In May, 1895, he was transferred at his own request to the Englewood station, where he is now in active service. Of fifty-one carriers appointed simultaneously with him in 1867, he is the only one who still remains. He is the only man among 1,500 postal clerks who wears six stripes.

Destructive Bullets.

Lee-Metford bullets were made effective during the recent Benin expedition through the soldiers shaving off the tops. This caused the case to drop off when the rifle was discharged, and enabled the leaden inner part to inflict a wound severe enough to stop the onset of attacking parties.

TALMAGE'S SERMON.

SUNDAY'S DISCOURSE BY THE NOTED DIVINE.

God Among the Stars—Our Own World, the Smallest of Them All, Was Selected as the Theatre For Sin and Sorrow as an Awful Example to Others.

TEXT: "It is He that buildeth His stories in the heaven."—Amos, ix., 6.

This is first-rate poetry from Amos, the herdsman. While guarding his flocks at night, he got watching the heavens. He saw stars above stars, and the universe seemed to him like a great mansion many stories high, silver room above silver room, silver pillars besides silver pillars, and windows of silver and doors of silver, and turrets and domes of silver rising into the immensities, and the prophet's sanctified imagination walks through that great silver palace of the universe, through the first story, through the second story, through the third story, through the twentieth story, through the hundredth story, through the thousandth story, and realizing that God is the architect and carpenter and mason of all that upheaved splendor, he cries out in the words of the text, "It is He that buildeth His stories in the heaven."

The fact is that we have all spent too much time on one story of the great mansion of God's universe. We need occasionally to go upstairs or downstairs in this mansion; downstairs, and in the cellar study the rocks, or upstairs and see God in some of the higher stories, and learn the meaning of the text when it says: "It is He that buildeth His stories in the heaven."

Astronomy was born in Chaldea. Its mother was Astrology, or the science of foretelling events by juxtaposition of stars. The Orientals, living much out of doors and in a very clear atmosphere, through which the stars shone especially lustrous, got the habit of studying the night heavens. In the hot seasons caravans journeyed chiefly at night, and that gave travelers much opportunity of stellar information. On the first page of the Bible the sun and moon and stars roll in. The sun, a body nearly three million miles in circumference and more than twelve thousand times as large as our earth; the moon, more than two thousand miles in diameter. But God is used to doing things on such an omnipotent scale that he takes only one verse to tell of this solar and lunar manufacture. Yea, in three words all the other worlds are thrown in. The record says, "The stars also." It takes whole pages for a man to extol the making of a telescope or microscope or a magnetic telegraph or a threshing machine, or to describe a fine painting or statue, but it was so easy for God to hang the celestial upholstery that the story is compassed in one verse: "God made two great lights, the greater light to rule the day and the lesser light to rule the night. The stars also!" Astronomers have been trying to call the roll of them ever since, and they have counted multitudes of them passing in review before the observatories built at vast expense, and the size and number of those heavenly bodies have taxed to the utmost the scientists of all ages.

But God finishes all He has to say about them in three words, "The stars also!" That is Mars, with its more than fifty-five million square miles, and Venus, with its more than one hundred and ninety-one millions square miles, and Saturn, with its more than nineteen billion square miles, and Jupiter, with its more than twenty-four billion square miles, and all the planets of our system of more than seventy-eight billion square miles, and these stars of our system, when compared with the stars of the other systems, as a handful of sand compared with all the Rocky Mountains and all the Alps. "The stars also!" For brevity, for ponderosity, for splendor, for suggestiveness, for sublimity piled on sublimity, these words excel all that human speech ever uttered or human imagination ever soared after: "The stars also!" It is put in as you write a postscript—something you thought of afterward—as hardly worth putting into the body of a letter. "The stars also!" Oh, what a God we have, and He is our Father!

Read on in your Bibles, until after awhile the Bible flashes with the aurora borealis or northern lights, that strange illumination, as mysterious and undefined now as when, in the book of Job it was written: "Men see not the bright light which is in the clouds. Fair weather cometh out of the north." While all the nations supposed that the earth was built on a foundation of some sort, and many supposed that it stood on a huge turtle, or some great marine creature, Job knew enough of astronomy to say it had no foundation, but was suspended on the invisible arm of the Almighty, declaring that "He hangeth the earth upon nothing." While all nations thought the earth was level, the sky spread over it like a tent over a flat surface, Isaiah declared the world to be globular, circular, saying of God: "He sitteth upon the circle of the earth." See them glitter in this scriptural sky—Arcturus, Orion, the Pleiades, and the "bear with her young."

Without the use of telescope and without any observatory and without any astronomical calculation, I know that the other worlds are inhabited, because my Bible and my common sense tell me so. It has been estimated that in the worlds belonging to our solar system there is room for at least twenty-five trillion of population. And I believe it is all occupied, or will be occupied, by intelligent beings. God will not fill them with brutes. He would certainly put into those worlds beings intelligent enough to appreciate the architecture, the coloring, the grandeur, the beauty, the harmony of their surroundings. Yea, the inhabitants of those worlds have capacity of locomotion, for they would not have had such spacious opportunity for movement if they had not powers of motion. Yea, they have sight, else why the light, and hearing, else how get on with necessary language, and how clear themselves from advancing perils? Yea, as God made our human race in His own image, He probably made the inhabitants of other worlds in His own image; in other words, it is as near demonstration as I care to have it, that while the inhabitants of other worlds have adaptations of bodily structure to the particular climate in in which they dwell, there is yet similarity of mental and spiritual characteristics among all the inhabitants of the universe of God, and made in His image they are made wonderfully alike.

Now what should be the practical result of this discussion founded on scripture and common sense? It is first of all, to enlarge our ideas of God and so intensify our admiration and worship. Under such consideration, how much more graphic the Bible question, which seems to roll back the sleeve of the Almighty and say: "Hast thou an arm like God?" The contemplation also encourages us with the thought that if God made all these worlds and populated them, it will not be very much of an undertaking for Him to make our little world over again, and reconstruct the character of its population as by grace they are to be reconstructed.

What a monstrosity of ignorance that the majority of Christian people listen not to the voices of other worlds, although the Book says, "The heavens declare the glory of God," and, again, "The works of the Lord are great and to be sought out." How much have you sought them out? You have been satisfying yourself with some things about Christ, but have you noticed that Paul calls you to consider Christ as the Creator of other worlds, "by whom also He made the worlds." It is time you Christians started on a world hunt. That is the chief reason why God makes the night, that you may see other worlds. Go out to-night and look up at the great clock of the heavens. Listen to the silvery chime of the midnight sky. See that your children and grandchildren mount the heavens with telescope for alpenstock, leaning from acclivity of light to acclivity of light. What a thoughtful and sublime thing that John Quincy Adams, the ex-President, borne down with years, undertook at the peril of his life the journey from Washington to Cincinnati that he might lay the corner-stone of the pier of the great refracting telescope, and there making his last oration. What a service for all mankind which in 1839, Lord Rosse, lifted on the lawn of his castle eighty miles from Dublin a telescope that revealed worlds as fast as they could roll in and that started an enthusiasm which this moment concentrates the eyes of many of the most devout in all parts of the earth on celestial discovery. Thank God that we now know our own world is bounded on all sides by realms of glory, instead of being where Hesiod in his poetry described it to be, namely half way between heaven and hell, an anvil hurled out of heaven, taking ten days to strike the earth, and hurled out of earth, taking ten more days to strike perdition:

From the high heaven a brazen anvil cast,
Nine days and nights in rapid whirls would last:
And reach the earth the tenth; whence strongly hurled,
The same the passage to th' infernal world.

I thank God that we have found out that our world is not half way between heaven and hell, but is in a sisterhood of light, and that this sisterhood joins all the other sisterhoods of worlds, moving round some great homestead, which is no doubt heaven, where God is, and our departed Christian friends are, and we ourselves through pardoning mercy expect to become permanent residents. O, what a God we have, and He is our Father.

Furthermore, I get now from all this an answer to the question which every intelligent man and woman since the earth has stood has asked and received no answer. Why did God let sin and sorrow come into the world when He could have prevented them from coming? I wish reverently to say I think I have found the reason. To keep the universe loyal to a Holy God, it was important in some world somewhere to demonstrate the gigantic disasters that would come upon any world that allowed sin to enter. Which world should it be? Well, the smaller the world the better, for less numbers would suffer. So our world was selected. The stage was plenty large enough for the enactment of the tragedy. Enter on the stage Sin, followed by Murder, Pain, Theft, Fraud, Impurity, Falsehood, Massacre, War and all the abominations and horrors and agonies of centuries. Although we know comparatively little about the other worlds, lest we become completely dissatisfied with our own, no doubt the other worlds have heard and are now hearing all about this world in the awful experiment of sin which the human race has been making.

It is no longer to me a mystery why so small a world as ours was chosen for the tragedy. A chemist can demonstrate all the laws of earth and heaven in a small laboratory, ten feet by five, and our world was not too small to demonstrate to the universe the awful chemistry of unrighteousness, its explosive and riving and consuming power. On the tower of Pharos, Egypt, a metallic mirror was raised which reflected all that occurred both on land sea for a distance of three hundred miles, and so Egypt was informed of the coming of her enemies long before their arrival. By what process I know not, but in some way this ship of a struggling earth, I think, is mirrored to distant worlds. Surely this one disastrous experiment of a world unloosing itself from God will be enough for all worlds and all eternities.

But notice that as other worlds rolled into the first book of the Bible, the Book of Genesis, they also appear in the last book of the Bible, the Book of Revelation. They will take part in the scenes of that occasion which shall be the earth's winding up, and a tremendous occasion for you and me personally. My father was one night on the turnpike road between Trenton and Bound Brook, N. J. He was coming through the night from the legislative halls, where he was serving his State, to his home, where there was sickness. I often heard him tell about it. It was the night of the 12th and the morning of the 13th of November, 1833. Suddenly the whole heavens became a scene never to be forgotten. From the constellation Leo meteors began to shoot in all directions. For the two hours between 4 and 6 in the morning, it was estimated that a thousand meteors a minute flashed and expired. It grew lighter than noonday. Arrows of fire. Balls of fire. Trails of fire. Showers of fire. Some of the appearances were larger than the full moon. All around the heavens explosion followed explosion. Sounds as well as sights. The air filled with uproar. All the luminaries of the sky seemed to have received marching orders. The heavens ribbed and interlaced and garlanded with meteoric display. From horizon to horizon everything in combustion and conflagration.

Many a brain that night gave way. It was an awful strain on strongest nerves. Millions of people fell on their knees in prayer. Was the world ending, or was there some great event for which all heaven was illuminated? For eight momentous hours the phenomenon lasted. East, west, north, south, it looked as though the heavens were in maniac disorder. Astronomers watching that night said that those meteors started from 2200 miles above the earth's surface and moved with ten times the speed of a cannon ball. The owner of a plantation in South Carolina says of that night scene. I was suddenly awakened by the most distressing cries that ever fell on my ears. Shrieks of horror and cries of mercy I could hear from most of the slaves on three plantations, amounting in all to about six or eight hundred. While earnestly listening for the cause I heard a faint voice near the door calling my name. I arose, and taking my sword, stood at the door. At this moment I heard the same voice still beseeching me to rise, and saying: "Oh, my God! the world is on fire!" I then opened the door, and it is difficult to say which excited me most, the awfulness of the scene or the distressed cries of the Africans. Upwards of 100 lay prostrate on the ground; some speechless and some uttering the bitterest cries, but most with their hands raised, imploring God to save the world and them. The scene was truly awful, for never did rain fall much thicker than the meteors fell toward the earth.

The spectacle ceased not until the rising sun of the November morning eclipsed it, and the whole American nation sat down exhausted with the agitations of a night to be memorable until the earth itself shall become a falling star. The Bible closes with such a scene of falling lights, not only fidgety meteors, but grave old stars. St. John saw it in prospect, and wrote: "The stars of heaven fell unto the earth, even as a fig tree casteth her untimely figs when she is shaken of a mighty wind." What a time that will be when worlds drop. Rain of planets. Gravitation letting loose her grip on worlds. Constellations flying apart. Galaxies dissolved. The great orchard of the universe swept by the last hurricane letting down the stars like ripened fruit. Our old earth will go with the rest, and let it go, for it will have existed long enough to complete its tremendous experiment. But there will be enough worlds left to make a heaven of, if any more heaven needs to be built. That day finding us in Christ, our nature regenerated, and our sins pardoned, and our hope triumphant, we will feel no more alarm than when in September, passing through an orchard, you hear the apples thump to the ground, or through a conservatory and you hear an untimely fig drop to the floor. You will only go upstairs into another story, a better lighted story, a better furnished story, a better ventilated story, a better pictured story, and into a story where already many of your kindred are waiting for you, and where profits and apostles and martyrs will pay you celestial visitation, and where, with a rapture beyond the most radiant anticipation, you shall bow before Him that "buildeth his stories in heaven."

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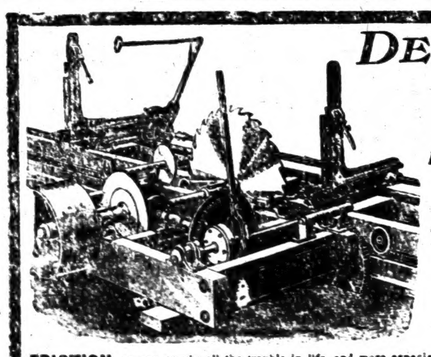

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Opposed to the general principle laid down by the opponents of postal savings banks as the basis of their opposition is another principle which The Record believes is more pertinent to the particular subject under consideration. It is that private individuals ought not to be allowed to make a profit from handling the small savings of the poor. This principle is one that is recognized not only in most civilized countries abroad, but also in those parts of the United States where wealth is most abundant and where provisions for the protection of property of all kinds are most highly developed. In the New England states and New York, the only portion of this country at all nequately supplied with savings-bank facilities, bankers are allowed, as in Illinois, to regard the small savings of the poor as funds to be invested for their own private inrichment. The savings banks of those states are mutual institutions, managed by trustees who serve without compensation and who derive no profit from the loaning of the funds intrusted to their care. No other kind of savings bank is permitted by law. The savings of the poor are held so sacred that it is deemed unwise to allow bankers to use them for private profit for fear the tendency to speculate with the funds and invest them in questionable securities because these pay high rates of interest might result in loss and hardship to a class that it should be especially the object of society to protect.

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Yours respectfully, WM. M. KELLEMS.
Siberia, Perry Co., Ind.

Jan. 29, 1896.

We received the following letter from Mr. J. J. Wilson of Omaha, Ill. Mr. Wilson has been for many years an invalid, and reading the above letter which was published over Dr. Kellems, asking if his endorsement was genuine, and received this reply, which he forwarded.

MR. J. J. WILSON.

DEAR SIR:—Your letter of recent date at hand, the testimonial you speak of is genuine. The company who manufactures and sells "5 Drops" published my testimonial just as I gave it to them and every word of it is true, and I could swear to it and prove it by many witnesses. The company did not ask me for this letter. I sent it to them last January for publication in order that poor sufferers, incurable as I once was, and as you are, might be cured. Get "5 Drops" and use it and it will cure you as it has cured me. I have received many letters like yours, and it is a pleasure to me to answer all who write. Tell all your neighbors what I have written about "5 Drops." I know how to sympathize with those who are afflicted, for though I suffered so long, it is now 8 months since I have felt any pain.

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CIRCUIT COURT.

This Fall Term of the Circuit Court of Chilton county convened on Monday morning, Hon. N. D. Mason presiding. The Court at once got down to business, the jurors empanelled and the civil docket taken up. The Judge made an impressive and dignified charge to the Grand Jury, which then retired to pursue its investigations, the result of which will be found in the subjoined report.

Col. Collier, Tipton Mullins, J. J. Dennis, Wm. M. Adams, Col. Cox, W. H. Foshee, A. C. Smith, and J. J. Martin ably represented the Clanton bar, and the following visiting attornies were also in attendance: W. W. Lavender, of Centreville; J. H. Savage, of Anniston; Tyler Goodwyn, of Weogufka.

Except to those immediately concerned the civil docket had no interest of any public interest.

The following cases were disposed of:

Ala Min Land Co vs E E Jackson (in Supreme court) continued.

Cook & Newburgh vs Chilton County Alliance verdict for defendant.

Alfred Baker sr vs W E Culp, verdict for defendant.

Alice Donnigan vs Mary Allen, continued.

John S S Watson vs Nimrod Horner, continued.

Dempsey E Davis vs Sallie Hanner verdict for plaintiff.

Ala Iron & Steel Co vs J M Hatfield, verdict for defendant.

Noel White vs E Y McMorries, continued.

Mrs Ella Martin vs T F Jackson case, continued.

J M Wilson & Bro vs G W Kimbrough verdict for defendant.

J Ullman & Son vs W L Parker, continued.

Ala Min Land Co vs W T Hand (in Supreme court), continued.

Ala Min Land Co vs Jemison Furniture Co et als, continued.

W Killingsworth vs G W Edwards et al, continued.

Clayton Mullins vs Wash Foshee, verdict for plaintiff.

Ala Min Land Co vs W T Hand continued.

J V White vs H A Askins, continued.

Thos A Curry vs Thos Abney et al, verdict for plaintiff.

J F Mims vs Jno H Deramus, verdict for plaintiff.

Gloss & Khan vs C W Reynolds, verdict for plaintiff.

Kay & Thomas Hw'd Co vs C W Reynolds, verdict for defendant

W Kemp vs J C DuBose et al continued.

Ala Min Land Co vs Jno Ray (C.P.), verdict for defendant

Ala Min Land Co vs Jas Hudson, continued.

Ala Min Land Co vs G W Hudson, verdict for plaintiff.

Simmons Durham & Co vs G R Moore & Co (D.V.C.P.), verdict for defendant.

Gates & Kahn vs G R Moore, verdict for defendant.

J W Plant vs N L Broadhead, continued.

J W Moore vs W J Martin continued.

J W Aldrop vs Joseph Johnson verdict for defendant.

J Arnold vs L & N R R, verdict for defendant.

Frankel vs Jno Moore et al verdict for defendant.

J W Wilson vs A J L Dennis, trial. In this case the jury after being out all night failed to agree.

R Hammond vs Jas E Johnson, verdict for defendant

R Hammond vs Alfred Al-

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ONE REFORM AT A TIME.

The sole object of a bill for the establishment of a postal savings bank system should be to provide an absolutely safe depository for the savings of persons of small means. There are many things which the government ought to do, and there are many wants of the people which ought to be supplied. But the attempt ought not to be made to supply other wants in the measure creating a postal savings bank system.

The people in many parts of the country need better credit facilities. Anything which the government properly can do to enable its citizens to secure loans at lower rates it should do. But when it comes to determining what is proper in this line great difference of opinion is manifested. On the question of providing safe depositories for small savings, however, opinion is very generally agreed. Congress in all probability can be enduced to pass at an early date a bill providing simply for safe depositories and making such an agreement for investment of funds as is necerrary to the accomplishment of that purpose. It is very doubtful, however, if congress would pass a postal savings bank bill coupled with which was a proposition for enabling citizens in need of money to secure loans from the government.

All believers in postal banks should unite in favoring the only kind of bill that congress may be expected to pass—namely, one the sole object of which is to provide a safe place of deposit for persons of small means. The main purpose of the provision in relation to investments should be to safegard the funds and return to the postoffice department a rate of interest that will enable it in turn to make a small interest payment to depositors. Whatever the government might see fit to do, if anything, to enable farmers and others to secure loans at cheeper rates is a separate problem, attended with special difficulties to be worked out by itself, and in no way mixed up with the present movement to provide safe places of deposit for those who desire to save.—Chicago Record.

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Lily Lyrics.

Dame rumor hath it that we will have another marrage soon. Well it seems that it is time for some of our folks to marry, if they don't we will soon have a good many old bachelors and old—what do you call them? And your crrespondent might be in former list. So let the good work go on.

Miss Lula Rasberry has gone to spend the winter with her grandmother at Stanton.

Mr. Will Wright and mother have just returned from a visit to Weogufka.

Quite a number of our farmers tried the Montevallo market for cotton last week, but found it very little better than Clanton.

Mr. W. M. Oden has secured the school at Isabella and began teaching the 15th inst, with good prospects

Misses Baker, Childers, and others went to Selma last week on wagons.

Mr. J. A. Blarkenchip, of Coosa county, was here recently, looking out a home among us.

Mr Will Garner has resumed his work on the railroad and his wife is at Maplesville.

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Singing Convention.

The Chilton county singing convention met with Pleasant Grove church last Saturday. The following officers were elected for the ensuing year: Z. J. Jones, President; J. P. Gentry, Vice-pres.; J. C. Veazey, Secretary; Miss Lizzie Lowery, Treas.

The convention was well attended, quite a number of classes and choirs represented. Some good reports from the various committees on Music and some good talks on church music.

On Sunday Rev. S. M. Adams addressed the audience on music and its influence. So taking everything in consideration we had the best session of the convention's history and far the best singing.

We would like to give the names of the many leaders present but space will not admit. We are glad to see that a great many of our people are advancing in the divine art.

J. C. VEAZEY, Sec.

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Notice to Confederate Soldiers.

The warrants for the Confederate Soldiers and Widows issued by the State, are now in my hands for delivery to the proper persons. Any person having such warrant will please call for same or send written order by someone authorizing them to sign receipt for warrant.

This Nov. 25, 1897.

R. M. HONEYCUTT,
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Providence.

Mr. W. E. Thomas and Mr. M. Rinsan visited Chestnut Sunday.

Mr. James Thomas has a bad rising but nevertheless he was at prayer meeting Sunday night with his usual gay look on.

Mr. Mike Ppwel, who has been for some time on the sick list, is slowly recovering.

Mr. J. R. Tomas visited Clanton Monday on business.

Prayer meeting at Providence every Sunday evening at 3 o'clock; also prayermeeting at the house recently vacated by Mr. J. A. Thomas every Sunday night. The brethren seem to lkie to serve God as best they can.

Mr. Jesse Thomas burnt off his new ground Friday last; strange time for that kind of sport.

Mrs. Polly Thomas has been right sick for a few days with an attact of billious colic, but is some better now.

The farmers are about done gathering, and their crops are not so short as they thought.

There is nothing short about the cross-tie crop in this section but the pay.

Thanks to the BANNER for its addition of its 4 pages extra. The citizens of Chilton houlds send in the new from the different sections and help the BANNER to mak it the most newsy sheet in Alabama, so we would know how everything was moving on in grand old Chilton. Send in the news for we like to read them.

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Maplesville.

The following is a truthful story told by a good old Baptist deacon who could no more tell a story than G. Washington when he cut the cherry tree.

A little fice was a great pet, would eat nothing but that was daintily prepared on his master's plate. One cold night he was snoozing in the corner of the bed room before a comfortable fire, when bed time came he had his usual order, "get out," which he obeyed reluctantly, dragging a hind leg most piteously. The kind hearted wife said poor Trip is so lame let him stay in here to-night. The next morning after his good breakfast his lameness was all gone but returned the next on receiving his customary order, this ruse was kept up all winter and kept him comfortable lodging. This trick was not taught him.

REVOLG.

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The three-year-old boy of J. A. Johnson, of Lynn Center, Ill., is subject to attacks of croup. Mr. Johnson says he is satisfied that the timely use of Chamberlain's Cough Remedy, during a severe attack, saved his little boy's life. He is in the drug business, a member of the firm of Johnson Bros. of that place and they handle a great many patent medicines for throat and lung diseases. He had all these to choose from, and skilled physicians ready to respond to his call, but selected this remedy for use in his own family at a time when his child's life was in danger, because he knew it to be superior to any other, and famous the country over for its cures of croup. Mr. Johnson says this is the best selling cough medicine they handle, and that it gives splendid satisfaction in all cases. Sold by J. S. Johnson, jr. Druggist.

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Turn-Round Topics.

Refugees have about all returned to Prattville.

Miss Ella Pyron has returned from an extended visit to relatives at Deatsville.

Young Mr. Norrell of Rockford, visited his uncle, Mr. J. H. Norrell of this place last week.

Mr. F. M. Powell and four sons of Deatsville, had a gala time fishing and hunting at Knight's Ferry three days last week. Caught 200 pounds of fish. They went back home Saturday as lively as you please.

Mr. T. A. Davis, wife and children, of Montgomery, came up on a business trip and a visit last week.

Mr. Jack Bullard and family, of Coosa are now visiting Mr. M. C. Williams.

Mr. Atticus Norrell has secured a position in Wetumpka.

T. P. and Mrs. Connell spent Sunday with their son, J. N. Connell.

Mrs. M. C. Williams, we are sorry to say, is now very sick; she was taken very suddenly. Doctor Dawson of Verbena was summoned immediately. He came abont mid-night, and at this writing she is resting very well.

Clearing is rapidly progressing, a few farmers have already commenced.

Sugarcane syrup has about all been made and a sorry turn-out was the result.

Farmers here who are able to hold their cotton say 5 cents won't buy their cotton at the present any way.

Mr. H. J. Norris, we are sorry to state, is still lingering on the bed of affliction; getting no better nor worse. We do earnestly wish to see him once more able to be up and doing.

Master Ellis Jones caught the largest and fatest "possum" we ever saw last week, which was purchased by H. Kendrick a man that sho,' sho' loves "possum."

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Mortgage Sale.

Under and by virtue of the powers contained in a mortgage executed by J. H. Gore and his wife Carrie Gore to W. M. Gore on the 16th day of January, 1894, which said mortgage is recorded in Volume 42, record of mortgages in the office of the Judge of Probate of Chilton county, Alabama, the undersigned will proceed to sell on

MONDAY, DECEMBER 20th, 1897.

during the legal hours of sale in front of the court house door in Clanton, Alabama, to the highest bidder for cash at auction, the following described track or parcel of land, to-wit:

The north-east quarter of the south east quarter (ne¼ of se¼) and the south-east quarter of the north-east quarter (se¼ of ne¼) of section six (6) township twenty-two (22) range fifteen (15) and lying and being situated in Chilton county, Alabama, and containing eighty acres more or less.

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Colder Weather Has Done Much to Accelerate Retail Trade.

AN ACTIVE DEMAND FOR IRON PRODUCTS.

Some Planters Have Been Compelled to Sell Cotton at a Loss—Cotton Goods Weak—Wheat Exports Unusually Heavy for the Week.

Bradstreet's review of trade says: There is a moderate improvement in staple prices and in distribution of woolen goods, shoes, hats and hardware in the region tributary to Chicago, St. Louis, Kansas City and Omaha. Tennessee and Louisiana jobbers report a revival of demand from the interior merchants, with some of the business delayed by yellow fever quarantine. Trade reports from Georgia and Texas are quite irregular. Some cotton planters are compelled to sell cotton at a loss to meet advances made earlier in the season, and have little or no surplus with which to buy merchandise. Others, notably in Texas, continue to hold cotton, which delays mercantile collections, and in some sections has an unfavorable influence. Colder weather northwest and in the central Mississippi and Missouri river valleys has helped retail business.

Manufacturers of iron, steel, agricultural implements, stoves, railway cars and woolen goods report an active demand and large output, although the appearance of speculative steel has resulted in weakening the prices of billets and a like tendency on the part of Bessemer pig iron.

Higher prices are recorded for wheat, corn, oats, syrup, hides, shoes, leather, and for turpentine. The reaction in iron and steel is likely to be followed by an advance if the present rate of consumption continues. Lower prices for wheat flour and pork are expected to recognize the advances in wheat and Indian corn, so that a lower price for copper is practically the only important decline for the week.

Wheat exports show a heavy increase alike over last week and last year, and with one exception, that of the second week in September, is the largest single week's total on record.

The total exports of wheat (flour included as wheat) from both coasts of the United States this week aggregate 6,635,792 bushels, against 5,445,542 bushels last week, 3,937,000 bushels in the week a year ago, 2,916,000 bushels in 1895, 3,312,675 bushels in 1894, and 2,764,080 bushels in 1893. The total exports of the second week of September, 1891, were 6,974,000 bushels.

Corn exports also show a gain aggregating 3,209,790 bushels for this week, against 2,975,721 last year, 1,743,000 in 1895, and 189,000 in 1894.

There are 235 business failures reported throughout the United States this week, compared with 273 last week, 308 in the week a year ago, 323 two years ago, 295 three years ago, and as compared with 358 in the like week of 1893.

THREE THOUSAND SHEEP BURN.

Prairie Fire Ten Miles Wide Sweeps Through Texas Counties.

A terrific prairie fire passed through Lubbock, Hale and Crosby counties, Tex., last week, doing great damage to the ranges.

It originated east of Crosby county, burned eastward through Crosby before a severe west wind, until it reached a point north of Emma, when a norther arose, bringing the fire south in its awful fury. The flames came leaping, making a fire ten miles wide and traveling at lightning speed. At least 400 square miles of territory were burned. Cattle suffered and many were burned to death. North of Emma, three thousand sheep were burned in one flock and many farmers lost their winter feed, fire burning it in the stacks.

Tammany Grows Generous.

The members of the executive committee of Tammany hall have subscribed $20,000 for the starving people of Cuba and a like sum for the poor of New York city. The Cuban check was handed to Senor Tomas Estrada Palma and other members of the junta who had called to seek the aid of Tammany in behalf of their starving countrymen.

Train Wrecked in Arkansas.

Train No. 2 on the Kansas City, Fort Scott & Memphis, which left Birmingham, Ala., for Kansas City, was derailed just west of Williford, Ark., Thursday morning. The combination coach, chair car and sleeper went over the bank, the combination car going into Spring river. The chair car and sleeper were both consumed. It is supposed that the truck gave way.

One passenger, J. T. Hoover, of Pleasant Hill, Mo., was fatally injured and about thirty others more or less seriously hurt. It is believed none of the latter will die.

Fatal Explosion.

News has just been received from Louisville, Miss., of the explosion of a boiler in John Woodward's steam mill, which occurred at 6 o'clock Saturday evening, occasioning the death of Frank Woodward, Jr., and Patrick Norton. Several others were perhaps fatally injured. John Woodward, owner of the mill, and his nephew, Mott, were badly scalded. Dr. J. C. Blair's two little boys and Jeff Hathern and John Coleman were also badly burned.

MORGAN TALKS ABOUT HAWAII

NEED HAVE NO FEARS OF FOREIGN OPPOSITION.

Since His Return He Favors Annexing the Island Stronger Than Ever.

Senator Morgan, of Alabama, member of the committee on foreign relations, has reached Washington on his return from Honolulu, where he went to post himself on the annexation question. For the first time, he submitted himself to an interview on the result of his trip, and in part said:

"My conclusions, based on my observations, are only a full confirmation of what I had previously believed, that it is our national duty, and will be in every way advantageous to all concerned, to annex Hawaii to this country. I have studied the questions from the most authentic and reliable sources. The establishment of an outpost of the United States within the tropics, and 2,200 miles from our coast, challenges the inquiry whether such action is necessary to our national welfare. Our northwestern possessions on the Pacific along the Aleutian Archipelago, are over 1,000 miles west of Honolulu. This gives us control of practically the entire American coast of the north Pacific. The intervention of the British possessions from the straits of Fuca to the northern boundary of Alaska creates a powerful reason for our occupation of Hawaii. Without imputing to Great Britain any other motive than to extend her national policy of commercial conquest, it seems very obvious that if she should acquire dominion of Hawaii and open and fortify Pearl harbor, her military fortress at Esquimalt, on the island of Vancouver, co-operating without, would cut our coast line in two and would leave us incumbered with a mass of territory in Alaska, whose defenses would be almost impossible, and the enormous advantages of which would be lost to us. The Vancouver coal fields would give the British navy almost irresistible advantages in case of war and virtual dominion of commerce in time of peace.

"There would not be the slightest difficulty in the character, condition or wish of the 31,000 native people of Hawaii. They are far better adapted to American citizenship than many millions of those whom we have welcomed here from southern Europe and better adapted than the Indians, Mexicans and native Alaskans.

"Except among the few who expect personal favors and advancement from re-establishment of the royal government, the general body of the Hawaiian population will rejoice in the honor, safety, peace, and prosperity which annexation will bring. Morally and practically, the silent invasion of Hawaii from the orient (the Japanese) violates all the declared policy and often expressed purposes of the United States, to protect those people against foreign interference. The island as a national possession would richly reward us for expenditure of a hundred millions. The annexation would cost us nothing and will not at present excite the open opposition of any nation."

A SINGULAR MISTAKE.

In Attempting to Capture a Murderer One Officer Shoots Another.

News of a singular mistake, which came near having a tragic ending, comes from Uhland, Ala., near Columbus, Ga., while the sheriff with a posse of men were endeavoring to capture a negro murderer, who was located by the officers in a house near Uhland. The building was immediately surrounded. The sheriff and Frank Peppers, one of the posse, went to the back of the house to prevent the desperado escaping in that direction. For some reason the sheriff sent Peppers around to the front of the house again. As Peppers turned the corner of the house he was perceived by Gus Farrows, another member of the posse, who, thinking it was the negro who was trying to escape, blazed away at his brother officer with a double-barreled shotgun. Peppers fell to the ground, and Farrows was about to pour a load of buckshot into him if he attempted resistance, when he happened to perceive his mistake.

Most of the shot lodged in Peppers' arms, and although he is seriously wounded he will probably recover. The sheriff, hearing the shot, rushed around the house, thinking that the negro was escaping. In the midst of the confusion the negro slipped out the back door and escaped.

MEXICO'S FINANCIAL SYSTEM

Will Be Studied by Bryan and Crittenden During a Four Weeks' Tour.

Ex-Governor Crittenden, of Missouri, who was consul-general to Mexico City under the last Cleveland administration, announces that he will leave next Wednesday for San Antonio, Tex., where he will be joined by Hon. William J. Bryan and Mrs. Bryan, and that the three will depart from San Antonio on a four weeks' tour of Mexico. Aided by the ex-consul's knowledge of the people and the country, Mr. Bryan will make a careful study of Mexico's financial system.

Says the Iowa Is the Best.

Commodore Dewey, president of the naval trial board, has returned to Washington from the sea trial of the Iowa, which he declares is the best ship of her class in the world.

The convention of the striking coal miners of the Northern Illinois field, at a late hour Friday night, reached a secret agreement, which will be made known in a few days to the various local organizations interested. It is believed it has taken steps looking to the securing of a compromise.

SECRETARY BLISS' REPORT.

Big Reduction in the Amount of the Pension Roll Expected.

NEW LAWS FOR ALASKA RECOMMENDED.

Indian Population of the United States Given—Opening of the Wichita Reservation Would Promote That Country's Development.

Secretary of the Interior Bliss, in his annual report, made public last week, submits estimates aggregating $156,532,419 for appropriations by congress for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1899.

Discussing pensions, he says 200,000 pension claims are awaiting adjudication, and it is estimated that 40 or 50 per cent of these will be finally admitted. If they are rapidly adjudicated they will swell the pension roll from $5,000,000 to $7,000,000. When, however, these claims are adjudicated, and the first payment made thereon, the amount of the pension roll will decrease very rapidly, possibly to $125,000,000 or $130,000,000 the first year.

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About the Indians.

To total Indian population of the United States, exclusive of the New York Indians and the five civilized tribes, approximates 177,178, located on 177 reservations, which contain approximately 33,404,837 acres. Of these, 4,545 have accepted allotments of land, which aggregate about 644,147 acres.

Secretary Bliss says while the opening of the Wichita reservation in Oklahoma to white settlement would greatly promote the development of that country, yet, in view of the unsettled condition of the questions affecting their rights, until there is further legislation he does not see how it can be done without causing great injury and distress.

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Concerning Alaska.

Concerning Alaska Secretary Bliss says existing conditions demand a radical change in the laws relating thereto and he recommends that the public land laws be extended to that district; that additional land offices be created and appropriations made to carry them into effect; that the granting of way for railroads, telegraph and telephone lines and the construction of roads and trails be specifically authorized; that provisions be made for the incorporation of municipalities, providing for the holding of elections, defining qualifications for voting and giving such powers as are used and exercised by municipalities elsewhere; that the legal and political status of the native population, which is in doubt, be defined; that citizenship be extended to the Metlakahtla Indians, who emigrated from British Columbia, and under authority of an act of congress, approved March 3, 1891, to occupy Annette island; that complete territorial government be authorized and established and that represenation in congress be granted.

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Work on the Nicaragua canal is still suspended, and the company reports liabilities consisting of the amounts still due the concessions to the company of $6,705,000 of bonds, and not exceeding $100 cash liabilities outstanding unpaid; assets, unused capital stock, $518,500 first mortgage bonds, and the 2,420 shares of capital stock received in liquidation, the concession, rights, privileges, franchises, etc., which it now owns; plants, equipments, lands, railway supplies and other property in Central America, including the lands between the lakes and the Pacific.

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A recommendation is submitted for separate appropriations for the civil service commission, to be expended under its own supervision.

A Fatal Street Duel.

J. W. Harris, of the Waco (Texas) Times-Herald, a morning paper, and W. A. Harris, his brother, on one side, and Judge G. B. Gerald, a prominent citizen, fought a duel on the street Friday evening. W. A. Harris was shot dead, J. W. Harris wounded fatally, his body being paralyzed, and Gerald shot in the side. He may die. The trouble was the outcome of the mobbing of W. C. Brann, publisher of the Iconoclast.

Steamer Bluff City Burned.

The magnificent Anchor Line steamer Bluff City, one of the finest and newest boats on the Mississippi river, which left St. Louis Wednesday bound for New Orleans with forty passengers and 1,000 tons of miscellaneous freight on board, burned to the water's edge at Chester, Ill., Thursday.

All passengers and the crew escaped to land without injury, but nothing on board was saved. The total loss will aggregate $100,000. A number of valuable race horses, being taken to New Orleans for the races there, lost their lives.

Mexico Steps In.

Mexico City.—The question of the future of Cuba excites some interest owing to the talk of a possible union of the island with the Mexican republic in case of its gaining ultimately its independence, which would be pleasing to a large portion of the Mexican people.

The Herald remarks: "Cuba should become a part of Mexico, which will eventually form a part of the great tropical republic, extending to the mouth of the Orinoco, making the Caribean sea and Gulf of Mexico the new world's Mediterranean."

GREAT FIRE DEVASTATES LONDON

One Hundred and Fifty Warehouses Burned—Loss Will Reach £5,000,000.

One of the most disastrous fires in London's history since the great fire of 1666 broke out in a large block of buildings lying eastward of Aldersgate street and between that thoroughfare and Red Cross street just after 1 o'clock Friday night. The flames were fanned by a strong wind and were fed by highly inflammable stocks of Christmas fancy goods and flimsy dress materials of all descriptions that filled every floor of the six-story buildings in the Old street. Consequently the conflagration gained headway with surprising rapidity and was soon far beyond the possibility of being checked by the few engines which were early on the spot. For four and a half hours the flames had their own way, and it was only after more than a hundred engines had worked for an hour that the chief of the fire brigade sent out the signal that the fire was under control.

The historic church of St. Giles was badly damaged, the principal damage being to the roof, the old windows, the baptismal font and Milton's statue.

Hamsell street was the scene of the outbreak of the fire which was started by an explosion in connection with a gas engine.

It is officially reported that 150 warehouses have been gutted. An estimate of the damage done places the amount at nearly £5,000,000 sterling ($25,000,000).

CANNOT STEM THE TIDE.

Hon. Hannis Taylor, ex-Minister to Spain Says Cuba Will Be Free.

Last Friday at Ithaca, N. Y., Hannis Taylor, ex-minister to Spain, spoke to a large and enthusiastic meeting of Cuban sympathizers on the situation in Cuba. Mr. Taylor said in part:

"Events are making fast, and no man, not even the president, can stop them. No real statesman ever tried to avoid a crisis by turning his back upon it; it would be self-deception. If the president makes the fatal mistake of attempting longer to muzzle congress by putting his imprimature upon false hopes and empty illusions, before the ink is dry upon his message events will discredit all his predictions.

"Let congress but speak the final and emphatic word—recognition—and in ninety days the long and bloody tragedy will be over, the whole Christian world will rejoice and say 'Amen,' Spain will be rescued from an impossible situation, there will be no war with the United States and Cuba will be free."

COTTON GROWERS' CONVENTION

Called to Meet in Atlanta on December 14 to Perfect an Organization.

J. C. Wilborne, president of the South Carolina State Alliance and of the recent Cotton Growers' Convention held in Columbia, has issued a call to delegates from every state in the south to assemble in convention in Atlanta, Ga., December 14.

The call says in part: "The purpose of this convention is to organize the cotton growers of the south, thereby securing unity of action in the marketing and sale of this great staple; also to devise ways and means by which we may be able to break and throw off the shackles of business slavery that now binds us. With foreign exchanges dictating the price, we can only expect ruin and distress in the future. We can achieve independence only by organization."

Governors of the cotton states will be appealed to in order to get farmers interested to send delegations, the plan being to have one delegate from each congressional district and two from each state at large.

Colored Minister Commits Murder.

John R. Scott, a colored politician and republican leader in Florida, is in the county jail at Jacksonville, Fla., charged with the murder of Rev. Obadiah Adams, pastor of St. James African Methodist Episcopal church. Scott and Adams had a revolver duel. Adams was shot in both legs and the stomach. He died Friday and Scott was placed in jail.

Miss Cisneros Has a Guardian.

An order was issued by the orphans' court at Washington last week making Mrs. John A. Logan guardian for Miss Evangelina Cossio y Cisneros, the Cuban patriot.

DEATH'S RECORD.

Dr. W. F. Hyer, one of the most prominent members of the medical fraternity, was found dead in bed at his residence in Meridian, Miss., Thursday morning. A ruptured blood vessel caused his death.

Rev. Dr. George H. Houghton, pastor of the Church of the Transfiguration, better known as the "Little Church Around the Corner," died Thursday in New York.

T. B. Holt, missionary treasurer of the M. E. Church, South, died in Weatherford, Texas, the past week. Mr. Holt was a resident of Nashville, Tenn., and was visiting in Texas.

The Baptists of Mississippi.

The District Association of the Mississippi Baptist church has been in session at Coffeeville since Thursday, with 100 ministers and delegates in attendance, representing all churches in the district. The association reports 102,000 Baptists in Mississippi, making the church the strongest in the state.

A Centenarian Groom.

At St. Joseph, Mo., John J. Overton, aged 100 years and 1 month, was married to Mrs. Mary Henderson, aged 77 years, a few days ago. Both bride and groom are in excellent health.

MONEY BLANCO'S WEAPON

Bribery Resorted to by the Spaniards to Put Down the Rebellion.

WILL OFFER LARGE SUMS FOR SURRENDER

Revolutionary Leaders Preparing to Strike a Decisive Blow Before Congress Meets as an Encouragement to American Friends.

Havana, via Key West, Fla.—General Pando, who has been sent to the front by Marshal Blanco, carries with him a commission to treat with insurgent leaders to surrender and acceptance of autonomy. Marshal Blanco also instructs General Pando that autonomy in its most liberal sense shall be the basis of his terms offered the insurgent leaders. Pando selected Damien Cabellero, who is grandfather of the insurgent Rabi, the backbone of the rebels in Santiago de Cuba, as his agent to go among the Cuban camp. He authorizes Cabellero to offer Rabi large sums of money for himself and those who surrender with him. Pando and Blanco are negotiating with other leaders of the insurgents.

On the other hand, it is believed the insurgents have similar plans in an opposite direction and with a totally different object in view. If Cuban representatives among the friends of the insurgents are to be believed the revolutionary leaders hope to strike a decisive blow at Spain before congress meets as an encouragement to their friends in the United States, who are urging a recognition upon the part of the United States government of the belligerency of Cuba.

THE HOME OF GENERAL LEE

To Be Used as an Agricultural Experimental Station.

Representative Rixey, of Virginia, and James E. Clements, an attorney of Ballston, Va., have had an interview with Secretary of War Alger with a view to co-operating in proposed legislation for a division of the Arlington estate, the former home of General Robert E. Lee.

It was reported that only a small portion of the estate was used for a national cemetery, and that the remainder is slowly disintegrating into a veritable waste. It was urged that the government use the unused tract, about 500 acres, for a central experimental agricultural station of the agricultural department, to which all the existing stations in various parts of the country should contribute. It is also urged with the erection of the much agitated memorial bridge across the Potomac river at this point, the tract would prove a beautiful addition to the government parking system of this country.

General Alger gave his consent to the plan and Secretary Wilson is much pleased with the prospect. Representative Rixey will introduce a bill for this purpose at the next session and anticipates no material opposition.

SETTLING WITH UNCLE SAM.

Union Pacific Reorganization Committee Hands Over $13,000,000.

The treasury Monday received from the reorganization committee of the Union Pacific company $13,645,250 in cash and turned over to the committee that amount in bonds which had been on deposit with the government in the sinking fund of the road. Of the bonds, $4,500,000 were in the subtreasury at New York, and these were turned over directly to the committee. The remaining $9,145,250 were turned over to Messrs. Creick and Adee, representing the committee, on receipt of a message from Assistant Treasurer Maline that the money had been deposited in the National City bank of New York to the order of the government.

Didn't Find Andree.

Tromsoe, Tromsoe Island, Norway.—The steamer Victoria, which was fitted out by the Governor of Tromsoe, under instructions from King Oscar, to search for Professor Andree, the missing aeronaut, and his party, and which left Tromsoe on November 5, has returned from Spitzbergen. She brings no news as to the whereabouts or movements of Professor Andree, although exploring parties landed ten times at various points in the Danmands isles.

State Normal College.

In spite of the scare from pestilence and quarantine, the State Normal College at Troy went on the even tenor of its way with a good attendance, and as good work as the state ever had done for it by any institution.

Troy enjoys the distinction of being 596 feet above sea level, and yellow fever has never come within fifty miles of it, and it is not believed by those well informed that the disease can spread at such altitude, if health measures are carefully observed.

Out of the several thousands of students in the State Normal College there in the ten years past, only two deaths have occurred at the college, and these from pneumonia and measles.

The college never had brighter prospects, and many new students are expected at the new term to open December 7. President Eldredge has calls for trained teachers from every direction, and the demand is above the supply. As school officers learn the value of teacher training they will insist more and more upon it. The State Normal College at Troy delights to serve school officers, schools and teachers.

THE INCOME OF PROP[illegible]

Must Be Considered in Making [illegible]ments, So Holds Justice [illegible]

Back Tax Collector Henry [illegible]ham, of Alabama, is jubilant [illegible] recent decision of Justice [illegible] the United States Supreme [illegible] volving the taxable value of p[illegible]

He says the decision has a [illegible] bearing on the cases which he [illegible] stituted against persons and [illegible]tions, which are now pending [illegible] circuit court of Jefferson co[illegible] have been set for trial December [illegible]

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The text of Justice Brewer's [illegible]ion, which was delivered in de[illegible] rehearing of the Ohio and In[illegible] press tax cases, regarding the [illegible] of corporate property of an [illegible] kind, is as follows:

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"It is a cardinal rule, which [illegible] not be forgotten, that whatever [illegible]erty is worth for the purpose of [illegible] and sale, it is also worth for p[illegible] of taxation. In the city of New [illegible] are located the headquarters of [illegible]poration whose corporate pr[illegible] confessedly [illegible] of the value of [illegible]000 a value which can be real[illegible] its stockholders at any mom[illegible] see fit. Its tangible property [illegible] business are scattered through[illegible] states, all of whose powers are [illegible] to protect its property from t[illegible] and secure it in the peaceful [illegible] Von of its widely dispersed b[illegible] Let because that tangible pro[illegible] only $4,000,000, we are told th[illegible] the limit of the taxing power of [illegible] states. In other words, it ask[illegible] states to protect property whi[illegible] is of the value of $15,000,000, [illegible] willing to pay taxes only on the [illegible] of a valuation of $4,000,000. [illegible] justice of this speaks for itself.

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BRIEFLY MENTIONED.

E. M. Ragland will begin the [illegible]ation of the Sheffield Standard [illegible] week.

The Alabama Brewing Comp[illegible] began the erection of a two-story [illegible] bottling works at Birmingham, [illegible] cost of $16,000.

Robert A. Johnston, a p[illegible] citizen of Hoke's Bluff, C[illegible] county, dropped dead from h[illegible]ure at his front gate Sunday.

The North Alabama Baptist [illegible]ters' Institute will meet at [illegible] Morgan county, Tuesday n[illegible] will continue in session thre[illegible] following Sunday. A large n[illegible] ministers and prominent ch[illegible] will attend.

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An attempt was made Satur[illegible] to assassinate Hendrix A. B[illegible] well-known merchant and p[illegible] at Polk, Dallas county. Whil[illegible]ing in his door with a lighted [illegible] his hand he was fired upon [illegible] outside with a shotgun, the sh[illegible] effect in his side, but infli[illegible] serious wounds.

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Hughes Wants to Lead Settlers [illegible] lahoma Territory.

E. L. Hughes, the boomer [illegible]ta, Kans., who is endeavoring [illegible] a party of volunteers to raid the [illegible]ita mountain country in O[illegible] Territory, states that he has [illegible]tified by the federal authorities [illegible] territory that any attempt to [illegible] lead an expedition across the [illegible] the Indian reservation will [illegible] with severely, United States [illegible] being called into service.

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Supreme Headquarters Closed [illegible] Furniture Sold.

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Both Hindoo and Mussulman women
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some ornament until her husband
dies, when she breaks them with a
rock or a stone and substitute gold or
silver ones. The sign in the north of
India that the wearer is a widow.
Hence it is that the demand for glass
bangles is never failing.

Oldest German Newspaper.

The Magdeburg Gazette, probably
the oldest newspaper in Germany, last
month celebrated its 250th anniver-
sary. It is still conducted by represen-
tatives of the Faber family, which
founded it in 1647, just at the close of
the Thirty Years' War. The present
heads of the venerable journalistic dy-
nasty are two brothers, Robert and
Alexander Faber, perpetuating a line
of whom one reigned and a half older than
the Times, and perhaps if not the oldest of
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DR. TALMAGE DISCOURSES UPON "GOD AMONG THE SHELLS."

Rev. William H. Lewis, of Bridgeport, Conn., Discourses Upon "The Gift of Religious Consciousness" — All Men Are Possessed of Spiritual Capacity.

The New York Herald has offered a prize of $1000 for the best sermon, and three subsidiary prizes aggregating $1000 additional for the three next best sermons. Ministers of all denominations have been invited to compete for these prizes, and the sermons offered in competition will appear in the Herald's Sunday edition. Rev. William H. Lewis, D. D., whose name is appended to the initiatory sermon, is rector of St. John's, the largest and most fashionable Episcopal parish in Bridgeport, Conn., and is considered one of the ablest preachers. His subject is: "The Gift of Religious Consciousness," and the sermon in full is as follows:

Text: "And another came, saying, Lord, behold, here is thy pound, which I have kept laid up in a napkin, for I feared thee, because thou art an austere man. * * * And he saith up to him, Out of thine own mouth will I judge thee, thou wicked servant."—St. Luke xix., 20-22.

The lord of the parable, about to go away into a "far country," had given to each of his servants a certain amount to make use of while he was away. For these three the amount given is specified, but to all his servants he gave something. "To each man," the parable says, "according to his several ability." Only three are specially designated, because they serve as sufficient illustrations of the highest, the medium and the lowest gift. Each receiver seems to have known that the amount handed him was not a gift outright, but a trust, and that his lord would eventually come back and make an accounting. Each, therefore, treated his trust according to the opinion he held of his lord.

The substance of the parable is evidently this: that in every man living there is implanted a certain spiritual capacity or ability; that men have this capacity in degree, so that one has clear and distinct ideas of God and his duty, another has less, and another almost none at all. But the trust of a spiritual instinct or consciousness, and of a conscience which recognizes this consciousness, belongs to all. None is so low in the scale of humanity that the thought of God does not somehow enter into his life; and whoever has this gift has also the intelligence to know that he has it, and to ask himself, at least once in his life, if only once, what he shall do with it.

With this consciousness of God and this conscience there comes a sense of responsibility; and with that there comes a certainty of judgment. We endorse the reasoning of the parable when we excuse the man of small capacity by saying that he did not know any better; of another, that he ought to have known better, and of a third, that he did know better; and the popular judgment condemns each man with a severity according to his gift of capacity, his conscience, his educated or uneducated sense of the value of the gift which determines his use of it, and the very worst sin of all in the popular judgment is to have made no use of the gift. It was the servant who knew his gift and his lord, even though he knew him wrongly, and then made no use of his gift, who excited his lord's anger.

Make much of the thought, for it has much in it. If we grant the universal consciousness of God and the universal conscience, then everyone is bound to conduct himself always under pressure of the thought that one day he will be called upon to answer to God for his use of these capacities. If a man only recognizes God by taking His name in vain, that is a recognition. And in actual fact there are many people who excuse themselves in their neglect of religion on the very grounds on which this man of the parable rested his defence, viz., harsh and distorted ideas of God and religion. They do not see that logically a man with harsh ideas of God ought to be the stricter in his life for that. If he shapes his conduct by his theory and if he expects God to judge him by his own confession, if my whole idea of religion is that it is such a straight and narrow way that I cannot walk in it without help from above, and, knowing that I must walk in it if I would be saved, I have yet never sought that help, shall I care to plead this neglect as an excuse, when I come to stand before a righteous judge? Whether the napkin in which we tie up our religious consciousness be clean and white with the starch and bluing and ironing of a self-satisfied morality or filthy with the stains of every self-indulgence will make no difference with the fact that we tied it up and buried it. When capital combines for selfish purposes we know what to say of it; when an anarchist wants a division of capital for his own benefit we can deal with him. But when a man puts his thousands in an old stocking and hides it under his chimney hearth we simply call him a miser—a miserable one. He may plead that he had no faith in banks, but we condemn him nevertheless. Again the common judgment illustrates the parable.

In some shops you may find a device to keep check upon business transactions. A little disc springs up in full sight of buyer, seller and employer, records the price and drops out of sight again. But at the close of the day, when the accounting is made, the registry is there and the balance must agree with that. A man's conscience is like this—every thought of God and duty that comes into mind is on record there—a good thought, or a mistaken thought, or a bad thought. It held up its signal for a moment in the presence of all who cared to look and made its unalterable record of what was done. When the time comes the judges—God and conscience, and even the popular judgment—will be at the count, as they now are at the transaction. He is a darkly thief who with these three looking on can try to take money out of the box and throw up a bank. Every thought of God and duty is a talent, a pound, bringing with it a demand for interest upon the original capital of God's first gift of spiritual consciousness and conscience. When the day of reckoning comes we shall be condemned by every opportunity we have had to know and do better. No belief can possibly warrant neglect. Whatever we think of God we are bound to do something.

WM. H. LEWIS, D. D.
Rector St. John's Church, Bridgeport, Conn.

THE SHELLS IN THE BIBLE.

Dr. Talmage Draws an Interesting Lesson From Them.

Dr. T. De Witt Talmage delivered in Washington a sermon on "God Every-where." The subject of the sermon was "God Among the Shells," as found in the text, Exodus xxxviii. "And the Lord said unto Moses, Take unto thee sweet spices, stacte and onycha."

You may not have noticed the shells of the sea [illegible] as the ex-[illegible] text is a shell found on the shores of the Red Sea, and Moses and his army must have crushed many of them under foot as they crossed the bisected waters, one upon the beach and onycha in the unfolded bed of the deep.

I shall speak of this shell as a beautiful and practical revelation of God, and as true as the first chapter of Genesis and the last chapter of Revelations or everything between. Not only is this shell, the onycha, found in the Red Sea, but in the waters of India. It not only delectates the eye with its convolution of beauty, white and lustrous, and scriated, but blesses the nostrils with a pungent aroma. I spoke to you last Sabbath of God in the great; now I speak of God in the small, God in the infinite, and God in the infinitesimal.

It is a secret that you may keep for me, that in all the realms of the natural world there is nothing for me so fascinating, so completely absorbing, so full of divine suggestiveness as a shell. What? More entertaining than a bird, which can sing, when a shell cannot sing? Well, there you have made a great mistake. Pick up the onycha from the banks of the Red Sea, or pick up a bivalve from the beach of the Atlantic Ocean, and listen, and you hear a whole choir of marine voices—bass, alto, soprano—in an unknown tongue, but seeming to chant, as I put them to my ear, "The sea is His and He made it."

As the shell is only the house and the wardrobe of insignificant animals of the deep, why all the wonder and beauty of construction? God's care for them is the only reason. And if God provide so munificently for them, will He not see that you have wardrobe and shelter? Wardrobe and shelter for a periwinkle; shall there not be wardrobe and shelter for a man? Would God give a coat of mail for the defense of a Nautilus and leave you no defense against the storm? Does He build a stone house for a creature that lasts a season and leave without home a soul that takes hold on centuries and aeons?

But while you get this pointed lesson of providential care from the shelled creatures of the deep notice in their construction that God helps them to help themselves. This house of stone in which they live is not dropped on them and is not built around them. The material for it exudes from their own bodies and is adorned with a colored fluid from the pores of their own neck. It is a most interesting thing to see these crustacean animals fashion their own homes out of carbonate of lime and membrane. And all of this is a mighty lesson to those who are waiting for others to build their fortunes, when they ought to go to work and, like the mollusks, build their own fortunes out of their own brain, out of their own sweat, out of their own industries. Not a mollusk on all the beaches of all the seas would have a house of shell if it had not itself built one. Do not wait for others to shelter you or prosper you. All the crustaceous creatures of the earth, from every flake of their covering and from every ridge of their tiny castles on Atlantic and Pacific and Mediterranean coasts, say: "Help yourself, while God helps you to help yourself." Have great expectations from only two persons—God and yourself. Let the onycha of my text become your preceptor.

But the more I examine the shells, the more I am impressed that God is a God of emotion. Many scoff at emotion, and seem to think that God is a God of cold geometry, and iron laws, and eternal apathy, and enthroned stoicism. No, no! The shells with overpowering emphasis deny it. While law and order reign in the universe, you have but to see the lavishness of color on the crustacea, all shades of crimson from the faintest blush to blood of battle-field, all shades of blue, all shades of green, all shades of all colors from deepest black to whitest light, just called out on the shells with more order than a mother pencilledtates or calculates how many kisses and hugs she shall give her babe waking up in the morning sunlight. Yes, my God is an emotional God. And He says: "We must have colors and let the sun paint all of them on the scroll of that shell, and we must have music, and here is a carol for the robin, and a psalm for man, and a doxology for the seraphim, and a resurrection trumpet for the archangel. Aye, He showed Himself a God of sublime emotion when He flung Himself on this world in the personality of Christ to save it, without regard to the tears it would take, or the blood it would exhaust, or the agonies it would crush out. When I see the Louvres and the Luxembourgs and the Vaticans of divine painting strewn along the eight thousand miles of coast, and I hear, in a forest, on a summer morning, musical academies and Handel societies of full orchestras, I say God is a God of emotion, and if He observes mathematics, it is mathematics set to music, and His figures are written not in white chalk on blackboards, but written by a finger of sunlight on walls of jasmine and trumpet-creeper.

In my study of the conchology of the Bible, this onycha of the text also impresses me with the fact that religion is perfume. What else could God have meant when He said to Moses: "Take unto thee sweet spices, stacte and onycha. Moses took that shell of the onycha, put it over the fire, and as it crumbled into ashes, it exhaled an odor that hung in every curtain and filled the ancient tabernacle, and its sweet smoke escaped from the sacred precincts and saturated the outside air.

Perfume! That is what religion is. But, instead of that, some make it a mal-odor. They serve God in a rough and acerb way. They box their child's ears because he does not properly keep Sunday, instead of making Sunday so attractive the child could not help but keep it. They make him learn by heart a difficult chapter in the Book of Exodus, with all the hard names because he has been naughty. How many disagreeable good people there are. No one doubts their piety, and they will reach heaven, but they will have to get fixed up before they go there, or they will make trouble by calling out to us, "Keep off that grass!" "What do you mean by plucking that flower?" "Show your tickets!" Oh, how many Christian people need to obey my text, and take into their worship and their behavior and their consolations and presbyteries and general assemblies and conferences more onycha.

But what thrills me with suggestiveness is the material out of which all pearls are made. They are fashioned from the wound of the shellfish. The exudation from that wound is fixed and hardened and enlarged into a pearl. The ruptured vessels of the water animal fashioned the gem that now adorns finger or earring, or sword hilt or king's crown. So, out of the wounds of earth will come the pearls of heaven. Out of the wound of conviction the pearl of pardon. Out of the wound of bereavement the pearl of solace. Out of the wound of loss the pearl of gain. Out of the deep wound of the grave pearl of resurrection joy. Out of the wounds of a Saviour's death, the rich, the radiant, the everlasting pearl of heavenly gladness. "And the twelve gates were twelve pearls." Take the consolation all ye who have been hurt—whether hurt in body or hurt in mind or hurt in soul. Get your troubles sanctified. If you suffer with Christ on earth you will reign with Him in glory. The tears of earth are the crystals of heaven. "Every several gate was one pearl."

OMNIBUS AS POSTOFFICE.

Kept in the Middle of the Road It Leads to Litigation.

A novel question regarding a postoffice in the middle of the road came up before Judge Paul in the United States Court at Abingdon, Va. Thomas Payne, Postmaster at Pilot, Montgomery County, complained that the owners of all the lands within a radius of one mile of his office had refused to rent or sell a site on which he might open his office. He procured an omnibus which he placed in the road and used as an office. B. M. Garrett sued out in the Circuit Court, a writ of malevolent nature, before Judge Paul on the petition of Postmaster Payne, issued a temporary injunction restraining Garrett and the deputy sheriff from interfering with the Postmaster and his omnibus postoffice of the United States. A rule has been issued against the same Postmaster's opponents, requiring them to appear before the court and show cause why the temporary injunction should not be perpetuated.

No More Football at Girard.

President Fetterolf, of Girard College, Philadelphia, has issued an order against football. The order was the result of a boy having his leg broken in a practice game.

English Weather Observers.

Distributed all over Great Britain are about 3000 observers, who send up to London periodical reports of the local weather

GOD'S MESSAGE TO MAN.

PREGNANT THOUGHTS FROM THE WORLD'S GREATEST PROPHETS.

I Am Thine—The Ambulance Corps—Self Forgotten in Common Grief—A Sunday Prayer—How Happiness Comes—Blessed to Be a Child Again.

I am Thine own, O Christ;
Henceforth entirely Thine;
And life from this glad hour,
New life is mine.

No earthly joy can lure
My quiet soul from Thee;
This deep delight so pure
Is heaven to me.

I cannot tell the art
By which this bliss is given,
I know thou hast my heart,
And I—have heaven.

The Ambulance Corps.

"These are they which follow the Lamb whithersoever He goeth."—Rev. 14:4. There are three classes in the Christian life—the men of the wing, the men of the couch, and the men of the road. The first are those who fly before; they are the pioneers of progress; they are in advance of their follows. The second are those who stand still, or rather lie still; they are the invalids of the human race; they come not to minister, but to be ministered unto. The third are those who follow; they are the ambulance corps of humanity; they are the sacrificial souls that come up behind. I think with St. John that they are the most beautiful souls of all. They are lovely in their unobtrusiveness. They do not wish to lead, they would rather be in the rear; they only come forward when others are driven backward. They want no glory from the battle, no wreath for the victory, no honorable mention amid the heroes. They seek the wounded, the dying, the dead. They anoint for life's burial, they bring spices for the crucified, they give the cup of cold water, they wash the soiled feet. They break the fall of Adam; they break the fall of Magdalene. They take in Saul of Tarsus after he becomes blind. They are attracted by defects, they are lured by form of helplessness. They come out to meet the shadows; they go in the track, not of the lark, but of the nightingale; they follow the Lamb. Captain of salvation, put me in the rear of Thine army—with the ambulance corps. It is not for the sake of safety that I ask it; it is not to be relieved from the burden and the heat of the day that I wish to be in the rear. It is because I think the trouble is greater there; it is because I see more room for sacrifice, more chance of doing good. There are some whom Thou sendest before Thee—angels of the everlasting gospel who fly in advance over the face of heaven, speed them, bless them. But I am not fitted to be one of these; I am not swift enough, am not brilliant enough. Put me in a sphere where swiftness is not wanted, where brilliancy is not required. Give me the trouble without the glitter, O Lord. Let others lead, I am content to follow. Be Thou my reward. Help me to serve Thee in the background. Is it not written, "They that tarry at home divide the spoil?" I cannot fight Thy battles, but I can nurse Thy wounded. I cannot repel Thy foes, but I can repair Thy fortresses. I cannot conduct Thy marches, but I can succor them who have fainted by the way. Write my name amongst those who follow Thee.—Geo. Mathewson, D. D.

Self Forgotten in Common Grief.

A Hindoo woman, the beautiful Eastern legend tells us, lost her only child. Wild with grief she implored a prophet to give back her little one to her love. He looked at her for a long while tenderly, and said, "Go, my daughter, bring me a handful of rice from a house into which death has never entered, and I will do as thou desirest." The woman at once began her search. She went from dwelling to dwelling, and had no difficulty in obtaining what the prophet specified; but when they had granted it, she inquired, "Are you all here around the hearth—father, mother, children—none missing?" But the people invariably shook their heads with sighs and looks of sadness, for far and wide as she wandered, there was always some vacant seat by the hearth. And gradually, as she passed on, the narrator says, the waves of her grief subsided before the spectacle of sorrow everywhere, and her heart, ceasing to be occupied with its own selfish pang, flowing out in strong yearnings of sympathy with the universal suffering, tears of anguish softened into tears of pity, passion melted away in compassion, she forgot herself in the general interest, and found redemption in redeeming.—Rev. F. B. Meyer, in "How to Be Sorrow."

A Sunday Prayer

Almighty God, who has graciously opened for us a way into the holiest, may we on this Sunday have such a revealing of Thy love as shall flood our being. Unveil the cross to us and may we see there the heart of God. Bless us by showing us our faults, our secret sins. Search us, O God, and know our thoughts, and see if there be any wicked way in us, and then lead us in the way everlasting. May we be truly in the Spirit on this Lord's day. Set a watch before the doors of our lips that we may speak only such words as shall honor thee. May we think only reverent, pure and worthy thoughts. Prepare us for thy worship in our home and in thy sanctuary. May thy Word have new meaning for us today as we read it or listen to it. We ask that our minds may be opened to understand it and that thy spirit may guide us into the truth. May there be much power in the preaching of the gospel. Let a blessing be upon thy whole church, and may thy cause receive an impulse from on high which shall be felt over all the world. Amen.

How Happiness Comes.

Our happiest moments do not come because we plan them, they just happen. The more elaborate your preparations for having a good time, the more likelihood that you will be disappointed. Happiness comes unexpectedly. It comes when you are working for it, it is the gift of God. It comes in the course of the day's work, or in the evening when you are tired and want to rest. It comes out of the blue when you are in the depths of despair. It does not come by your command. You cannot open a book and find it there. You cannot open your door and find it there. You may be wandering in old forests, and the half-forgotten way you spend with him is red-letered in your calendar. You chance upon a book that opens to you a realm at which before you had knocked in vain. You look up and there is an unsuspected glory in the sky, or light in the eyes of one you love that transfigures your face. Happiness does not come by seeking for it, it is the gift of God.

Blessed to Be a Child Again.

I know not whether we are wearied enough in early manhood to realize our childhood and His Fatherhood; but when some years have passed and brought with them the daily burden of life it is a wonderful comfort to have a second self which is a child, and when the work of the day is passed to lay our folded hands upon the knees of God, as once we did upon our mother's knee, and, looking up, to say, "Our Father which art in heaven."—Stopford A. Brooke.

As for our opportunities, we can make a heroic life out of whatever is set before us to work with or upon.—Anna Robertson Brown.

A New "Ad" Scheme.

Advertising threatens to break out in a new place. Many barber shops in this city have recently received from a corporation, officered with men of distinguished surnames, a circular proposing an ingenious enterprise. The company wishes to obtain the privilege of posting advertisements on the walls and ceilings of barber shops at such points as shall come within the range of vision of persons that submit themselves to the hands of the barber and his assistants. It is the hope of the company that the barbers will yield up their wall space in return for so many shares of stock per chair in the company, and the glittering hope is held out that when the business is once well established the stock at a par value of $10 will pay dividends of 50 per cent. annually. It is announced that the business is already established in 3,000 barber shops in Philadelphia.—New York Sun.

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REPORT OF THE GRAND JURY.

To the Hon. N. D. Denson,

Judge of 5th Judicial Circuit.

We the Grand Jury empaneled at the Fall Term 1897, of the Circuit Court ofChilton county, beg leaf to submit this as our final report:

We are pleased to report we find no very serious violations of the law have occured recently in our county.

We have investigated forty cases and found fourteen true bills.

We find the bonds of our county officers good and sufficient with the exception of the Treasurer's bond which we recommend to be strenghened to the amount of five thousand dollars. We are informed that the Treasurer has a new bond from an approved guarantee company which bond will be substituted for his present bond. We consider this kind of bond better protection to the county than a bond with personal sureties and would recommend that all large bonds of our officers be made in this way.

We have examined the public buildings and find the court house needs some shelving in the vault used by the Register in Chancery and Circuit Clerk. Some of the records are thrown about of the floor and are being injured by dampness and mildew. Otherwise the court house is complete and quite a credit to the county.

We are sorry to report that the jail is poorly kept and in a very unsanitary condition.

The public closets near the jail are in bad condition and do not seem to have ever received any attention as to being cleaned and disinfected.

We are of the opinion that the jail should be built one story higher and fitted with better sewerage as soon as the financial condition of the county will justify the expenditure. However, regular cleaning up and liberal use of lime would do a grest deal to abate these nuisances.

We have sent a committee to the poor house, which is very inconveniently located, being about thirteen miles from the court house. They report only four inmates of the poor house.

From what we can learn the poor farm seem to be a failure, as by far the greater number of the poor are helped by direct appropiations of money. Some complaint has been made as to the scanty help that was allowed the poor by the County Commissioners, but we find they have expended about one-fifth of the entire revenue of the county for this purpose, which is certainly enough to cause any prudend board to be slow to increase their appropriations.

We have examined the books of the various officers and find everything correct so far as we have been able to learn in the limited time we have had for this purpose. We find the County Treasurer has $1475.27 cash on hand and that there are outstanding registered claims agains the county to the amount of $2506.34.

The public roads have been reported to us as being in passable condition and that some of the overseers are having the roads ditched at the sides and elevated in the center. We consider this move in the right direction and if some means could be devised by which all the roads could be systematically worked in this manner we think in a few years there would be no more complaint of bad roods in this county.

Thanking your Honor, our able Solicitor, and the other officers for favors and courtesies shown, we now beg to be finally discharged.

Respectfully submitted,

W. L. SAMPEY, Foreman.

Mr. W. H. Conway made a most efficient bailiff.

CIRCUIT COURT.

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W F Culp vs P M McKee, verdict for defendant.

C J Stewart vs L & N R R Co, settled by parties.

T J Arnold vs L & N R R, verdict for defendant.

Ala Min Land Co vs J S Johnson jr, continued.

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C W Plant vs N L Broadhead, continued.

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V B Atkins and Co vs D C Savage, continued.

Court adjourned this (Thursday) afternoon.

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A hunting party composed of G. W. Parrish, W. H. Parrish, T. P. Parrish, M. D. Wyatt, T. S. Wyatt, Willie Wyatt and Monroe Wyatt, went over to Coosa last week and had a fine time. They killed 50 squirrels, 5 ducks and 5 rabbits.

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Political Pointers.

People's Press Bureau, St. Louis, Mo., Nov. 24, 1897.

Although the campaign is over W. J. Bryan does not give up active work as speaker and lecturer. He addressed a large audience at the Exposition Hall in St. Louis November 19. No admission fee was charged. A reception not open to the public followed the lecture.

The friends of James Sovereign will not regret his retirement from the office of Grand Master Workman of the K. of L. as it will give him greater leisure and freedom for campaign and lecture work, for which he is so perfectly fitted.

We take pleasure in announcing to the public that the sugar trust seems to be losing its grip on the throat of the market. The death of Havemeyer, the originator of this great octopus, and the extensive cultivation of sugar beets throughout the middle west are the causes given for sugar trust stock being plentiful on the market.

Roger Q. Mills, wants the people of Texas to choose their next United States senator at the primaries.

Secretary of Agriculture Wilson is sending out poppy seeds with the hope, he says, that the United States will within a few years produce rather than import the $400,000 worth of opium consumed. A questionable industry to receive governmental encouragement.

The latest Hanna rumor is that as the prospects of the big boss being elected to the senate become more dim he has been assured of a place in the cabinet. If necessary Senator John Sherman will resign his cabinet position in Hanna's favor and return to Ohio and seek election to the senate.

Senator Harris' hold up at the anticipated sale of the Kansas Pacific at a loss of seven million dollars makes good reading and must be a source of genuine pleasure to the men whos votes put the Kansas senator where he has done such good work. Attorney General McKenna squirmed under Harris' fire of questions and it was clearly shown that the road had never paid a dividend of less than 4 per cent; the government will be forced to either make a good sale or take control of the road.

The $40,000,000 gass plant of the city of Philadelphia has been disposed of by the mayor and a majority of the city council when preparations were being made to have a referendum vote as to its improvement and management. Other sales of the people's rights will doubtless follow. The fear of municipal ownership, which will in time lead up to government ownership is a regular bagaboo to the plutes and makes them resort to almost any subterfuge to put off the day of equal rights for all and special privileges to none.

William C. Whitney, the millionaire Secretary of the Navy during Grover Cleveland's first term, who cast his fortunes with the gold or National Democrats last year, makes a plea for harmony and predicts a change in the next National platform, that will enable such bolters as he to return to the democratic party.

The official returns from the Ohio election give General Coxey 6,254 votes, a less number than was poled by the prohibition candidate and less than one-tenth the number cast for him in 1895. This result is the difference between Populism and "middle-of-the-roadism." In his exit from the People's party, Coxey failed to take the party with him. This should be a lesson to other bolters.

The Free Employment Department recently established at St. Louis by the State Bureau fo Labor secured employment for nearly 30 per cent of applicants during the first month in operation; surpassing the record of all other Free Employment Agencies in the United States.

It is gived out that twenty republican members of the legislature in Ohio will oppose Hanna's return to the United States Senate and that the democratic members of that body will unite with these republicans to elect Governor Bushnell.

Senator Elkins of West Verginia, has volunteered to inform the president that Congress is not going to take kindly to Secretary Gage's currency plans. The outlook for an early settlement of the currency problem is not very favorable.

It has been determined to appeal to the public at large for subscriptions to a memoral for Henry George on the broad grounds of respect for the memory of a man who devoted himself unselfishly to the public and entirely irrespective as to the differenc of opinions as to his economic or political views in the hope that the various projects which have sprung up in different parts of the country having this purpose in view can be brought into harmony.

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Summary of the Epidemic.

According to the last weekly report issued by the surgeon-general of the Marine Hospital Service, gives the returns up to the 19th inst., there had then appeared during the yellow fever epidemic in the South a total of 4,298 cases, of which 446 have proved fatal. Of the total number of crses, 1,847 were reported from Louisiana 1,625 from Mississippi; 740 from Alabama; 62 from Tennessee; 16 from Texas; 4 from Illinois; 3 from Georgia, and one each from Florida and Kentucky.

All but ten of the cases reported from Louisiana are credited to New Orleans. Among the cities Biloxi and Edwards Miss., come next, the former with 584 and the latter with 483. Scranton, Miss., furnished 360 cases Mobile, 355. In Tennessee the fever was confined to Memphis. Ocean Spings, Miss., where the epidemic originated, furnished 23 cases and 6 deaths. The cases in Illinois, Kentucy and Georgia were confined to refugees. A computation shows that about 10½ per cent of the cases proved fatal. In Mississippi the death rate was less than 6 per cent of the total number. At New Orleans 14 1-3 of the patients died, and at Mobile less than 13 per cent.

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Miss Mary Duke left last Saturday to visit relatives at Deatsville.

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Mrs. May, who has been on a visit to Mrs. Hester, received a telegram from Montgomery Sunday conveying the sad news of the death of her brother of yellow fever.

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Mrs. G. Higgins left yesterday evening for a visit friends and relatives at Deatsville.

Mr. F. J. Davis went to Montgomery last Monday.

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Dr. J. A. Massey is doing a rushing business at th Davis house, and will remain until next Wednesday. Don't miss this opportunity of consulting him.

Prof. R. E. R. Hicks is among friends in Clanton this week.

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The Junior Leaguers are happy over their successful celebration of Mr. Dennis' birthday on Monday evening, Nov. 22, 1897. We are also learning that true happiness consists in making others happy.

Dr. G. W. Shackelford has had an extensive practice this week but his engagements compel him to be here Saturday. He will be here also at next court.

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Marriage licenses have been issued this week by the Probate Judge to the following persons.

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PETIT JURY—Second Week.

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Mortgage Sale.

Under and by virtue of the power contained in a certain mortgage given by W. L. Parnell and E. J Parnell on the 3rd of August, 1895, to the undersigned The Clifton Iron Co., which mortgage is recorded in the Mortgage Record 36 pages 145, 6, 7, and 8 the undersigned will proceed to sell at the Town of Stanton, Alabama, at public outcry for cash on

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 15, 1897,

the following described real estate and the timber rights thereon, to-wit.:

The north ½ of the se qr. the sw qr of the se qr, the whole of the sw qr, the w½ of the nw qr, all lying and being in section thirty-six (36), township twenty-one (21), range eleven (11); also the n½ of the nw qr section one (1), township twenty (20), range eleven (11); also n½ of the ne qr, the sw qr of the ne qr, the e½ of e½ of the sw qr, the sw qr of se qr of the sw qr, the se qr of the sw qr of the sw qr, and in section two (2), township twenty (20), range eleven (11); and the timber only on the following described lands: the w1-2 of the ne qr of the sw qr section two (2), township twenty (20) range eleven (11); also the timber on that portion of the s1-2 of the ne qr, and n1-2 of se qr, and the n1-2 of the sw qr section sixteen (16), township twenty (20), range twelve (12) which lies north of Keener Mill Creek being 80 acres more or less, all of the above described land lying in Chilton County, State of Alabama.

Said sale to be made for the purpose of satisfying the amount due on said mortgage as well as the cost, attorney's fee, and expense incurred on account of foreclosure of this mortgage.

This 19th day of November, 1897.
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Their Attorneys.

Final Proof Notice.

Notice No. 19264.

Land Office at Montgomery, Ala., Nov. 1, 1897.

Notice is hereby given that the following-named settler has filed notice of his intention to make final proof in support of his claim, and that said proof will be made before the Clerk of the Circuit Court, at Clanton, Ala. on December 18, 1897, viz.: Evan B. Callaway, Homestead entry, No. 26,931, for the s½ of se¼, s½ of sw¼, section 32, tp 22 n r 16 e.

He names the following witnesses to prove his continuous residence upon and cultivation of said land, viz.: J. M. McKee, of Coopers, Ala., D. S. Robinson of Coopers, Ala., W. N. Jones, of Verbena, Ala., J. K. Driver, of Verbena, Ala.
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		1897
Kincheon	November	8
Pletcher's Mill 8 to 11 am	"	9
Clanton Ford 12 to 4 p m	"	9
Stanton	"	10
Dixie	"	11
Shoults	"	12
Maplesville	"	13
Benson	"	15
Macedonia	"	16
Providence (Beat 2)	"	17
Smith's School House	"	18
Mineral Springs	"	19
Strasburg	"	20
James Maddox's Mill	"	22
Providence (Beat 5)	"	23
Coopers	"	24
Verbena		25 & 26
Davis & Rollins' Gin	"	27
Jemison	Dec'r	1 & 2
Clanton	"	3 & 4

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T. J. HUBBARD, Tax Collector.

I will also attend at Clanton from January 1 to January 31, 1898.
A. C. MIMS, Tax Assessor.

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IT was growing dark when Miss Martie, with her basket on her arm, came into the corner market to buy her Thanksgiving dinner. The basket was absurdly small, but Miss Mattie was little herself, and when she set it on the high counter and stood blinking in the bright light, the calf's head at her elbow seemed to be grinning at them both.

"Well, Miss Mattie," called out the market man, in his hearty fashion, "I see your mind is not set on a turkey this time, but just wait till I start this basket off for Cap'n Lawson's and I'll show you the right thing—a plump little duck I clapped into the safe this morning, thinking to myself that's the very moral of a treat for Miss Mattie."

Miss Mattie looked embarrassed and rubbed her forefinger uneasily over a small coin that lay in the palm of her hand under her glove. It was a silver five-cent piece, and she had taken it with much hesitation from a little store of pieces, most of them given her when she was a child. For herself she could have got along very well with bread and tea, but somehow it seemed a dishonor to all her happy past not to have something special on Thanksgiving; and so she had a feeling of real pity for it, lying there warm and snug in her palm, and so soon to go tumbling into the heap of clashing, jingling coins tossed about by the butcher's greasy fingers, or perhaps into the pocket of that horrible apron with blood-stains on it. Miss Mattie shuddered, but quickly recovered herself to say, cheerfully:

"Oh, thank you, Mr. Simmons; but don't you think ducks are a sight of trouble, what with the stuffing and the roasting and 'needing to be looked after and basted regular? I made up my mind to something simple, and I don't know anything that's easier got or more relishing than lamb chops. Two lamb chops is about what I thought of, Mr. Simmons. You know there's only me."

Mr. Simmons had not seen the five-cent piece, but he understood just as well as if he had, and he began to cut the chops at once, talking all the time to relieve his own embarrassment and assuring Miss Mattie that "if folks only knew it, there was nothing like lamb chops to encourage your appetite and strengthen you up all over."

"But you'll have to take three chops," looking curiously at the money Miss Mattie laid in his big hand, "or I'll have to make change, and change is scarcer than hen's teeth to-night. You might have company unexpected, you know, and an extry chop would come in handy."

Miss Mattie laughed so genially that the market man ventured to slip a sweetbread and a bunch of yellow celery into the basket on the sly. He would have loved to put in the duck, too, but he knew she would have looked as if he suspected her reason for not buying it, and, bless you, he knew better than that. Some people have feelings though their faces are red and their hands coarse and greasy.

Miss Mattie went very happily down the street. She had lighted her lamp before she went out, and a cheerful ray smiled encouragingly at her through the crack to the gate. All the other windows in the weather-beaten old house were black and empty and looked to the lonesome little woman as if all sorts of hobgoblins might be peeping out at her from the gloom behind them, for Miss Mattie's neighbors had gone away on a Thanksgiving visit and taken the whole family. At least they said "the whole family," but at the very moment Miss Mattie came to the gate a member of the family was huddled up in a corner of the doorway, cold, hungry and much perplexed to understand what had become of all his friends and why, in spite of his pitiful plea, no one came to open the door for him. He heard Miss Mattie and ran hopefully to meet her, limping as he came, for he had a stiff leg.

"Why, Tommy Barnes," said Miss Mattie, stooping to pat his rough yellow head, "you don't mean to say your folks have gone off to Thanksgiving and left you beeind. Well, if I ever! How dreadful—thoughtless—and you a cripple besides!"

Tommy kept on crying, but he had his eye on the door while Miss Mattie was fitting her key, and the minute it opened he darted in.

"That's right, Tommy," said Miss Mattie; "just make yourself at home. You and I'll have our Thanksgiving together. That extra chop will be wanted after all, and I'm going to make riz biscuits."

She put away her bonnet and shawl and hung the basket on a nail in the back-room without even looking at the contents, though Tommy Barnes watched her keenly with a shrewd suspicion of something good, and a faint hope which nothing in his past experience justified that he might come in for a share of it. Miss Mattie was accustomed to being alone, and she scarcely thought of Tommy, as she trotted about, setting the sponge for her biscuits in a pint bowl, putting a little cup of broth on the stove to warm for her supper, making her tea, toasting her bread, and at last sitting down by the table in the little green chair with a patchwork cushion. Up to this point Tommy had sat quietly by the fire, having learned by many severe lessons that little folks should be seen and not heard, but when Miss Mattie poured out the savory broth the delicious odor was too much for his fortitude, and with one bound he sprung into her lap.

"Bless me," said Miss Mattie, "if I hadn't clean forgot you, and you half-starved, I dare say. There, get down. I never could abide cats around my victuals."

She put Tommy gently on the floor, crumbled some bread into the bowl of broth, cooled it carefully and set it down for him to eat.

"It's pretty rich for me anyway," she said, as she made out her supper with toast and tea.

It was perhaps well for Tommy that he took an early promenade next morning around the back yards of the neighborhood, and secured several valuable tid-bits, for Miss Mattie had very little to offer him. She baked her delightful little puffs of biscuits, and enjoyed them immensely, finding them lighter and more digestible without butter. She read a Thanksgiving psalm and went about trying to sing in a little chirrupy voice like a brown sparrow. She brought in the small basket and flushed over the unexpected treasure-trove, but took it kindly as a bit of neighborly goodwill. The sweetbread, white and plump and all ready for cooking, reminded her of old Mrs. Morrison, just beginning to sit up and watch the people go by the window. What a toothsome dainty this would be for her, and what a delight that she should be able to take it to her as she went to church, yes, and some of the celery, too, for a relish. The chops were transferred to a plate on the shelf, the sweetbread wrapped in a fine old napkin and laid back in the basket with the best half of the celery, and the biscuits Miss Mattie had saved for dinner.

"The cold bread will go just as well with chops," she reflected, and prepared for church with a glow of happiness such as she had not known in a long time.

It helped to a real feeling of thankfulness, especially when she thought of old Mrs. Morrison, and how pleased she had been with the unexpected gift. She laughed a little to herself as she returned to her own door after service, remembering how when Sally Morrison had commiserated her on being alone Thanksgiving Day, she had assured her she had company invited—Tommy Barnes, from the next door, who was spending a couple of days with her, the rest of the family being away.

"I hope 't wa'n't a sinful untruth," she said, smiling at Tommy, who lay peacefully sleeping on the braided rug, "but if old Miss Morrison had set in to have me stay to dinner, I shouldn't a' known how to get away, and she is such a talker."

With a long, clean apron over her best frock, Miss Mattie began cheerfully to make her small preparations for the Thanksgiving feast. She had meditated leaving one chop for breakfast, but her walk and happiness had made her hungry and she decided to cook them all.

But where did she put these chops—she was getting so forgetful—she could have sworn she put them on the shelf—could she have left them in the basket after all? Her perplexed eyes fell from the shelf to the floor, and there, just peeping from the wood-box was the plate, and two small, very small, bits of bone, gnawed quite clean and white.

Ungrateful Tommy Barnes, lying there in peaceful slumber, with those precious chops rounding out your yellow sides, if justice had befallen you then and there you might not have lived to steal again. But into the midst of Miss Mattie righteous wrath came the reflection that Tommy must have been hungry, and the fault after all was partly her own for putting temptation in his way, "though how anything could have been further out of his way than that shelf, I don't really see," she added, dolefully.

At that minute Tommy Barnes waked from his nap, transformed himself into a camel, yawned in a frightfully tigerish fashion, and proceeded to sharpen his claws on the rug, the sacred rug into which had been braided some precious old garments dear to Miss Mattie's heart. It was a straw too much to have insult added to injury, and springing from her chair, she cuffed Tommy in such vigorous fashion that three or four hearty blows found their mark before the astonished sinner could withdraw his claws and bound out at the back door, left ajar in the search for the chops. At that instant a resounding knock on the front door sent Miss Mattie's heart to her throat with a sudden leap, as if justice were already coming to take her in hand for unreasonable cruelty.

When Miss Mattie was peacefully pattering about, unconscious of the cruel trick fate and Tommy Barnes had played her, Mrs. Deacon Giles was surveying her husband with a disturbed and tearful face.

"You don't mean to tell me," she repeated, "that the minister's folks ain't comin' at all, and you and me has got to eat this big dinner alone? Here, I stayed home from church to tend to it. Oh, you needn't to look as if you thought it wasn't a judgment. Josiah I wouldn't be such a hipper-crit as to pretend to be thinkin' of spiritooal things when I was wondering if Sarah Ellen would remember to baste the turkey. Seems to me they might let us know sooner."

"But I told ye, mother, it was a telegram come just before church. You can't regerlate telegrams like the weekly newspaper, or stop folks from dyin' unexpicted."

"Then, why didn't you rush round and get somebody else? Mercy sakes! 'Twon't seem like Thanksgiving at all——"

"Didn't seem to be anybody to ask but old Mis' Morrison and Marthy Ellison. I drove round by the Morrisons, but the old lady was just having

"SHE WAS TUCKED IN THE YELLOW SLEIGH."

something relishing Miss Mattie had fetched in. They said they invited her to dinner, but she had comp'ny, one of them Barneses next door."

"Fiddlesticks!" said the deacon's wife, in a very disrespectful tone, "You just drive straight back and bring Marthy Ellison up here to dinner. Tell her I don't take any excuse, and, if she can't come otherways, she can bring her comp'ny along, though the way them shiftless Barnesses impose on her is a mortal shame."

Good Deacon Giles had learned docility in many years of experience, and the double knock at Miss Mattie's door followed as quickly as could be reasonably expected. Miss Mattie attempted neither excuse nor hesitation, but accepted her good providence with radiant delight.

"Mother said to fetch your comp'ny along," said the deacon, glancing doubtfully about the small room. "We heard you had one of the Barneses. I kinder hope 'tain't the cross-eyed one that stole my pears."

"Oh," said Miss Mattie, laughing into the little mirror, as she tied her bonnet, "he's had his dinner and he's gone out."

She didn't say that he had eaten hers also, but at Mrs. Giles's hospitable table, under the genial influence of generous fare and pleasant old-time reminiscences, she told the story of Tommy Barnes and the lamb chops in a way that made the deacon lose his breath with laughter. And when she was tucked into the yellow sleigh for the ride home, Mrs. Giles stopped at the door to say:

"I put some bits of bones and things in a basket under the seat for Tommy. Takes a sight of stuff to reely fill up a cat fur 'nough to give his moral principles a fair showin'."

Tommy was on the step waiting to welcome Miss Mattie, which shows his forgiving disposition, and, though he got as much as was good for him out of the basket under the seat, Miss Mattie very wisely concluded that the mince pie, roast chicken and cranberry sauce could hardly have been meant for his delight, so she locked them in the cupboard, saying decidedly:

"This time, Tommy Barnes, I'll give your moral principles a fair showing." EMILY HUNTINGTON MILLER.

THE JOYS OF THANKSGIVING.

O HEART, GIVE THANKS.

O heart, give thanks for strength, to-day,
To walk, to run, to work, to play!
For feasts of eye; melodious sound;
Thy pulses' easy, rhythmic bound;
Ten servants that thy will obey;

A mind clear as the sun's own ray;
A life which has not passed its May;
That all thy being thus is crowned,
O heart, give thanks!

Feet helpless lie that once were gay;
Eyes know but night's eternal sway;
Souls dwell in silence, dread, profound;
Minds live with clouds encircling round;
In face of these, thy blessings weigh!
O heart, give thanks! —Emma C. Dowd.

On Desert Air.

Winthrop—"If Freddie is going to spend Thanksgiving with his grandmother, perhaps you'd better buy him that tin horn."

Mrs. Winthrop—"I spoke to him about it, my dear, but he said it would do no good to him, as grandmother is deaf."

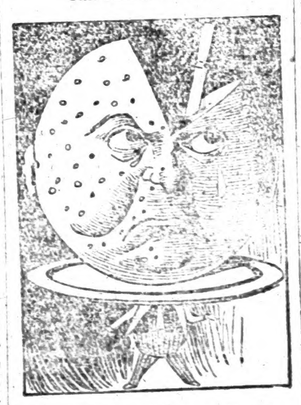
The Kid's Harvest.

Now he is as pleased as pleased can be,
And has no cause to sigh.
With all his heart he says: "To me
Thanksgiving time is pie."

The Turkey on the Wall.

THE opening of the chestnut burs,
The leaves, yellow and sere,
Told beyond a peradventure
That Thanksgiving Day was near.
But, to my childish fancy,
The surest sign of all,
Of the nearness of Thanksgiving,
Was the turkey on the wall.
It plainly told the story
That we had not long to wait,
For the path from wall to table
Was very short and straight.
It hung all plump and golden
In the pantry near the door
For a day or two before the feast,
And then was seen no more.

This Face all So Glum.



Cut it and sance it and give us all some,
From lean skinny Joe to Tom Fat;
For 'tis Thanksgiving Day and this face all so glum,
Was never cut out for one hat.
—Thomas Sherwood.

HARD FOR FAMILIES.

NO OPPORTUNITIES FOR THE YOUNG FOLKS.

Why Is It Getting Harder and Harder for a Young Couple With Nothing But Brains and Energy to Make Their Way in Life?

We appeal to every family in which there are sons and daughters to inquire the reason why there are not as good opportunities for the young people to marry and live in comfortable homes as there were when the old people were young, says the Silver Knight Watchman. There must be some reason for this. Is it because the young people have become worthless, or is it because times are harder than they used to be? If the former, the race is degenerating, which would be, indeed, deplorable; if the latter, we must inquire what has made times hard, and what is the remedy? If times are really hard, and there is no remedy, and they must continue to grow harder and harder, the dark ages are again approaching. If there be a remedy by which the prosperous times of other days can be restored, is it not the first duty of every good man and woman to study the cause of hard times and help to apply the remedy? If every one would make it his special business to inquire what is the difficulty in his own case, and find out what is lacking to give him command of the necessaries and comforts of life, the work would be begun. If it should turn out that nearly everybody should come to the same conclusion there would be a general understanding as to what is the matter.

Suppose they should come to the conclusion that they found it difficult to obtain profitable employment and to save enough money to provide a good living and make headway in the world. It would show that money is scarce and hard to obtain. If they ascertained that they could not get as much money for their labor and services as they formerly did, it would prove that there are too many laborers and too much property, or not enough money. If the former, the remedy would be a severe one. It would be necessary to reduce the number of laborers and diminish production. Such an operation would be like cutting off a boy's legs when they became too long for his pantaloons, instead of lengthening the garment.

On the other hand, if there is not money enough, what is the remedy for that? It is with the people or with their government? The government of every independent nation has the sovereign power to create money. All governments are so jealous of that power that if private individuals attempt to interfere with it by creating money, the government holds them guilty of crime, and on conviction, sends them to the penitentiary. The government makes laws for the collection of debts, and also makes laws declaring in what money debts shall be paid. We are therefore compelled, when there is not money enough to look to the government, and the government alone, for relief. Some people contend that the government has no right or power to make or create money except out of the commodity gold. The gold of the world is held by the governments and banks of Europe and New York, and they say we must look to Europe for relief, and that if Europe will not let our government have gold with which to make money the government is not to blame, because it cannot make money out of anything else. If that be so, and if the goldites are right, there is no remedy, and ruin is inevitable.

But is it true? Is gold the only money which the government has power to create and furnish the people? If that be so, when did it become true that the sovereign power of the government to create money by law was confined to the commodity gold? It was decided by all the judges of England three hundred years ago, in the reign of Queen Elizabeth, that whatever the royal prerogative declared to be money was real money, and would perform all the functions of money, no matter upon what material the sovereign stamp of the government was placed, signifying the sovereign will that it should be money. That decision has never been overruled set aside or modified in the slightest degree, and is to this day the law of England.

The supreme court of the United States, in the legal tender cases, followed that leading case in England, which is known as the "mixed money case," and decided that the government of the United States can issue full legal tender money, printed on paper, without either gold or silver. The constitution expressly authorizes congress to coin silver into money, as well as gold, and this was done until 1873, when the bill, demonetizing silver, was smuggled through congress. Is it possible that the act of congress which demonetized silver has deprived the government of its constitutional power, and relieved it of its constitutional duty to coin silver as well as gold and furnish more money to the people than can be furnished by gold alone? As absurd as such a suggestion is, it is the foundation of all the arguments of the goldites in Europe and America.

Six and a half millions of the people of the United States declared in the last election that it was the duty of the government to coin silver as well as gold, and give relief from the present scarcity of money to the full extent which the unlimited coinage of both metals can furnish. But we are told and deny that the government has confined to metals, or to paper or to any other commodity, for material with which to stamp or print money. This is not a civilized government in existence which has not, at some time, stamped or printed on paper the money which made it full legal tender money. This proposition was declared to be true in the mixed money case three hundred years ago, and it was also declared to be true by our own Supreme Court in the legal tender cases. In view of these facts, those who contend that the commodity gold alone can be used for money, and that the people must have no money if the combination which has cornered that commodity will not let the government have it, are wrong. The whole trouble is the failure of the government to perform its duty.

We ask what is the reason why the government has failed to perform its duty and furnish an adequate supply of money? The reason is that the combination of men who have cornered the gold in the world have control of the government of the United States, and it is for their interests to confine the money of the world to the commodity which they own or control. Why do the people elect Presidents who belong to the gold combination? We answer because money is all-powerful to elect. Besides, money can hire men to write, speak and circulate its influence, and can hire men who will stamp or print money when the people demand it. Besides, when the people are not able to get enough of the money they have to pay their taxes they borrow or induce others to make money for them on interest, and thus far succeeded in postponing the required day of settlement and in making it possible to continue the gold trust.

What, then, is the remedy? The answer there is but one remedy, and that is the ballot. If the people would take the matter into their own hands and see to it that their votes were counted, they could elect a President who does not belong to the gold combination, and who would not sell out to that combination. Relief can come in no other way. If the people will do this, times must grow harder, until barbarism takes the place of the civilization of the nineteenth century.

CURRENT NOTES.

Hoke Smith has been elected president of the Atlanta school board. It is not an exalted office, but it is the only office any ex-member of Cleveland's cabinet has succeeded in securing, and Hoke's resignation from the cabinet is probably what has moved him to this extent.

The Omaha Bee says: "New York banks are complaining of too much gold and too little currency and at the same time joining in the chorus for the retirement of the greenbacks. When the retirement of the greenbacks has been made, the keystone of Republican partyism, the Omaha Bee will talk in a very different style. The Bee has advocated, at some time, every popular side of every issue, but has never failed to obey the party lash when the test came.

The Chicago Inter Ocean a thickly-settled shows the real character of the present wave of prosperity: "At present every city is full of unemployed men, only too glad to work on the street cars, at the same, or less wages. There are too many men out of work for reasonable expectation of the successful termination of any strike of unskilled wage earners."

Prices on watches have been advanced during the recent ten days by the manufacturers. No reason is assigned for the advance, but it is presumably on account of prosperity. The advance on movements is $1.50, and in case from 50 cents to $1.—Amboy Journal.

They are merely gathering in the share of Dingley prosperity. With tariff on watches, 25 per cent. Dingley tariff, 35, 50, 75 cents, $1.25 and $2 each, according to the number of jewels, in addition to 25 per cent ad valorem. On cases, 40 per cent.—Globe.

Plutocratic prices are constantly reduced prices for farm products, while tariff enhanced prices for things farmers have to buy. This putting the cart before the horse cannot result in prosperity for anybody except a few monopolists and wall street sharks. Real eras of prosperity have always been caused by general advances in the prices of farm products.

The Soil of the Nation.

The soil of the nation is primarily the property of the whole nation—the common inheritance of all, regardless of which the state, according to its light, cannot help laying down rules from time to time for the common advantage. There is no other just authority, and if the action of that authority is to be limited by so-called rights on cause shown it may not destroy the whole land or any part of it, in spite of it pleases, then we have the anomaly that the most vital necessity of national existence is held in order that direction of the state, shorter to some a — [illegible] in favor of individuals of a — [illegible] on a superstition [illegible] right.—Henry Giffen.

Prosperity from Bounteous Crops.

Philadelphia Times: Men may talk about the tariff as the fountain of quickened industries and growing prosperity in our midst, but the real fountain of our improved condition is in the fact that the agricultural products of the nation will bring to the farmers hundreds of millions of money in excess of what they have received for several years past.

NEWS ITEMS OF THE WEEK

Carefully Collated in Brief and Pointed Paragraphs.

JAPAN DEMANDS INDEMNITY FROM HAWAII.

Shaker Colony to Be Established in Georgia—Latest Estimates of the Year's Cotton Crop—A Countess Suicides—No Foot Ball in Georgia.

W. S. Tyler, late professor of Greek language and literature in Amhurst college, died Friday night at the age of eighty-seven.

Governor Atkinson, of Georgia, has appointed Hon. Hal T. Lewis to succeed Judge Atkinson on the supreme bench.

At Augusta, Ga., William Moody committed suicide by shooting himself. Business seems to have been the cause leading to the act.

At Augusta, Ga., Miss Lizzie Cross, aged 17, committed suicide by taking strychnine. It is believed she was temporarily insane at the time.

The Japanese government has demanded from Hawaii the payment of $200,000 in gold coin by way of indemnity in connection with the emigration affair.

Robert Wickall, a wealthy New England capitalist, fell down a flight of steps in Atlanta, and received injuries from the effects of which he will die.

A woman, about 20 years of age, who claimed she was the Countess Theresa Obrenovitch, a Russian, committed suicide at Edinburg, Scotland, last week.

An artillery wagon loaded with powder and gun cotton exploded in Mexico City, Mex., killing four men and wounding eight soldiers and citizens fatally.

John Sangin, white watchman at the city poorhouse at Chattanooga, was struck by a train on the Nashville Railroad track and received injuries from which he will die.

Morrow Bros., at Clarksville, Tenn., have secured the contract for tobacco for the Italian government. About 15,000,000 pounds of dark tobacco is required for next year.

Mr. Giles' anti-football bill passed the Georgia senate Thursday by an almost unanimous vote. The bill has already passed the house, and now awaits the governor's approval.

A soldier of the First artillery named Joseph Kreig, died in the hospital at Fort Barancas, Fla., last Saturday. An autopsy was held and the attending physicians declared it yellow fever.

The 115th session of the Virginia Annual Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, is in session in Danville, and will continue a week or more. Bishop Oscar P. Fitzgerald, of Tennessee, is presiding.

The Board of Missions of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, met in Nashville Thursday in called session and elected George W. Cain treasurer to fill the vacancy caused by the recent death of Dr. Thomas B. Holt.

Gov. McLaurin, of Mississippi, has issued his proclamation making Greenwood a city, entitled to exercise all the rights and powers conferred by chapter 93 of the code of 1892. Greenwood has a population of over 2,000 people and is still growing.

Dr. J. R. Slingerland, the head of a Shaker colony in Ohio, is in Savannah for the purpose of taking steps to organize a colony in Georgia. He went out with parties for the purpose of looking at some land and says the colony will purchase 15,000 acres to start with.

The latest estimate of this year's cotton crop is 10,500,000 bales, against 7,750,000 in 1896 and 9,900,000 in 1894, the big crop year, making an increase of about 25 per cent over last year's crop, and an increase of about 10 per cent over the big crop of 1894.

At Chicago two policemen have been detailed to guard the residence of P. D. Armour. The reason for the precaution is a rumor from Minneapolis that a speculator who lost money in wheat has gone insane and left Minneapolis with the avowed purpose of killing Armour.

The New England cotton manufacturers have entered a protest against the loose way in which cotton is baled in the South, saying it is poorly ginned, poorly handled, poorly baled, overweighed and subject to robbery from the time it leaves the planter's hands until it reaches the mills.

Commissioner General Powderly, of the Immigration Bureau, received a letter from Inspector Baldwin, in Mississippi, stating that he had secured the arrest of nineteen others of the party of Austrian stave-cutters, forty-seven in all. Inspector Baldwin was instructed to bring the prisoners from Baldwin to Baltimore instead of to Austin and to leave behind the two still missing. The district court at Austin, Tex., has fined Fisher and Felix Walff heavily for robbing the International and Great Northern train at Austin October 12, and were given fifty and forty-five years, respectively, in the state penitentiary.

Havana correspondent of the Madrid, has cabled to his paper that, in spite of the concessions made to the Cuban autonomists in spite of the appointment of autonomist prefects in the different provinces of Cuba, there does not exist a single sign of the approaching surrender of the insurgents.

Since the McKinley administration came into office, March 4th last, twenty-seven American prisoners have been released in Cuba.

The National Odd Fellows' Home and Sanitarium will be opened under favorable auspices at Gainesville, Fla., November 26. By this benevolent enterprise a pleasant and agreeable home and sanitarium will be afforded to the afflicted and ailing members of the order throughout the United States.

It is officially stated that the government considers it necessary that all Spanish residents in the island of Cuba, from the ages of 14 to 40, should enlist as volunteers on behalf of the government. It is asserted that the chiefs of the volunteers assured General Pando that his proposal met with their approval.

The Interstate Commerce Commission desires to correct the recently published statement that only the New York Central & Chicago, Burlington & Quincy railroads are fully equipped with safety appliances. Out of 436 roads that have reported to the commission in the matter of safety appliances, 75 roads, or 17.20 per cent., will be equipped with automatic couplers by January 1.

The memory of the most famous crime ever committed in Arkansas—the assassination of Hon. John M. Clayton—has been revived by the receipt of a letter by Governor Jones, written from Pitts, Ga., by a person signing the name of Luther Akins. The writer of the letter recalls the crime, inquires about rewards, and states that he can locate the murderer and produce proof of guilt.

CANADA WILL NEGOTIATE.

Will Send a Commission to Washington to Act Jointly With a Similar One.

Sir Wilfred Laurier and Sir Louis Davies have returned to Ottawa, Ont., from Washington. Within a couple of hours after their arrival a meeting of the cabinet was held at which the premier explained the recent negotiations with President McKinley and his ministers. As a result of the meeting, it is stated that the cabinet has decided to send a commission to Washington composed of men familiar with the various questions involved to meet with a similar body of men appointed on behalf of the United States, with Ex-Secretary Foster at its head, and to endeavor to reach a settlement on all boundary and other questions at present at issue between the two countries.

Six Cases of Fever at McHenry.

Six well-marked, although mild cases of yellow fever were reported at McHenry, Miss., Friday. The old patient was discharged November 2d, seventeen days ago, and the people felt confident that the fever had run its course. These cases will probably be the last, as jack frost is now taking a hand in the fight.

NEW ORLEANS.

There were six new yellow fever cases Friday and no deaths. There was another cold morning and a trace of frost, and the germ is considered dead, the new cases having been contracted during the recent warm spell and only developing now.

MOBILE.

A light frost was noticed at Mobile Friday morning. There were two new cases of fever and one death for the day.

Contract for Road Awarded.

The contract for the construction of the El Paso and Northeastern railroad was awarded to George S. Good & Co., of Lockhaven, Pa., Friday.

This road opens to El Paso the rich gold and coal fields of the White Oaks country and one of the finest agricultural and stock districts in the state of Texas. Vast quantities of material for the new road are arriving and the contractors will begin throwing dirt Monday.

A light frost was reported in New Orleans Thursday morning, and the fever will soon be a thing of the past.

The Competitor's Crew Pardoned.

The state department at Washington has been notified that the crew of the Competitor, captured in Cuban waters in 1896, charged with filibustering, tried and sentenced to death, have been pardoned by the Queen and will be returned to New York.

There were four prisoners, namely, Alfred Laborde, the captain, a native of New Orleans; William Gildea, Ona Melton and Charles Barrett.

Toll Gate Raiders Active.

The toll gate raiders are again active in Kentucky. At Nicholasville thirty-five masked men rode up in front of the court house square and gave three yells for the inauguration of free toll roads in Jessamine county. The first gate on the Lexington pike and the first gate on the Kenne pike were soon destroyed. Another party of seventy-five horsemen passed on to the Sulphur Well pike. The first gate there was cut into kindling wood. Three gates on the Danville pike shared the same fate. Fully 300 night raiders are out.

Another Train Takes a Fatal Leap.

A train on the Chicago and Indiana coal road, bearing about 500 miners, was wrecked near Brazil, Ind., and two cars, loaded with their human freight, left the track, rolled down the embankment, and lodged at the bottom in a ditch filled with water to the depth of several feet. The accident was caused by running over a horse, which threw the caboose from the track, and it dragged the other car with it.

Twenty-three men in all were more or less injured, three of whom suffer injuries that will prove fatal.

BILL ARP'S WEEKLY LETTER.

PHILOSOPHER ON A LECTURING TOUR IN NORTH CAROLINA.

LIVELY RIDE ON A CIRCUS TRAIN.

After Undergoing Many Hardships He Is Landed Among His Friends and Is Royally Welcomed.

"Hard, hard, indeed, is the contest for freedom and the struggle for liberty." "There is no rest for the wicked." This world is all a fleeting show and Jordan is a hard road to travel, I believe! There are other ejaculations I might utter, for of late there has been trouble on the old man's mind. You see, I was invited over here to talk to these people in a humorous and philosophic way, and my wife said as the larder was getting low and the girls needed some more winter clothes, and the tax man was bobbing around and the grandchildren would be expecting something for Christmas, she thought I had better go. So she packed my valise with my best clothes, and fortified me with a little drug store of camphorated oil and flannel and liver medicine and paregoric and cough drops and quinine and headache powders, and so forth and so on. We kissed goodby all round and I departed feeling like I was being driven off from home by sad necessity. I took the Seaboard Air Line at Atlanta bound for Charlotte, via Monroe, but our engine broke down at Greensboro about dark and this delayed us three long, dreary hours, and when we reached Monroe it was way after midnight and the Charlotte train had gone. There were three nice ladies aboard and several gentlemen, who were greatly disappointed, but the conductor was kind and sympathetic and said there was a circus train near by that was going to Charlotte right away and if we didn't mind riding thirty miles in a cab he would get us the privilege. The ladies, said yes, and we did, too, and climed in. It was as dark as Erebus. We felt our way to find seats, but there was nothing but some long tool boxes whose lids were hard and cold. There was no fire and the wind blew through a broken glass on the back of my head. The ladies chatted away merrily, for they were going home, but I wasn't and I couldn't chat to save my life, for I was very tired and thought of that good soft bed at home. By and by the conductor came in with a lantern and took up our tickets and left us in the dark again. About that time the animals got restless and the lion gave an unearthly howl. You see this was a menagerie train.

"The animals went in two by two,
The elephant and the kangaroo,"

and every time the cars careened about or swung round a curve we could hear some devilish noise ahead of us. "Oh, mercy," said the youngest girl, "suppose they break out!" "They will eat the tenderest and sweetest first," said I. "Lions always do." I pulled my cloak up over the back of my head and ruminated. For two long hours we jogged along, for the train was running slow to suit the wild beasts and we were of no consequence. It was near 3 o'clock when we got to the suburbs of Charlotte and stopped. Nobody was looking for us—nobody rushed forward to meet us, no porter nor hackman—no omnibus or street cars, not even a wagon or an ox cart or a darky. The moon had hid herself to keep from seeing our misery, but we seized our grips and wraps and satchels and made a march for the electric lights. My companions soon separated from me and I marched in single file with my big valise full of clothes and the drug store, and struggled for three quarters of a mile up the long and hard sidewalk. I am not used to arc lights, and the flickering shadow of every tree and telegraph pole locked like a man in ambush who was fixing to hold me up. I had forgotten where the hotels were, and unconsciously passed them, for the doors were all shut, and there was no sign. By and by I met a policeman and he conducted me back to the hotel, and I was as thankful as I was tired and humble. My pitiful tone of voice secured me kind attention and a bed. When a man is far away from home, his warmest welcome is an inn. But I did not rest well.

A 10 o'clock supper, on fried sausage and scrambled eggs and stale oysters, disturbed my corporosity and I dreamed that the tiger got loose and came prowling and howling around the car and somehow I got a hatchet out of the tool box and lifted the young lady through the port hole upon the roof, and volunteered to defend her with my life and my sacred honor. The tiger made desperate leaps to get up there, but every time he got a paw on the eave, I cut it off and let him fall back again. I don't know what became of the other ladies, but think that other wild beasts got in and eat them up. The men had all fled prematurely, but I saved the pretty girl, the sweetest and tenderest, before I woke up. Who wouldn't, in a dream? What curious things are dreams, anyhow! The next trouble on the old man's mind came over him at Salisbury, where I was billed to lecture that night. On my arrival I found that august body, the Presbyterian synod in session. Preachers and elders innumerable were scattered among the good people all over town. They were holding night sessions, and wouldn't have adjourned for McKinley or Grover Cleveland or the yellow fever or a fire. But this was not all, the Episcopal bishop was to lecture on the Holy Land, where he had been recently, and I knew that I would fall between and get smothered. Mr. Marsh seemed to feel very bad, and apologized by saying that when he booked me he did not know of these meetings. "Well," said I, "the saints will all go to these meetings, but you have sinners in this town." He admitted that there were some. And so I went ahead and lectured, and was surprised to see before me a select and cultured audience, select, and I hope elect according to Presbyterian theology.

So all is well that ends well. The next evening found me at the nice little town of Marion, in western North Carolina, away up in the land of the sky. They are good people there, I know, for they filled the court house that night and gave me an ovation. The old soldiers are thick in that region, and they came out to hear me, and some of us got together and talked of old Bob Lee and Joe Johnston and Generals Early and Render and Whiting and Hoke and Ransom and Pettigrew and Clingman and others. Their eyes watered and their hearts burned within them, and they got closer and closer together. What a people these tar-heels are—these descendants of the Scotch! About every other name is Scotch, a McLane or McFall or McLaurin or McArthur or McSomethingelse, and then there are Alexanders everywhere and Caldwells and Carlyles. After the lecture we had a musicale at the hotel by the gifted Gruber family, who keep the hotel, Mr. Gruber and Mrs. Gruber and their seven children. I have heard much music during my long life, but I never heard any better anywhere. How the old man's fingers did dance upon the strings; how sweetly did the still handsome matron sing the "Last Rose of Summer" and other old time songs of Scotland! What delightful chords came from the piano under the touch of the young ladies and the sweet little black-eyed girl of only ten summers! And when they played "Home, Sweet Home," with variations, I could hardly restrain my tears. I felt like we all ought to hold a seance if we could with John Howard Payne and tell him how the world loved him for his song. I had sweet dreams that night. I am still on the grand rounds talking to the unpretending people of this grand old state. It seems to have got out, however, that I had joined John Robinson's circus and gone off with it. Some of these mischievous drummers told that. Yours on the wing.—BILL ARP in Atlanta Constitution.

BRIEFLY MENTIONED.

A Bimetallic club was organized in Bessemer last week.

L. Seligman, of Montgomery, wholesale paper dealer, has made an assignment.

Revenue officers are getting in their work in Randolph county. Three stills have been raided within the past week.

John T. Blakemore has leased several mines of clay and iron in Cherokee county, and will shortly begin to operate them.

A clean bill of health was issued by the Mantgomery board of health Friday, and the opinion prevails that the yellow fever microbes are all dead.

Bernard Long, dry goods, was closed by the sheriff, at Selma, Thursday. The failure is attributable to dull business incident to the yellow fever scare.

Examiner Foster has made a report on the sheriff's office in Cherokee county. He finds the present sheriff's accounts correct and but little complaint to make.

John K. Collins, foreman of the Louisville and Nashville switching crew at Montgomery, was run over and killed last week while attempting to make a coupling.

SLAVERY GOD'S INSTRUMENT,

Said a Colored Bishop, at a Conference in Virginia.

Bishop L. H. Halsey, of the African M. E. church, addressed the Virginia conference of the M. E. church, south, at Danville, last week, by invitation. In the course of his remarks he declared that the institution of slavery was an instrument in the hands of God for the spread of the gospel, and it is the mission of the southern negro, who has been civilized and Christianized through slavery, to Chaistianize their fatherland—Africa.

New Route to the Flower State.

A new Florido route is promised on the completion of the Montgomery, Ala., extension of the Mobile & Ohio railroad. It is stated that a co-operation will be formed between the Cincinnati Southern, the Alabama Great Southern, the Mobile & Ohio and the Plant system for another direct line from Cincinnati to Jacksonville. It is proposed to run a train from Cincinnati via Chattanooga, thence to Birmingham, thence to Tuskaloosa, thence to Montgomery, and thence to Jacksonville over the Plant system.

Election Riot in Colombia.

The crew of the steamship Holstein, which has arrived at New York from Santa Martha, Colombia, reported having heard a rumor that forty men had been killed at Bogota, the capital of the Colombian republic. They were mainly policemen, and the election riot in which they fell occurred on Nov. 1. A presidential election is to take place on Dec. 5.

James A. Beard, one of the pioneers of Floyd county and North Georgia, died Thursday.

ALABAMA NEWS ITEMS.

Happenings of a Week Throughout Our Commonwealth.

Teachers' Fund Sent Out.

State Treasurer Ellis Friday sent out the money due the public school teachers for the fourth quarter ending September 30. The amount due the teachers was $109,957.62. This amount is considerably smaller than previous quarters.

Cotton Warehouse Burned.

Wednesday fire broke out in the cotton warehouse of A. G. Henry & Co. at Guntersville. The warehouse and 100 bales of cotton were consumed. Loss $25,000; no insurance. Origin of the fire supposed to be incendiary.

Will Apply for a Charter.

The coal miners are organizing local assemblies at the various collieries in the state, and will in a short time have enough assemblies to apply to President Ratchford, of the United Mine Workers of North America, for a charter as a district.

Inviting Them South.

The chamber of commerce of Huntsville is in correspondence with the mercantile clearing house of Boston with the view of having representatives of New England cotton mills come to Huntsville and see the advantages offered by the city os a cotton manufacturing center. Very favorable replies have been received.

Opening New Colonies.

A new colony that has sprung up practically of its own accord at McDonalds, Morgan county, but bids fair to excite some interest before long. Here a number of sturdy Germans have settled and will plant vineyards. Bismarck, another proposed German colony near Decatur, has been lagging on account of quarantines, but bids fair to reawaken. The town has been laid out and it is ready for settlers.

Union Labor League Organized.

A Union Labor League was organized in Birmingham last Friday, the intent of which is to strengthen and aid union labor. The following officers were elected: R. L. Russell, president; W. S. Lopez, vice-president; W. G. Turner, secretary; J. H. F. Moseley, treasurer. Only union men are elegible to be elected to fill the offices, but the membership is open to all persons in sympathy with the movement.

Birmingham as a Cotton Market.

The vast strides that Birmingham has made in the past few years as a cotton market has placed her fifth in receipts among the interior cities of the south—Memphis, Atlanta, Augusta and Montgomery alone receiving more. From 8,000 bales a few years ago, the receipts will this year reach 110,000. This change has been wrought by the cotton buyers who have located in Birmingham and created a market for the fleecy staple.

Reward Offered for Murderer.

About two weeks ago Mr. Wade Childree, one of the best citizens of Covington, a gentleman of high character and respected of all the good people, was assassinated about 8 p. m. while sitting in his own room and reading the Bible. He is not supposed to have had an enemy and no cause can be assigned for his murder. The solicitor has made diligent efforts to ascertain the assassin and failed. The family have offered a reward of $250 and the governor ordered a like reward to be paid by the state for the arrest and conviction of the assassin.

Live Times in Danville.

The people of Danville and vicinity are in earnest over their new railroad project. There will be an immense gathering ten miles from Danville Saturday. They will have an old-fashioned picnic and barbecue. Speakers will be imported from abroad to address the assembled multitude.

There will also be done some practical railroad building. They will have miners and prospectors and iron workers there. The miners will dig the coal and iron out of the ground, and the iron workers will smelt the ore in the presence of the assembled people.

M. & O. Surveying a Line to Birmingham.

The Mobile and Ohio railroad is now seeking an entrance into Birmingham. For several weeks a large corps of engineers have been at work surveying the route. They are now at work between Blocton and Bessemer. The country in that vicinity is the very wildest imaginable and considerable time will be necessarily consumed in selecting the route and surveying small parts of it. The road is expected to use the line of the Birmingham, Bessemer and Powderly road as an entrance into Birmingham.

Has Fired His Last Engine.

E. P. Bishop, engineer on the first section of freight train No. 25, on the Louisville and Nashville railroad, shot and killed Wiley Clay, his negro fireman, Thursday night, near Oxmoor, while the train was in motion. The negro was told to fire the engine, but insolently refused to leave his seat. Clay was again told to stir up the fire, and it is said that he sulkingly got off his seat and drawing his pistol, fired one shot at Engineer Bishop, and then attacked him with a knife, severely lacerating his left breast. Engineer Bishop struggled with the negro and reaching for his gun he fired one shot, striking the negro in the breast, killing him instantly.

ALL OVER THE STATE.

Two Cases at Montgomery.

Two cases of yellow fever were reported at Montgomery Monday, the parties being a man named Watson, on Herron street, and Mrs. Emma Johnston, 207 Catoma street.

Telephone System for Oxford.

The Calhoun Telephone company, of Oxford, Ala., are pushing things right ahead with a will. They have a large force of hands at work putting up posts and wires and by the end of this week expect to have fifty subscribers added to their already large list. They will soon be in Anniston where they expect extensive support.

Burned a School House.

The public school house at Cedar Grove, in Madison county, was burned by incendiaries Saturday night. The precinct school board had some trouble in selecting a teacher for the school. Miss Sue Johnson was the young lady selected, but for some reason she is not popular with some, and they evidently were determined that she should not teach the school.

Appointments by the Governor.

Governor Johnston has made the following appointments: D. T. Trimble, notary public, Huntsville; J. T. Edwards, justice of the peace, Eclectic, Elmore county; L. F. Luckie, notary public, Birmingham; W. T. Burleson, justice of the peace, Brinn, Marion county; John A. Shaw, justice of the peace, Guin, Marion county; W. R. Cantrell, justice of the peace, Pikeville, Marion county.

They Will Observe Thanksgiving.

The governor has acted on the following applications for pardon:

Jack Bennett, Randolph county. This convict's time (six years) expires in about three months, and for exceptional good conduct he is pardoned and his political and civil rights restored.

Primmis Norville, Sumter county, gaming. Doubt as to his guilt, and sentence reduced one-half, to be discharged on Thanksgiving day.

From Germany to Alabama.

About thirty days since the governor received a letter from a gentleman in Germany, making inquiry as to the price of farm lands. He answered the letter promptly, and also gave the name and address of the gentleman to a firm of German bankers in the state. They have just advised the governor that they have received a reply stating that the gentleman was so much pleased that he would be here in about sixty days to investigate with a view of locating.

B. & A. Bridge Condemned.

At a meeting of the Alabama board of railroad commissioners, held in Birmingham Monday, the bridge on the Birmingham and Atlantic railroad over Coosa river was condemed; and, further than that, it was ordered by the commission, so far as it has power to order, that the railroad do not attempt to repair this bridge, because it is not susceptible of such repairs as would make it safe, but to replace the present structure with one entirely new.

The Birmingham and Atlantic railroad runs from Talladega to Pell City. This is a distance of only twenty-eight miles, and the road is dependent for its support on the people living immediately along its track. For that reason it will fall very heavily on the road to build a new bridge, the cost of a new one reaching about $25,000.

Wreck in the Yards at Birmingham.

A wreck took place Monday morning in the Louisville and Nashville Railroad yards at Birmingham. A car on through freight train No. 71 jumped the track at a switch just above the street crossing, and caused three other cars to follow the example. The cars ran all over the yards, tearing down the shanty occupied off and on by switchmen and also the car inspector's shanty, near by. A large pole, bearing many wires of the Consolidated Electric Light Company, also telegraph and telephone wires, was broken in two. In the houses named were a dozen men, four of whom were severely and others more or less scratched.

The following sustained injuries: Thos. Morefield, car inspector, bruised about the body and on the head; Will Washington (colored), switchman, hurt about the body and head; Henry Green (colored), switchman, hurt about the back; Will Kurze (colored), switchman.

Overstepped Authority.

State Auditor White has declared that the court of Madison county commissioners transcended its authority when it recently ruled that chattel mortgages are non-taxable. The question is an interesting one, and thousands of dollars are involved. After the county commissioners made their ruling, Tax Assessor Connally, of that county, advised Auditor White of the fact and asked for instructions. From the auditor he received a letter, which says:

"In regard to the power of the court of county commissioners in efforts to direct the revenue officers of the state, I will say that your court has transcended its authority. They have no power in the premises in which they presume to act. You must not be guided by their rulings in such matters, but by the law as interpreted by the state auditor. He also has the right to advise you in the discharge of your duties until a court of competent jurisdiction interferes. You must assess chattel mortgages as solvent credits. As to whether the collector enforces collections or not is another question, which must be settled with him."

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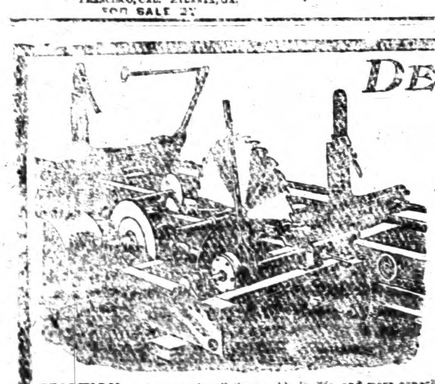

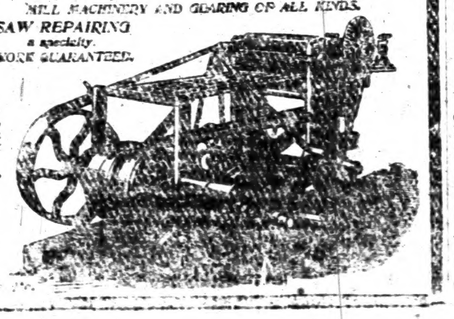

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CIRCUIT COURT.

The quietest term ever known of the Circuit Court of Chilton County closed early on Tuesday afternoon. There was no especial case of public interest on the docket, and the following list shows the cases disposed of:

James Gibbons, forgery continued.

German Crosby, assault to murder, nol-pros.

Cil. whatley, miscegenation, nol pros.

Dutch Mims, selling liquor without license, nol pros.

Harry White, grand larcency, continued.

George Perry, selling mortgaged property, $10.00

Annie Young, grand larcency, continued.

German Crosby, defaulting bail, to supreme court.

Dutch Mims, selling liquor without license, nol pros.

Thos. Hicks, defaulting witness, nol pros.

J. J. Traywick, defaulting witness, nol pros.

A. M. Collier, defaulting witness, nol pros.

George Wilkins, defaulting witness, nol pros.

Sim Armstrong, disturbing religious worship, nol pros.

Henry Rainey, assault with weapon, $2.50.

Henry Dupree, conceiled weapon, continued.

Jim Lightsey, public drunkenness and abusive language in presence of female, $5.00.

Jim Reynolds, public drunkenness and abusive language in presence female, $10.00.

Jim Reynolds, carrying conceiled weapon, $50.00.

Wess Lanier, carrying conceiled weapon, $50.00.

Biff Benson, disturbing religious worship, not guilty.

Jones Cavers, peace proceedings, dismissed.

Jonnie Headley, assault and battery, $20.00

Addison Allen, carryirg conceiled weapon, $50.00

Charley Hayes, burglary, three years in penitentiary.

John Pearson, carrying conceiled weapon, $50.00.

Sandy Pickey, grand larcency, fifteen months in penitentiary,

Tug willis, public drunkenness, $5.00

Charley Bruce, wilful injury to stock, fine $1.00.

John Traywick, carrying conceiled weapon, not guilty.

Bob Traywick & Jas. Traywick, selling liquor, Bob not guilty, Jas. fined $50.00.

Billingsley.

News reached here Wednesday from a railroad construction camp on the line of the Mobile and Montgomery extention, near Billingsley, of the death of seven men from drinking whisky containing wood alcohol.

Friday last J. L. Jones, a contractor, sent to the city for two gallons of alcohol. Wood alcohol was sent him and not noticing the marking on the lable, he mixed it with the whisky sold to the hands. Sunday morning Jones waa riding with W. H. Anderson, when he suddenly cried: "Anderson, I am blind" and before he could be taken to camp, expired. Anderson was taken sick soon after he came home, and died Tuesday. All had drink of the whisky containing the wood alcohol. One white man and four negroes at the camp have since dsed, and fifteen others are desperately ill.

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SPAIN'S NEW CUBAN POLICY.

It soon became evident to the world that Sagasta's return to power in Spain had brought neither harmony nor strength into the political counsels of that unhappy country. Still further was it evident that there was nothing in the programme of Spain's new Cuban policy that had any serious value. The autonomy proposals of the Sagasta cabinet were not of a kind to be entertained for a moment by the friends of the Caban cause. No Spanish government, whether conservative or liberal, has at any time made even a paper programme of Cuban reforms under which Cubans were really to be permitted to manage their own affairs. As the Hon. Hannis Taylor has learned by his four years' residence as our Minister at Madrid, the Spanish political mind does not appear to be even capable of understandind the significance of freedom and home rule as they are understood among English-speaking people. Inasmuch as these latest Spanish proposals embody the greatest concessions that Spain is willing to make toward Cuba, and inasmuch as the Cubans regard the proposals as the merest sham, it may now be considered certain enough that the Cuban war cannot be terminated by any kind of political compromise between Spain and her revolted colony. If Spain is to retain Cuba at all, it must be by sheer force of arms. But the failure and recall of Weyler, after the confident assurance that ban been made to the world long ago that the insurrection was practically stamped out, were absolutely fatal to Spanish military position in Cuba. From the very outest of the insurrection to the present time the insurgents have never had so good a reason for confidence as was given them in the recall of Weyler. And they havnot persisted thoughout the better part of three years merely to give up the cause when their prospects have immeasurably brightened. For everything is now turning their way. From "The Progress of The World," in American Monthly Review of Reviews for December.

INTERESTING LETTERS.

The following interesting letters were received by Dr. Hartman, Columbus, Ohio, from thankful women: Mrs. L. A. Adams, Bearden, Tenn. writes: "I can gladly recommend Dr. Hartman's wonderful remedies. They are all any housewife needs with the books sent free treating on the different ailments. I have used Pe-ru-na for four years and it never fails to give relief if taken in time. Whenever I feel done up it helps me wonderfully. In cases of colds, chils, la grippe, if taken in hot water, it acts like a charm I can recommend it for pains in the back, cold hands and feet. Your will save doctor bills by the use of Dr. Hartman's wonderful medicines."

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Jemison, Ala., Nov. 30, 1897.

There are some things which seem to be overlooked by Southern people. One of the most absurd is the practically barbarous custom of carrying Southern prisoners to Northern prisons. Why is it thus? Punishment should not be inflicted in ordinary cases only for correction and for improvement to those who are so short sighted they have not previously weighed the magnetude of their lawless offense, etc. To take a Southern defenseless victom to a cold Northern climate is to death. He scarcely is given time to say many prayers till the rigors and pierceing unaccustomed cold ends his unfortunate life. Then what improvement has he had an opportunity of gaining? He sees nothing but vindicitiveness and cruelty. Let this serious matter have sober thought among Christian Southern people. If the above practice is constitutional, then we say make haste in the closing of the 18th century to send petitions to congress to effect a change in this practice. We are not trying to clear the criminal, but urging humanity for humanity's sake. Spare the convict's life and health so that he may imorove his conduct, and be a walking advertisement and possibly preach against his old crime.

MRS I. CAMPBELL.

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Lily Lyrics.

Mr. Monroe Hubbard and Miss Fannie Rasberry were united in matrimony last Sunday morning at Mulberry church, Rev. F. M. Woods performed the ceremony. We wish for this young couple a happy and prosperous life

Rev. G. S. Anderson delivered an able and very interesting sermon at Mulberry Sunday.

Miss Dovie Smitherman of Saginaw, is visiting relatives here.

Miss Minnie Rasberry spent part of last week in Clanton.

Miss Mamie Ward and sister were here Sunday.

Mrs. Ware gave the young people a very nice entertainment last Saturday night.

Quite a number of the Clantonians were at the party at Mr. Wm. Walker's last Saturday night and furnished good music for the occasion. CLINT.

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On the evening of the 24th instant at 7 o'clock. Miss Maggie Lodge, a daughter of Mr. W. M. Lodgre, and one of our most charming young ladies, was married to Mr. A. M. Attaway of Calera, Ala. The ceremony was performed by Rev. L. B. Pounds. Miss Mattie Lowe of Jemison and Miss Rosie Tidwell of Birmingham acted as bridesmaids. After the ceremony all were elegantly entertained with music and refreshments. Mr. Attaway is one of our most popular young men and well worthy of the beautiful and accomplished young lady he has won.

Mrs. Willie Lodge of Plantersville has returned home to the regret of her many friends.

Mr. Max Marlar of Stanton, was in our town this week. Come again Max you left some sad hearts.

Mr. Wiley Foshee and charming bride visited Calera last Thursday.

Miss Rosie Tidwell after a pleasant visit to relatives and friends has returned to Birmingham.

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Maplesville.

Our long drouth was broken the 27th thereby relieving some who were suffering from dry wells.

Misses Gussie and Sarah Abney have lately been guests of Martin.

Miss Ollie Garner is now with Mrs. N. A. Goodwin.

Drs. Willie Garner has returned for a few weeks to her old home at Demopolis.

Mr. William Walker treated his friends to a most enjoyable entertainment the 27th.

Esq. Adams of Clanton has been here several days on business.

Mrs. T. U. Crumpton has been entertaing Misses Jessie McKee of Stanton, and Sallie Crumpton of Montevallo; the latter treated the Methodist church to some excellent music.

Misses Allie Brand, Leo Cottinham and Mr. Jordon Brown, all of Randolph, have been guests of Mrs. Glover.

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Something to Know.

It may be worth something to know that the very best medicine for restoring the tired out nervous system to a healthy vigor is Electric Bitters. This medicine is purely vegetable, acts by giving tone to the nerve centres in the stomach gently stimulates the Liver and Kidneys and aids these organs in throwing off impurites in the blood. Electric Bitters improves the appetite, aids digestion, and is pronounced by those who have tried it as the very best blood purifier aud nerve tonic. Try it. Sold for 50c or $1.00 per bottle.

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Workingmen ought to be provided with some safer plase of deposit for their small savings than banks of which more than one in the hundred in the average, is likely to fail every year, especially when the class of banks with which workingmen have dealings are want to fail so disastrously when they do succomb. By establishing postal savings banks the government could provide for all persons of small means an absolutly safe place of deposit, so that here after bank failures need not be a source of terror to small depositors. By protecting the weakest and those most likely to suffer loss congress would be protecting all. It is inevitable that tiere should be some bank failures. But every consideration of prudence and statesmanship demands the strictest government supervision in order to make the losses from such failures as small as possible. For the savings of the poor the government should make provisions for absolute safety by establishing postal banks. The small depositor is entitled to better protection than the record of failures shows he has received during the last thirty years.

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How to Prevent Pneumonia.

At this time of the year a cold is very easily contracted, and if let to run its course without the aid of some reliable cough medicine is liable to result in that dreadful disease, pneumonia. We know of no better remedy to cure a cough or cold than Chamberlain's Cough Remedy. We have used it quite extensively and it always has given entire satisfavtion. —Oolagah, Ind. Ter., Chief.

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Turn-Round Topics.

W. D. Goss and son, J. N. Goss, have returned from a visit to Prattville.

Mrs. M. C. Williams is getting along very well.

W. H. Kendrick of Speigeners visited relatives here last week.

Walter S. Rhodes and wife have returned and have gone to Montgomery to their lovely home.

Walter Kendrick has returned from a visit to Speigeners and Montgomery.

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Household Gods.

The ancient Greeks believe that the Penates were the gods who attened to the welfare and prosperity of the family. They were worshiped as household gods in every home. The household god of to-day is Dr. King's New Discovery. For consumption, coughs, colds and for all affections of the Throat, Chest and Lungs it is invaluable. It has been tried for a quarter of a century and is guaranteed to cure, or money returned. No household should be without this good angel. Is is pleasant to take and a safe and sure remedy for old and young. Free trial bottle at J. S. Johnson's Drug store.

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Notice to Confederate Soldiers.

The warrants for the Confederate Soldiers and Widows issued by the State, are now in my hands for delivery to the proper persons. Any person having such warrant will please call for same or send written order by someone authorizing them to sign receipt for warrant.

This Nov. 25, 1897.

R. M. HONEYCUTT,
Judge of Probate.

Notice of Letting Poor House.

The Commissioners of Chilton co. will meet at the County Poor House near Jemison, on Thursday, Dec. 16, 1897, for the purpose of making arrangements for taking care of the paupers in this county for the year 1898. Any person desiring to submit proposition for keeping such paupers will please meet the Commissioners at that time, when all propositions will have their consideration

This Nov. 25, 1897.

R. M. HONEYCUTT,
Judge of Probate.

Mortgage Sale.

Under and by virtue of the powers contained in a mortgage executed by J. H. Gore and his wife Carrie Gore to W. M. Gore on the 16th day of January, 1894, which said mortgage is recorded in Volume 42, record of mortgages in the office of the Judge of Probate of Chilton county, Alabama, the undersigned will proceed to sell on

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TEMPERANCE TOPICS.

NOTES OF INTEREST TO THE ANTI-LIQUOR LEAGUERS.

Rum in Colonial Times—A Warning to Parents—Evils of the Unlicensed Saloons at the Capital—Liquor and Pauperism Go Hand in Hand.

My Boy.

THE sons of many other mothers
Have pink and white cheeks just as fair,
And wealth of gold and brown locks waving;
But none can with my boy compare;
Oft in the distance with his comrades
I see him coming, while afar,
Among the whole group shining radiant
As when from gray clouds gleam a star.
When merry songs in neighb'ring woodlands
Ring forth like sweet bells, pure and clear,
I hear but one mid all the voices—
My son's alone doth reach my ear!
And when a ball in happy playtime
Flies upward to the very roof,
I know that my own boy's hand flung it—
Of his young strength a joyous proof!
When fifteen more brief years have fleeted,
The vision ye will see with me,
As slender as a green young fir-trunk
He stands beneath the apple tree!
E'en now, his bright, clear eyes uplifted
The radiant sunshine strive to bear;
Yes, there are sons of other mothers,
But none can with my boy compare!
—Johanna Ambrolsius.

Rum in Colonial Times.

From the Brockton Times: The power of rum as a commercial factor in the colonies was at its height about 1750. That year the royal treasury report gave sixty-three distilleries to Massachusetts turning molasses into rum. This formed the store for about nine hundred vessels engaged in various branches of trade—four hundred in cod fishing, two hundred in mackerel fishing, one hundred whalers, etc. Newport kept pace relatively with Boston. Refuse codfish paid for much of the molasses.

Connecticut attempted to prohibit distilling because it made molasses scarce, but the prohibition was very hastily stopped when the citizens found that business went where rum could be obtained. Rum proved the best New England commodity in all trading operations. Rum was the Indian's choice, in fact, his only acceptance, as payment for his peltries; it was chosen with equal eagerness by the Virginian or Carolinian in exchange for his tobacco. The Newfoundland fishermen wished it in return for codfish, and, most important of all, on the Guinea coast New England rum entirely vanquished French brandy as a medium for acquiring slaves. The commerce in rum and slaves afforded all the ready money that paid for any merchandise in England. It was the driving power of all commercial mechinery. The circuit was powerful at every step. The Yankee vessel laden with home-made rum sailed to the African coast. The rum was bartered to great advantage for negroes. The negroes were carried to the West Indies and sold at large profit and the distillation in New England and Boston started afresh the round of New England money making. Sometimes trade was so brisk that the market was stripped of rum.

In the year 1752 Isaac Freeman wanted a cargo of rum for the African trade. He sent to Newport, where there were then thirty great rum distilleries in full blast. His correspondent wrote that he could not have it for three months. "There are so many vessels loading for Guinea we can't get our hogsheads of rum for cash. We have been lately to New London and all along the seaport towns in order to purchase molasses, but we can't get one hogshead."

The shipmasters were not above watering rum to make it go as far as possible. Old Merchant Potter instructed his captains to "trade with the blacks, worter ye' rum as much as possible and sell as much by short messur as you can."

A Lesson for Parents.

Every parent whose children are still young will read with pity that piece of news which told how Willie and Eddie Cox, aged seven and nine years, sons of Matthew Cox, of Taylor county, Kentucky, met terrible deaths from rattlesnake bites. They were playing hide-and-seek with some other children, and Willie ran into the bushes and failed to reappear at the proper time. Presently, Eddie heard cries from his little brother and, hastening to his aid, found, as he at first thought, that he had become fastened in the hollow of an old stump. In trying to pull the child from the stump, Eddie discovered that four big rattlers were biting Willie time and again. Badly frightened, but determined to rescue his brother, Eddie reached in for a better hold, and was himself bitten repeatedly. The cries of the two children attracted some men, and they were finally rescued from their perilous position, but not until they were past all aid. One died in five minutes, and the other in ten. * * * Distressing as is this story of fact, it is no more so than those unwritten tragedies which are transpiring daily without notice or pity. How many boys and girls, as they are playing and working in school hours and out, are constantly falling amongst snares, which lie covertly coiled around the news-stands, pool-rooms and dancing academies, and even in the door-yards of Godless neighbors. Last week, the little son of a friend spent the afternoon with a playmate. The latter, though less than twelve years of age, got helplessly drunk. He had stolen a bottle from his father's wine chest in the cellar. Do you doubt that there is a snake's nest under that house? Not one in a thousand would deny it, and yet the pity is that through the lax social system under which we are living, neither your boy nor mine is safe, because everywhere, under cover and unseen, are these nests of moral vipers and vermin which poison, and kill and damn.

Is there no help?

Only through vigilance and prayer.

Liquor Habit.

The Sergeant-at-Arms of the United States Senate, Richard J. Bright, stirred up by cases of drunkenness among the employes in the National Capital, due to its unlicensed saloons, has ordered its saloons "closed until Congress returns," when there should be such a host of petitions in its post office for the passage of the Gallinger-Ellis bill, to prohibit the sale of liquors in all government buildings, as will continue the closing and also close the bars in the immigrant stations, soldiers' homes and canteens, the last of which have been increased by ex-Reformer Roosevelt, as Assistant Secretary of the Navy, in the establishment of a rum-shop in the naval barracks at Newport.

A correspondent of the New York Tribune, writing from Italy, says that the greatest drinkers there are American tourists who abstain when at home but are "first to order wine with their meals when abroad."

In Albany, N. Y., one, Jesse Agor, has been convicted for selling hard cider without a liquor license.

In a Presbyterian pulpit of the Methodist Church at Saratoga, on Aug. 15, Bishop Newman made the following utterance, as reported in daily papers, which we publish as a sign of the times, and which should be contrasted with the official utterances of the General Conference on moderation and license:

"There are three concessions which temperance advocates are bound to make, namely: that while wines and liquors are not indispensable to the welfare of mankind, they, nevertheless, have their legitimate uses; that the occasional drinking of wines and liquors is not drunkenness as denounced in the Bible, and that while it is true that all confirmed drunkards were once moderate drinkers, yet all moderate drinkers do not become confirmed drunkards. While some people favor High License, some Local Option, and others demand Prohibition, he believed that what is most needed in all classes is magnanimity born of self-denial etc."

Liquor and Pauperism.

"The statistics of pauperism tell the same story of crime. Three-fourths of the inmates of poor-houses and asylums, three-fourths of all who are recipients in any way of public or private charity, have been reduced to poverty through their own intemperance or through the intemperance of their natural protectors. Providence has given us a bounteous land; no better or more fertile soil than ours receives the dews of heaven; industry and commerce thrive among us to the envy of the nations of the world. There is no reason, if we were a sober people, why poverty should be known to America. Our laboring classes have golden opportunities awaiting them; they earn generous wages, and the road to higher fields is not closed to their ambition. What, then, is the matter? There is a yawning gulf, ever wide open, swallowing up their means—the saloon; a despotic king more insatiate in his demands than ever barbarous tyrant, or heartless landlord, claims tribute from them—alcohol. It is computed that saloons, in large cities especially, average $15 as daily receipts, and a large proportion of this enormous sum is wrung from the hands of the working classes, whose families meanwhile are in want, and who one day with their children may be thrown upon public charity."—Thomas Meehan.

Temperance Notes.

The M. E. conference of Michigan passed resolutions indorsing the Anti-Saloon League and placing the tobacco barrier on supply ministers.

John McCullough, chief of police of New York city, is enforcing the law in regard to liquor being sold at places of amusement, concert halls, etc. All the leading managers are under arrest.

The various temperance societies of Chicago will celebrate Father Mathews' birthday October 10 with a mass meeting and parade. Special exercises are to be held in churches and Sunday schools.

The war on liquor sellers has again broken out at Emporia, Kan. Conrad Guicke, proprietor of drug stores, has been arrested and his stock of intoxicants confiscated by the sheriff. Guicke, it is alleged, had no state permit to sell intoxicants. If convicted he will get $100 fine and thirty days in jail for each glass of beer it can be proved he has sold.

The Iowa M. E. conference passed the following resolutions: "Resolved, That we condemn the betrayal of the interests of the people by their senators and representatives who used their votes for the passage of the mulct law and the re-establishment in Iowa of the manufacture of intoxicating drinks. Resolved, that we call upon the people to rise superior to party ties, and urge them to vote for no man for public office who does not assert himself in favor of the most vigorous legal measures for the suppression of the drink traffic in the state. Resolved, that we again affirm our fixed conviction that any measures short of prohibition of the traffic will be found inefficient and vain, and that it is our view that all lovers of temperance should unite to labor for the re-enactment of our prohibitive laws and the ultimate establishment in Iowa of constitutional prohibition."

EMINENT PULPIT DIVINES.

Dr. Lewis, of Meriden, Conn., Discourses on "Burden Bearing."

A LESSON ON ORNITHOLOGY OF THE BIBLE

Drawn by Dr. Talmage—His Sermon an Extract from Christ's Sermon on the Mount—God Among the Fowls of the Air.

TEXT: "Bear ye one another's burdens."—Gal. vi., 2.

Every one is a burden bearer, having his load of want, suffering and responsibility. Some appear so fortunate that we doubt whether they share in the sorrows of mankind. They have wealth, friends, health, wisdom and virtue. What can their burden be? They have at least a responsibility commensurate with their blessings; and, perhaps, if we knew more of their lives, seemingly so blessed, we would find that they also have a burden, all the heavier because borne in secret.

Men often think that if they could change their circumstances, even slightly, they would escape trouble, but this is an illusion. The sick recover health, the poor become rich, the lowly gain the coveted positions of honor, and their common testimony is that having gained these advantages their burdens are no less heavier. In fact, the normal condition of man is that of a burden bearer. We "are born into trouble as the sparks fly upward."

How can this fact of burden bearing be reconciled with our belief in a heavenly Father? Some contend that all suffering is due to sin; that if man had not sinned he would have had no burden. Jesus, however, repudiates this thought. For when the Jews asked Him, Who did sin, this man or his parents, that he was born blind? He answered, Neither. Much suffering comes indeed as the punishment of sin, but some suffering has its source in the exercise of our holiest affections, as that of a mother bearing the burden of an unfortunate or wayward child.

In seeking further for a solution to this problem we find that the really great men of the world bear its heaviest burdens, so that, it is said, "a man's greatness may be measured by his sufferings." Burden bearing enables a man to do two things—to test his strength and by using to increase it. And what splendid characters have thus been developed! Widows in poverty giving their all! Martyrs of the sick room showing marvelous patience! Heroes of the faith made such by their struggles with unbelief! Did not God intend such results? Then that is the reason why He sometimes lays on men such heavy burdens.

This leads up to the explanation of burden bearing suggested in the text—"Bear ye one another's burdens." The picture of the world's sorrow is very dark, but it has in it a bit of blue sky, through which faith looks up and beholds the eternal goodness.

Burdens are put upon men that they may help one another bear them. Without suffering how could we realize our dependence upon God or feel the need of human sympathy and love? No opportunity would be given to help a fellow man in trouble or to sigh in pity over misery beyond our relief.

Grant, then, that the chief reason why men have burdens is that they may help one another, how great is the duty laid upon us. In the fulfillment of that duty two ways are suggested. Those that are able may take the burden from weaker shoulders and bear it themselves. St. Paul says, "We that are strong ought to bear the infirmities of the weak." Or strength may be given to those upon whom the burden is laid to bear it themselves. The latter is the more effective aid. A word of instruction, an act of kindness or an expression of sympathy is sometimes all that is needed.

A teacher once refused to take the advice of the committee and expel a bad boy from school. The boy, knowing of his teacher's confidence, began to do better, and continued with such perseverance that he afterward became eminent. He was thrice elected Governor of New York and once to the United States Senate. He was also under one President Secretary of War and under another Secretary of State. A word of encouragement proved to be the turning point in the life of William L. Marcy. How many may have failed because of the lack of such a word?

There is an Eastern legend that runs thus: In a forest near a great city a golden ball was let down out of heaven every day at noontime, and whoever should touch this ball, it was said, would acquire certain wonderful virtues. So many tried to reach it. But it was always lifted just above them. One day there was in the crowd waiting for the descent of the ball an old man and a little boy. And the old man said to the others: "If to-day none of us can reach the ball, let us lift up this child so that he may touch it and receive the blessing." Acting on this counsel, when the tallest of them could not reach the ball, they stood together and lifted up the boy till, with his tiny hand, he touched the golden ball and, lo! not the boy only, but every person forming the living pyramid felt the thrill and received the magic gift.

So it is, my friends, in life. When men stand together, shoulder to shoulder, bearing one another's burdens, then God bestows upon them His best blessings.

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GOD AMONG THE BIRDS.

Rev. Dr. Talmage on Ornithology of the Bible.

TEXT: "Behold the fowls of the air."—Matthew vi., 26.

My text is an extract from the Sermon on the Mount, and perhaps it was at the moment when a flock of birds flew past that Christ waved His hand toward them and said: "Behold the fowls of the air." That is, study their habits. Examine their colors. Notice their speed. See the hand of God in their construction. They are almost human, for they have their loves and hates, affinities and antipathies, understand joy and grief, have conjugal and maternal instincts, wage wars, and entertain jealousies, have a language of their own and powers of association.

Thank God for birds, and skies full of them. It is useless to expect to understand the Bible unless we study natural history. They were at the creation placed all around on the rocks and in the trees and on the ground to serenade Adam's arrival. They took their places on Friday, as the first man was made on Saturday. Whatever else he had or did not have, he should have music. The first sound that struck the human ear was a bird's voice.

As a bird first heralded the human race into the world, now a bird will help the human race back to the world that had shipped a sea that had overwhelmed everything. Noah stands on Sunday morning at the window of the ark, in his hand a cooing dove, so gentle, so innocent, so affectionate, and he said: "Now, my little dove, fly away over these waters, explore and come back and tell us whether it is safe to land. It was a bird that told them when to take possession of the resuscitated planet. So the human race were saved by a bird's wing; for, attempting to land too soon, they would have perished.

Isaiah compares the desolations of banished Israel to an owl and bittern and cormorant among a city's ruins. Would the prophet illustrate the fate of fraud, he points to a failure at incubation, and says: "As the partridge sitteth on eggs and hatcheth them not, so he that getteth riches and not by right shall leave them in the midst of his days and at his end shall be a fool."

The quickest way to amass a fortune is by iniquity, but the trouble is about keeping it. Every hour of every day some such partridge is driven off the nest. Panics are only a flutter of partridges. It is too tedious work to become rich in the old-fashioned way, and if a man can by the falsehood make as much as by ten years of hard labor, why not tell it, and if one counterfeit check will bring the dollars as easily as a genuine issue, why not make it?

But yonder in this Bible sky flies a bird that is speckled. The prophet describing the church, cries out: "Mine heritage is unto me as a speckled bird, the birds round about are against her." So it was then; so it is now. Holiness picked at. Consecration picked at. Benevolence picked at. Usefulness picked at. A speckled bird is a peculiar bird, and that arouses the antipathy of all the beaks of the forest. The church of God is a peculiar institution, and that is enough to evoke attack of the world, for it is a speckled bird to be picked at. The inconsistencies of Christians are a banquet on which multitudes get fat. They ascribe everything you do to wrong motives. Put a dollar in the poor box, and they will say that he dropped it there only that he might hear it ring. Invite them to Christ, and they will call you a fanatic. Let there be contention among Christians, and they will say: "Hurrah! the church is in decadence." Christ intended that His church should always remain a speckled bird.

Disaster, failure in business, disappointment, bereavement, is God's way of shaking us out of our comfortable nest in order that we may learn to fly. You who are complaining that you have no faith or courage or Christian zeal have had it too easy. You never will learn to fly in that comfortable nest. Like an eagle, Christ has carried us on His back. At times we have been shaken off, and when we were about to fall He came under us again and brought us out of the gloomy valley to the sunny mountain. Never an eagle brooded with such love and care over her young as God's wings have been over us.

Across what oceans of trouble we have gone in safety upon the Almighty wings. From what mountains of sin we have been carried and at times have been borne up far above the gunshot of the world and the arrow of the devil. When our time on earth is closed, on these great wings of God we shall speed with infinite quickness from earth's mountains to heaven's hills, and as from the eagle's circuit under the sun, men on the ground seem small and insignificant as lizards on a rock, so all earthly things shall dwindle into a speck and the raging seas of death so far beneath will seem smooth and glassy as a Swiss lake. Oh, the goodness of God in showing the birds how to build their nest! What carpenters, what masons, what weavers, what spinners the birds are! Out of what small resources they make what an exquisite home, curved, pillared, wreathed. Out of mosses, out of sticks, out of lichens, out of horse hair, out of spiders' web, out of threads swept from the door by the housewife, out of the wool of the sheep in the pasture field. Upholstered by leaves actually sewed together by its own sharp bill. Cushioned with feathers from its own breast. Mortared together with the gum of trees and the saliva of its own tiny bill. Such symmetry, such geometry of structure.

Surely these nests were built by some plan. They did not just happen so. Who draughted the plan for the bird's nest? God. And do you not think that if He plans such a house for a chaffinch, for an oriole, for a bobolink, for a sparrow, He will see to it that you always have a home? "Ye are of more value than many sparrows." Whatever else surrounds you, you can have what the Bible calls "the feathers of the Almighty." Just think of a nest like that, the warmth of it, the softness of it, the safety of it—"the feathers of the Almighty." No flamingo outflashing the tropical sunset ever had such brilliancy of pinion; no robin redbreast ever had plumage dashed with such crimson and purple and orange and gold—"the feathers of the Almighty." Do you not feel the touch of them now on forehead and cheek and spirit, and was there ever such tenderness of brooding—"the feathers of the Almighty."

So also in this ornithology of the Bible God keeps impressing us with the anatomy of a bird's wing. Over fifty times does the old Book allude to the wing—"wings of a dove," "wings of the morning," "wings of the wind," "sun of righteousness, with healing in his wings," "wings of the Almighty," "all fowl of every wing." What does it all mean? It suggests uplifting. It tells you of flight upward. It means to remind you that you, yourself, have wings. David cried out, "Oh, that I had wings like a dove that I might fly away and be at rest." Thank God that you have better wings than any dove of longest and swiftest flight. Caged now in bars of flesh are those wings, but the day comes when they will be liberated. Get ready for ascension. Take the words of that old hymn, and to the tune unto which that hymn is carried sing:

Rise my soul and stretch thy wing,
Thy better portion trace.

Up out of these lowlands into the heavens of higher experience and wider prospect. But how shall we rise? Only as God's Holy Spirit gives us strength. But that is coming now. Not as a condor from a Chimborazo peak, swooping upon the affrighted valley, but as a dove like that which put its soft brown wings over the wet locks of Christ at the baptism in the Jordan. Dove of gentleness! Dove of peace!

Come, Holy Spirit, heavenly dove,
With all thy quickening powers,
Come shed abroad a Saviour's love
And that shall kindle ours.

BRANDING ARMY HORSES.

J. G. Shortall, of Chicago, After General Miles For the Latter's Order.

John G. Shortall, President of the Humane Society, of Chicago, Ill., is after General Miles with a sharp stick because of the General's recent order for a resumption of the old practice of branding army horses and mules.

"Considering the abundant means at their command, the men who have charge of the Government animals should be competent to take care of them without having to recourse to the fiend-like brand," says Mr. Shortall, "and branding by means of the sizzling iron is at best but a barbarous contrivance. It is a form of brutality even less honorable than vivisection."

Mr. Shortall is looking for some law by which the branding may be prevented.

Feeding Horses to Hogs.

Horses have become so cheap in the neighborhood of Fort Scott, Kan., that a stockman has found it profitable to buy them, slaughter them, and feed the flesh to his hogs. An attempt to stop the practice demonstrated that there is no law which prohibits it.

WACO IS DONATED.

Baptist Headquarters for Texas to Be Removed to Dallas.

As a result of the Braun-Baylor University sensations and the tragedies following them, culminating in the death of the two Harris brothers, the official announcement was made at Dallas last week that the managers of the State headquarters of the Baptist church for Texas have ordered the headquarters removed from Waco to Dallas, and that the business of the church will be conducted from this city dating from December 1.

SOUTHERN BUSINESS REPORTS.

The Outlook for the New Year Encouraging, Says The Tradesman.

Business in the south shows no material change since last week's report. The Tradesman's correspondents at southern trade centers send in encouraging reports. The volume of business is satisfactory, and the outlook for the new year is very encouraging.

There is no decrease in the production of iron, but the plants are mostly busy on old orders, and it is expected that the decrease in the demand will enable the furnaces to accumulate some stock at an early date, in order to be ready for the heavy business expected in the spring.

Textile manufacturers report a steady demand for their product, and the lifting of the quarantine regulations has given new life to the lumber industry.

Among the new industries for the week the Tradesman reports the following: Bottling works to cost $14,000 at Birmingham, Ala.; electric light plants at Tifton, Ga., and Boerne, Tex.; a $20,000 grain elevator and grist mill at Galveston, Tex.; flouring mills at Loweryville, Tenn., and Leon, W. Va.; an ice factory at Boerne, Tex.; a stove foundry at Sheffield, Ala.; the Sanford Water and Light Company, capital $25,000, Sanford, N. C., and novelty works at San Antonio, Tex. An oil mill will be erected at Denison, Tex.; the Harper's Ferry Oil Company, capital $250,000, has been chartered at Wheeling, W. Va.; a large tannery will be established at Big Stone Gap, Va.; the Charleston (S. C.) Knitting Mills Company has been incorporated with a capital of $25,000, and wood-wording plants will be located at Clinton, N. C., and Elizabethton, Tenn.

HALT CALLED UPON GERMANY.

Uncle Sam Will Not Tolerate Excessive Demonstration Toward Hayti.

The state department at Washington has requested United States Ambassador White at Berlin, to ascertain exactly the intentions of Germany with respect to the claims of Herr Lueders, whose recent imprisonment in Hayti has caused friction between the German and Haytian government.

Mr. White has also been instructed, if any schemes of annexation exist, or if there is an intention to make an excessive demonstration with a view of unduly punishing Hayti, to intimate to the German government that the United States government could not tolerate either of the courses before mentioned, though in principle having no objection to Germany obtaining satisfaction.

LATE TELEGRAPHIC NEWS.

Ex-Congressman Ephram M. Woomer, of Pennsylvania, died Monday afternoon after a brief illness of Bright's disease.

Hiram Maxim's new quick-firing gun was tried at Portsmouth, Eng., with remarkable success. With twenty-five pounds of cordite it showed an effective range of 6,000 yards.

The Ashland, Ky., Improvement Company has assigned. Assets, $119,583 in lands and lots; $105,285 in stock, and $6,250 in notes and accounts; total, $231,118. Liabilities, $140,702.

Francisco Estrado, professor of natural science in Mexico City, has invented what he calls an electro magnet geological transmitter, designed to record earthquakes and disturbances of earth's surface. It consists of several delicate magnates connected with a recording dial.

SWEEPING LIQUOR ORDER.

It is Calculated to Make the Indians a Very Sober People.

Judge Springer and Indian Agent Wisdom, of Muskogee, I. T., have issued the most sweeping orders ever given out regarding the liquor traffic in the Indian Territory. Agent Wisdom has ordered his Indian police to arrest all persons found with liquor in their possession or in an intoxicated condition, and turn them over to the United States marshals. Judge Springer has ruled that all persons brought before him, who are found in possession of intoxicants, or in an intoxicated condition, will be required to prove from whom they purchased the liquor, under penalty of being declared in contempt of court, if they refuse to do so.

The Bark Went Down.

The British bark Cordeliera, which was reported lost off the coast of South America by a cable dispatch the early part of this month, foundered off Valparaiso and fourteen of her crew are supposed to have been drowned. A letter was received Monday from the city mentioned to the effect that the only survivors of the disasters were Carpenter F. C. Lydch and Second Officers Hamilton and Heather.

McKinley Busy on His Message.

President McKinley has not yet completed his message and is still engaged upon some important features of the document.

Making a Mile a Minute.

The Union Pacific road has made another record for fast running. A mail train has been run across the continent from Cheyenne to Council Bluffs, 519 miles, in 519 minutes. This is actual elapsed time and includes all stops. Engines were changed twice and one engineer was relieved. All the regular stops were made and one extra, when an air brake hose burst and had to be repaired at the expense of several minutes of times.

M'KINLEY IN GOLD.

Scheme of Wealthy Capitalists to Make a Statue of the President.

Ada Rehan in silver is to be [illegible] shone by William McKinley in gold. The added fame which the actress acquired by posing for the Moran statue of solid silver, exhibited at the World's fair in 1893, is to be appropriated, if not eclipsed, by the president of the United States, who will furnish the figure for a life-sized statue in solid gold.

Mr. F. D. Higby, of Chicago, who has been commissioned by several wealthy capitalists to furnish such a statue for exhibition at the Paris exposition in 1900, is on his way to Washington to get the consent of President McKinley to pose for the figure.

"This statue, from the base up, will contain bullion to the value of $1,000,000," said Mr. Higby. "While it is designed primarily to place the statue on exhibit in Paris in 1900, the projectors of the Pan-American exposition to be held on Cayuga island, Niagara river, in 1899, have arrangements to have it completed in time for exhibition there first.

SENATOR JAMES K. JONES.

He is Opposed to the Annexation of Hawaii.

Senator James K. Jones, of Arkansas, chairman of the democratic national committee, has expressed his opinion of the Hawaiian annexation scheme, as follows:

"I am opposed to it:

"1. Because I am unalterably opposed to extending our territorial limits beyond this continent.

"2. Because the Hawaiian Islands are so remote from our coast line. Our defense in the event of war would be enormously expensive and troublesome to us.

"3. Because they do not contain sufficient area to make a state, and their maintenance as a territory would violate the intent of the constitution.

"4. Because it would be almost impossible for congress to devise a government for them that would not result in confusion and failure.

"5. Because of the unfitness and undesirable character of the population. No matter how favorable surrounding influences improvement might be made, the large percentage of the population would remain unfit for citizenship.

"These reasons seem to me to be self-evident and convincing."

STAGE LINE TO KLONDYKE.

This is the Latest Proposed Mode of Getting to the Gold Fields.

An English company will establish a fast stage line from Great Falls, Mont., to Dawson City. The route is an entirely new one, and will be less than 1,200 miles. A portion of the route will be along the Mackenzie river. The line will be in operation next next spring, and the trip will occupy less than twenty days. They have purchased 600 horses, and engaged a superintendent for the line. The taverns for the accommodation of passengers and relay stations will be erected along the route, and an effort will be made to establish town sites. The company they represent is capitalized at $2,000,000.

Pension Rolls of Two States.

Georgia has this year upon its state pension roll the names of 10,437 men and women entitled to its privileges. They include 3,803 widows of confederate soldiers, 3,381 invalid soldiers and 1,173 old confederate soldiers who are indigent. The widows are cared for by an annual appropriation of $240,000, the invalids get $196,[illegible] and the indigents $150,000, making a total of $580,000.

In round numbers the pension roll of Mississippi for this year amounts to 4,400. They get $17 each, except in a few instances where they receive $75. The pension list is steadily growing. The number of women (widows) drawing the pension greatly exceeds the men.

Mississippi's Convict Cotton Crop.

Hon. John D. McInnis, railroad commissioner, and member of the board of control, has been inspecting the convict farms and state crops. He is confident the state will make 40,000 bales of cotton and says he never saw such a crop of cotton in his life. He declares that land which was under water until the middle of June and then seeded to cotton will make one and a half bales to the acre.

Collided at Sea.

The Austrian Lloyd steamer [illegible] has been in collision off Gallipoli with the British steamer Antonio. The Diana sank.

One hundred and fifty passengers and forty members of the crew of the Diana were saved.

The Diana was built at Dalmatia in 1866, registered 1,708 tons gross, was 282 feet long, had 35 feet of beam and was 23½ feet deep. She belonged at Trieste, the headquarters of the Austrian-Lloyd Steamship Company.

To Become Coal Barons.

The Vanderbilt interests have a scheme on foot aiming at the control through the Chesapeake and Ohio railroad, of the soft coal markets of the East and West. Every part of the enterprise, from the ownership of the coal lands to the final delivery of the product, will be managed by one man representing one interest.

A Mexico City dispatch says: Cruz and Matlazan show clean bills of health, there being no fever in the city.

NEWS ITEMS OF THE WEEK

Carefully Collated in Brief and Pointed Paragraphs.

ADVANCED BY THE MISSOURI PACIFIC

The Battleship Iowa Proves to be the Finest of Its Class in the World—Snow Storm in the West—Ravages of Fire—Other News Notes.

The Laurada, held as a filibusterer, has been released.

The city council of Opelika will purchase a lot and erect thereon buildings for a jail, clerk's office, etc.

Pensacola, Fla., had a disastrous fire last week, in which $100,000 worth of merchandise and property was destroyed.

The first snow storm of the season swept over Wisconsin Thursday night in the form of a blizzard, which lasted eight hours.

The forty-seven Austrian stave cutters, sailed from Baltimore on the Lloyd steamer North Star. They were deported.

George Crawford, of Memphis, a brakeman on the Yazoo and Mississippi Valley road, was killed Thursday at Clarksdale, Miss.

The Naval Trial Board is of the opinion that the new battleship Iowa is as one a vessel of her class as the world has ever seen.

Ten of the Mexicans who participated in the lynching of Arroyo, who made an assault on President Diaz, have been sentenced to death.

Mr. Ogilvie, the government surveyor, just returned from a year on the Yukon, reports in January, 1896, a temperature of 68.1 below zero.

A dispatch from Rome reports that a sanguinary conflict has taken place between the French and British at Nikka, in Lagos, Hinterland, Africa.

J. B. Embrey, a farmer, was shot and killed at Mount Sterling, Ky., by his tenant, L. A. Stull. They quarreled over a division of the tobacco crop.

The spread of the bubonic plague shows no signs of abatement at Poonah, Surat and elsewhere, in India. It has extended to Belgium and Ahmedabad.

Walthall Camp, Confederate Veterans, of Meridian, Miss., will exhume the bodies of a number of Confederate soldiers whose resting place is in an old common and reinter them in the cemetery.

Governor McLaurin has issued a proclamation ordering an election in Attala county, Mississippi, on Saturday, December 18, to fill the vacancy in the legislature caused by the death of J. R. Turner.

Fire broke out on the front street of Dyersburg, Tenn., Thursday, destroying in an hour $15,000 worth of property. It was the second fire to visit the city within the past few weeks. Only eight business houses are left standing.

The planing mill of the Providence Lumber Company, in East Carroll parish, La., was burned last week, with a million feet of lumber, much of which was saved. Loss only partly covered by insurance, amount not stated.

The full rigged ship Port Patrick of the Port Line, Glasgow, Scotland, Capt. Frank Bland, was almost wholly destroyed by fire at her dock in the East river, New York. Her cargo, valued at about $100,000, was also destroyed.

Arbuckle and the Havemeyer interests are hammering coffee down at New York. Rio N[illegible] was put down 10 points by the Havemeyer interests and Arbuckle met the reduction. The trade is on and there is no telling how low the price may go.

Alexander Brown & Sons, representing a syndicate of Baltimore, London, New York, Philadelphia and Pittsburg capitalists, have consummated a purchase of all the stock of the Allegheny Reduction company, in Pittsburg, amounting to $20,000,000.

The organization of the Confederate Veterans' Reunion association was perfected at Atlanta Wednesday. The active organization for the re-union to meet next year, the date of which is fixed June 21 and 22, the anniversary of the battle of Atlanta.

Trouble in the Illinois coal field is feared. The miners of the Star Coal and the Big Four Coal Company of Clinton Coal Mining and Mining company, resumed work at the 77½ cent scale. Over [illegible] miners are employed.

C. Stokey, of Belleville, collector of internal revenue for the district, one of the best known men in Missouri, was found dead in a trestle on Wamsor creek, near Columbia, Ill. It is thought he fell from a train in the night, but much mystery [illegible] the case.

It is stated Friday that as a result of President George of the Missouri Pacific railroad [illegible] the salaries of all officers of the line 10 per cent. [illegible] has given to the university at Columbia [illegible] to be used annually for prizes for the best essay on [illegible] government.

[illegible] has written a letter from Madrid saying he is prepared to support any political leader who will take up the political heritage of Henry Clay. "If I had been in Cuba the war would have ended in May."

General Gonazales Lanuza, the famous Cuban criminal lawyer, who has been confined in a penal colony prison in Northern Africa for over a year, has been released. He is now on his way to Atlanta and will join his family there some time next week. General Ganzales was convicted of treason against the Spanish government in Havana and was sent to prison in Africa.

The appeal of the people of Ocean Springs, Miss., that the United States government, through the marine hospital service, disinfect places of yellow fever infection, has been acted on. It was decided that the marine hospital service proceed at once to fumigate all such places along the coast. The work will commence at Bay St. Louis, Biloxi, Scranton and other places up the coast.

The Nineteenth Illinois regimental monument erected on Missionary Ridge, near the Bragg headquarters, was formally dedicated Thursday, there being present at the ceremony about twenty-five survivors, all from Chicago. The monument is erected on the spot where the regiment first rallied and reached the crest of the ridge in the memorable engagement. The day is the thirty-fourth anniversary of the battle.

REBELS FIRING UPON HAVANA.

A Band of Insurgents Making It Lively for the Spanish.

On Sunday morning, for the first time in the history of the Cuban war, rebel bullets sought the palace in Havana, according to a dispatch from Havana. The shots came from Casa Blanca, six hundred yards across the entrance to the harbor, and while nobody was hurt, the palace with its numerous lights, was a shining mark, and must have been hit. The Spanish authorities attempted to make light of the affair, but at the same time a reporter for La Lucha, who was on the spot, attempted to publish the facts and was arrested and is still incommunicado.

The attack on Casa Blanca was made by Brigadier General Raefel Cardenas and fifty rebels. They entered town shortly before midnight on horseback, and at the end of four hours each man led out of town a horse with one extra he had appropriated laden with clothing, provisions, silver plate and considerable money. Before they left they fired two volleys across the narrow harbor entrance at the palace and then coolly retired to a friend's house inside the Spanish lines and took supper, previously ordered. All this was done under the guns of Castle Moro.

It is learned from an insurgent source that the object of the rebels was to effect the release of Gen. Ruis Rivera and hand a citizen named Fumerio, who is known as a Spanish spy. They failed in the first only because of some misconception regarding the appointed time on the part of the confederates inside the prison, with whom arrangements had been made to admit the raiders into the fortress. Fumerio managed to escape across the harbor.

DOORS CLOSED AGAINST WOMEN.

Methodist Minister Refused to Let Mrs. Harris Preach.

Mrs. Harris, a female revivalist, has concluded a revival at Hillsboro, Ala., a few miles east of Courtland. Large congregations attended the services, including many from the adjacent counties, going forty and fifty miles to hear her.

The meeting was commenced in the Methodist Episcopal church, South, by authority of the board of stewards, but Rev. Anson West, presiding elder of the Decatur district, learning of the use of this church by a female revivalist, went to Hillsboro and overruled the action of the board, interrupted the proceedings and caused a considerable flurry by officially closing the doors of the church to women preachers.

Mrs. Harris a widow of the late Robert Lee Harris, a noted evangelist of his time in this State.

Tougaloo University Burned.

Fire broke out in the dormitory of the Tougaloo (Miss.) University Wednesday night, and despite the heroic work of the department the building was destroyed. The fire is supposed to have originated from a defective flue. Fortunately the students were all at prayer meeting and no one was injured. Forty-three students and six teachers lost their entire personal effects. The loss is estimated at $20,000. The amount of insurance is not known.

Two Young Ladies Drowned.

Misses Mary and Katie Seaman were drowned last week at Middleton, O., and their mother is in a dangerous condition as the result of a runaway. They were driving across a bridge, when their horse became frightened and plunged over the sideguard of the structure into fifteen feet of water. The ladies went down with the horse and the spring wagon. Their screams brought help to the scene, but not in time to save the daughters, whose dead bodies were recovered. The mother was resuscitated with great difficulty and is still in a serious condition.

Ben Butterworth to Resign.

Benjamin Butterworth, commissioner of patents, who has been critically ill in Cleveland, O., though now on the road to recovery, probably will not resume his duties at the patent office. He is dissatisfied with his work and will quit the government service and devote himself to the practice of law as soon as his health will permit.

St. Petersburg papers contend that the growth of German power in the far East, especially in Turkey, is a menace to Russia and France.

WHEAT EXPORTS ARE HEAVY.

The Demand For Goods From the South Much Larger for the Week.

AS A WHOLE NO IMPROVEMENT NOTED.

Competition of Southern Mills, Overproduction by Manufacturers of a Single Staple Underlies Existing Large Stocks and Heavy Prices.

Bradstreet's financial review for the past week says:

Although speculation has been mainly in the hands of traders, an undertone of strength was apparent throughout the week's transactions on the stock exchange. There was no very severe pressure, and it is the general impression that stocks are in strong hands.

The approaching meeting of congress is regarded as the next speculative factor of importance, and it is concluded that large financial interests are waiting till the session begins and the attitude of the national law makers on the currency and Cuba is developed.

So far as the administration is concerned, the "street" at large has been favorably impressed, both by the pacific disposition that has characterized the negotiations with Spain and by the current reports that the President's message will deal largely with the currency and take a position satisfactory to sound money sentiment.

There was an absence of unfavorable development throughout the week, and more attention was paid to the continued increases in railroad earnings and to circumstances affecting the speculative position of particular properties.

London has not been a factor of any importance in our market, though the selling from that source has been larger than purchasing.

Notwithstanding the appearance of a demand for holiday specialties at some points in the South, at Chicago, St. Louis, and in sections tributary thereto, general trade throughout the country has shown no general improvement this week.

The Eastern cotton goods industry continues depressed. Consumers evidently do not intend to buy extensively until they beleive the price of raw cotton is ready to advance. Competition from Southern mills, more particularly overproduction by manufacturers who produce a single staple, underlies existing large stocks and the heaviness of prices. Converters and manufacturers of cotton yarns are situated relatively more favorably.

Other lines reporting seasonable distribution are manufacturers of woolens, clothing, shoes and jobbers of fancy groceries.

Iron and steel have not been in as active demand as expected, and are lower, notwithstanding furnaces and mills are supplied with orders sufficient to carry them well into next year. A favorable feature is found in advances in wages of operatives in various industrial lines.

Wheat exports, affected almost entirely in the holidays, showed considerable decrease from last week's total. The aggregate exports of wheat (flour included as wheat) from both coasts of the United States and from Canada this week are 5,465,153 bushels, against 6,653,000 bushels last week, and 3,513,000 bushels last year.

Corn exports also would have been larger but for this reason, amounting to 2,869,000 bushels, against 3,309,000 last week, and 2,920,000 last year.

There are 235 business failures reported throughout the United States this week, compared with 235 last week, and 296 in the week a year ago.

TO DESTROY THE EMPIRE

Is Alleged to Be the Purpose of the Austrian Social Democrats.

A special from Vienna says: Friday the Reichsweihr declared that the uproar in the lower house of the Reichstrath has no connection with the campaign against the language ordinance, but was due to the action of the International Social Democrats, who considered that the time has arrived to complete their destructive work against the state and empire. Continuing, the Reichsweihr says that in view of this fact the state cannot and will not yield.

Repetition of '49 Predicted.

J. W. Wilson, general manager of the Alaska Commercial company, of San Francisco, has just returned from Alaska, having made many trips to that country during the past few years. Mr. Wilson says the rush to the gold fields of California was nothing to what the wild stampede to the Klondike will be the coming spring. Already thousands of people in every state are getting ready for the trip. His advice to these prospectors is that they go prepared to withstand the rigors of the following winter, especially as there will be no reason to fear a scarcity of food.

BOILER EXPLODED.

One Man Will Die and Several Others Are Badly Injured.

A terrible explosion took place at Hatcher's steam mill, nine miles west of New Albany, Miss., Thursday morning. Walter Taylor, J. W. Bullock, Henry Rochester, Tom Ford, Nick Taylor and Tom Adams were standing near the boiler when it exploded. They are all white men and among the best citizens of the county. Walter Taylor will die and most of the others are seriously hurt.

VICTORY OR DEATH.

Manifesto is Sent Out to All Cuban Sympathizers.

The Cuban constituent assembly, which met recently at Camaguey to remodel the constitution and elect a new president, issued a manifesto which reached the office of the Cuban junta in New York Friday.

The document is dated at Layaha, October 18, 1897, and is signed by Domingo Mendez Capote, as president of the assembly. The manifesto is addressed "by the representatives of the Cuban people to all those who have the independence and future welfare of Cuba at heart."

The document says that the assembly before adjourning deemed it its duty to proclaim, among other things:

"No special laws, no political reform or autonomy, nothing, in short, that the Spanish government may be willing to grant that means Spanish sovereignty over Cuba shall be accepted by the Cubans as a settlement of the war.

"Independence or death is and shall be the unalterable and sacred motto of the Cubans.

"The Cubans have not resorted to arms in order to obtain any political measures which does not once and for all solve the Cuban question. That is the reason we will accept nothing short of absolute independence.

"It is our purpose to constitute an independent state, orderly, prosperous and happy, over the ruin of a worn out colony.

"We are firmly determined to carry on war until victory or death crowns our efforts."

EXPLOSION OF NITRO-GLYCERINE.

Almost Wipes Chesterfield, Ind., Off the Map.

Chesterfield, Ind., was almost wiped off the map at an early hour Friday morning by an explosion of eighty quarts of nitro-glycerine which had been brought overland from Montpelier and placed in an open field half a mile from town. Marion Mansey and Sam Maguire were working in a gas well near by when the explosion occurred. Mansey was thrown fifty feet, but not fatally injured. Maguire was also thrown a hundred feet in the air and badly lacerated, but will recover.

James Gold's house, 300 rods distant, was blown to pieces. The explosion tore a hole in the ground down to the water line, and, so far as can be learned, was spontaneous. A three-ton engine was torn to fragments, and and every living animal near by was killed instantly. The little town of Chesterfield is a mass of ruins, every house being moved from its foundation.

WEDDED TO PELAGIC SEALING.

Canada Declines a Proposition Looking to a Suspension for a Year.

A reply has been prepared by the dominion government of Canada, and forwarded to Washington, in respect to the negotiations which are now going on between the countries. The government will not say what the reply is until it reaches Mr. Foster, at Washington, but it is understood that it is a refusal to stop pelagic sealing for a year, as the United States requested. The whole question depended upon this, and therefore it would appear that the negotiations are to fail in their object. However, there is a report that the Canadian government has proposed an alternative proposition for the consideration of the United States, which could be laid before congress at its next sitting and passed in time to deal with pelagic sealing and the questions of dispute next season.

M'KINLEY IS CAREFUL.

Has No Recommendations for Action Relative to Cuba.

It is understood that the President in his message, will suggest to congress that it would be inadvisable at present to take any action which would complicate the situation in Cuba. It is said that he will suggest that the passage of resolutions recognizing belligerency or independence would be inexpedient while the measures of reform proposed by Spain and to be carried out by Gen. Blanco, are being introduced. The release of the Competitor and other American prisoners, will be referred to as gratifying, and as relieving the United States from the necessity of intervention upon the ground of the protection of American life and property.

New Peruvian Cabinet.

A telegram from Lima, Peru, announces the formation of a new cabinet, as follows:

President of the cabinet and minister of interior, Lopez Dehando.

Minister of foreign relations, Dr. Grique de la Riva-Aguero, of the former cabinet.

Minister of justice, Dr. Jose Antonio de la Vallee Y Pardo.

Minister of war and navy, Col. Jose Rosa Gil.

Minister of the treasury, Signor Ignacio Rey, of the former cabinet.

Minister of public works, Dr. Ricardo L. Flores.

Six Thousand Lives Lost.

The steamer Gælic, from the orient, which arrived at San Francisco Saturday, brings letters and papers which confirm the accounts of the ravages of the typhoon which swept over the Philippine Islands on the 5th of October. Several towns were swept or blown away. Fully 500 Europeans were drowned, and it is estimated that 6,000 natives perished.

The Martin Perrin Company, at Kansas City, failed. Liabilities, $53,631.

CALL TO COTTON GROWERS.

President Lane, of the American Cotton Growers' Association,

ISSUES A STIRRING ADDRESS TO MEMBERS

Calling Them to Meet in Convention at Memphis, Tenn., December 20, to Devise Ways to Meet and Combat the Present Industrial Condition.

Hon. Hector D. Lane, of Alabama, president of the American Cotton Growers' Protective Association, has issued an address to the cotton growers of America calling a meeting of the association at Memphis, December 20.

President Lane's address is as follows:

"In response to the earnest request of a large number of the most prominent cotton growers of the South, representing nearly the entire cotton belt, I am again induced to call the cotton growers of the South to meet in convention for the purpose of and with the hope that through mature deliberation we may arrive at intelligent conclusions as to the best procedure to meet and combat the industrial conditions that now confront us.

"It is the opinion of the best minds of your country that this consummation can only be reached by a resolute, continuous and systematic rule of action laid down by authorized representation, and adhered to by the masses of the cotton growers.

"I shall not waste space by indulging in arguments of the necessity of this action. Five cent cotton and its natural effect is its own most potent pleader in this cause, and the sounding adjectives of the orator and the well-rounded sentences of the journalists are not necessary to awaken the south to the sad realization of our condition and what is to follow without remedial action on these lines. The importance of the situation addresses itself to our common country.

"There is no one interested in the material prosperity of the south who will not have to bear their pro rata of this burden. Upon the part of the American Cotton Growers' Protective Association I appeal to all of our people to join us in a patriotic, systematic and conservative effort to cure these ills that now afflict us. All agricultural societies are requested to send representation. We respectfully invite the presence of bankers, commission men, merchants and all those directly or indirectly interested in cotton growing."

TRESTLE GIVES WAY

And Twenty-three Loaded Cars Plunge Downward, Killing Two Men.

Saturday, as a heavy freight train, bound north, on the Kentucky Central branch of the Louisville and Nashville road, was passing over a wooden trestle near Winchester, Ky., the structure gave way, precipitating twenty-three coal laden cars to the rocks, 65 feet below. The engine and tender passed over safely.

A number of bridge carpenters were at work at the bottom of the trestle when it fell. Most of them made their escape. James Harris and Warren Burch, however, were not so fortunate, and were killed. Their bodies lie buried under hundreds of tons of coal, lumber, etc. The monetary loss is not known at present, but it will be heavy.

WAS IT SUICIDE?

Coroner's Jury Says Mason Payne Hung Himself, But There is Doubt.

The dead body of a negro was found swinging to a tree near the northern limits of Meridian, Miss., last week. The police were notified, and persons living near the scene identified the body as that of Mason Payne, a negro, about 17 years of age, who lived in that vicinity.

A coroner's jury was empaneled, and after a short investigation a verdict of suicide was rendered. The death of the negro was peculiar, and the theory of suicide is not accepted by his relatives, or wholly by the authorities.

He was found with his feet touching the ground, and a slight twine cord, doubled several times, had been used to accomplish his death, which was evidently due to strangulatian.

Revolutionary Hotbed.

Reports from Guatemala state that business is interrupted by threats of revolution. Respectable citizens, not in politics, are hoping for annexation to Mexico or to come under the union of Central American republics. They regard Mexico with greater favor on account of its good order and government.

The Barrios government is more like an absolute monarchy, nobody but the dictator having any say in the country's affairs.

A Record Cargo.

The British steamship Monarch, hence for Liverpool, went to sea Friday with the largest cargo ever floated, consisting of 22,535 bales of cotton, 60,000 bushels of corn, 11,200 sacks of cotton seed meal and 29,068 oak staves, being equivalent to 28,000 bales of cotton.

Received With Thanks.

Tom Cyrus, colored, was sentenced at Atlanta Thursday by Judge Candler to hang on December 22. "Thank you," he said to the Judge when sentence was passed. Cyrus killed Annie Johnson, maid of Governor Atkinson's wife.

ALABAMA NEWS GLEANINGS.

Wedded Fifty-Eight Years.

At Eufaula last Sunday Mr. and Mrs. Bertram Hoole celebrated the fifty-eighth anniversary of their marriage.

Supreme Court Convenes.

The Supreme court met Monday. All of the justices look well and hearty and it is understood that the present term of the court will be the busiest in its history.

New Furnace to be Built.

The statement is given out that another furnace is soon to be built in the Birmingham district, at some point between Birmingham and Bessemer, and that work will be commenced just as soon as all arrangements can be completed.

Will Go Into Politics.

At a meeting of the Union Label League, held in Birmingham Monday night, a resolution was adopted serving notice on the people of Jefferson county that a candidate for the legislature would be put in the field at the next election. The resolution further set forth that the indorsement of political parties and the public would be asked for the candidate, as a representative of labor.

Assuming a National Reputation.

As a winter resort for thoroughbred horses Selma is rapidly gaining a national reputation. It was three years ago that the Selma Park and Driving Association was formed and the present track built. That year Hamlin's Village Farm sent a consignment to Selma under Ed Geers. In the lot was Robert J., the famous pacer. Last year the number of horses was increased, but this season promises to eclipse all former years.

Back at His Post.

Governor Johnston returned to Montgomery Monday from Baltimore, where he has been for a week with Mrs. Johnston. He reports that his wife has already been greatly relieved by the Johns Hopkins treatment. He will go to Tuskegee to take part with Secretary Wilson, of the national bureau of agriculture, in the dedication of the new agricultural building of Booker Washington's Industrial institute for negroes.

Killing at Victoria.

John Patterson, who keeps a store at Victoria, was killed by a negro, Harrison Blackshire, Thursday evening. The negro came to the store and asked to be credited for some cheese. Patterson, who had been advancing goods to the negro, told him that he was too much in debt and could not get the cheese, whereupon the negro became offended and a fight ensued. Harrison seized a door bar and struck Patterson a blow, from which he died in a few minutes.

His Heart Was Pierced.

Charles L. McCormack, who was in charge of the Tennessee Coal, Iron & Railroad company's coke ovens at their Robertstown furnaces near Bessemer, was shot Monday morning with a pistol in his room at the company's offices at the furnaces and died a few moments afterwards. When reached by friends a few moments later he was found lying on a bed with the pistol at his side. He was shot through the heart. He was unable to tell why he committed the act, or whether it was an accident.

Mineral Output for October.

The production of minerals and products manufactured therefrom, in the state of Alabama, during the month of October, as reported by the producers to Dr. Eugene Smith, state geologist and secretary of the Alabama Industrial and Scientific society, are as follows: Coal, 480,416 short tons; coke, 101,615 short tons; pig iron, 73,242 long tons; iron ore, 153,044; limestone, 51,118 long tons; bauxite, 1,181 long tons; silica, 140 short tons; building stone, 4,500 cubic feet. Total number or employes, 12,627. The product of common brick in the East Birmingham yards during the present season has been 10,500,000, a large proportion of which have been used in the Avondale cotton mill building.

BRIEFLY MENTIONED.

Ben Smith, a life convict at Pratt Mines prison, made his second escape Monday.

The Cordova cotton factory is completed and is ready for the machinery, which is beginning to arrive.

An unknown white man, about 35 years old, was killed by a train near Greenville Monday night. Two pawn tickets were found in his pockets, both given by Lewis Weber, of Chicago, to F. E. Bentley.

Will Boykin, a young negro, was found murdered near the Chewacla lime works at Opelika with a bullet in his brain. There is no direct clue to the murderer, but it is thought to be the work of a negro convict named Will Wash.

Austrian Cabinet Resigns.

The members of the Austrian ministry Sunday tendered their resignation to Emperor Francis Joseph, who accepted them and intrusted Baron Gaursh, who holds the portfolio of public instruction of the retiring ministry, with the task of forming a new cabinet.

It is rumored that the steamer Dauntless has succeeded in landing another expedition in Cuba, but no positive information has been received to that effect.

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Next Monday Congress convenes and there will be three contest cases from Alabama. Aldrich vs. Plowman from the 4th district; Goodwyn vs. Brewer from the 5th; and Crow vs. Underwood from the 9th. The first two contestants will in all probability be seated by Feb. 1st. While Dr. Crow was beyond the shadow of a doubt elected from the 9th district, he has been uuable for lack of means in prosecuting his case as successfully as he desired, but we hope that regardless of this that Congress will do its duty and seat him anyhow.—Reform Advocate.

It is the bitter irony of fate that though the planters aave been blessed with an unusually bountiful cotton crop they have no cause for joyfulness, for though nature has showered a wealth of cotton upon them, that cotton sells for less than the cost of production. And the farmer fares but little better on his corn crop or oat crop. Prices are so low as to leave him no margin of profit. And the same would be true of his wheat crop were it not for crop failures abroad. Indeed it seems that something had stepped in between the bounty of nature and the enjoyment of that bounty by the agriculturist. And this something is low prices, the work of man, not of Providence. If the agriculturist is scourged, unprosperous this year it is our own doing.

So let us give thaks to a beneficient Providence and if we have not profited from that beneficience let us lay the blame upon ourselves. Let us be on guard lest we say after he manner of Governor Jones of Arkansas, that, "with our chief staple, cotton, at 4½ and 5 cents per pound, the people of Arkansas have no especial cause for observing Thanksgiving this fall." They have especial cause for thanksgiving. Because the price of cotton is low is no reason to return less heartfelt thank for the bountiful crop, for it is no fault of the Almighty God that the price of cotton is low. For such low price we have no one to blame but ourselves. If we have no profit from the beneficieuce of Provideuce we are alone to blame. If we sow the seed of falling prices we are sure to reap the whirlwind. But perhaps the planters of Arkansas feel that they have not sown those seeds, that such seeds have been sown in spite of them and that therefore they have the right to complain.

A year ago Mr. Cleveland called upon those of us who opposed the further sowing of these seeds of falling prices to give thanks to the Almighty that we had suffered defeat, called upon us to offer prayers that our eyes might be opened to the waywardness of our ways, called upon us to offer thanks that the efforts of six million and more of voters to stay the fall in prices had been futile and that the fall would go on.—Philadelphia American.

CATTLE WANTED.

We want 400 head of cattle; small over large, and poor ones — all kinds of cows.

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Jemison, Ala.

THE EVERLASTING PROBLEM.

Sometimes farmers resent advise from newspapers, but they cannot resent these words from the point of view of the old-time southern farmer. In the good old times, forty or more years ago, southern farmers lived on the fat of the land, and had money to lend.

But they did not plant all cotton then. Not a bit of it. In those days a farmer was considered a fool if he did not raise his own supplies, except a few necessary groceries. Every farmer made it a rule to have his outgo smaller than his incom. He diversified his crop, made the farm sustain itself, and was determined to have some clear money at the end of the year. Of course he had to use economy, but with plenty of hog and hominy he could not starve. Most of his clothing was made at home. He had all the substantials of life, with fewer of what we now call luxuries. He did not spend much money on fine buggies and wagons.

How different it is now! A small farmer seems to think that cotton is the only thing of any consequence. He buys high priced fertilizers and supplies on time to help him raise cotton a cost of seven cents in order to sell it for five. Is this ruinous policy to be continued an other year? If it is cotton may go still lower. What will the farmers do if they raise a 12,000,000 bale coop and sell it for three cents a pound less than what it cost them? It is not too late to return to the old method. The farmer who first raises his supplies, and then makes cotton his surplus crop will keep out of debt, and in five years be thoroughly independent.

The present system places the farmer completely at the mercy of the creditors, combines and speculators. They cannot hold their cotton and are forced to sell it at the prices fixed by the sharks in Liverpool and New York. If they go on in this way a few years longer they will mortgage their lands, and the farming districts of the south will pass into the hands of alien landlords.

This is a very serious matter and concerns the future welfare of every man, woman and child in the south. The all cotton system must go, and the staple must be made a surplus crop.—Age-Herald.

Don't be persuaded into buying liniments without reputation or merit—Chamberlain's Pain Balm costs no more, and ist merits have been proven by a test of many years. Such letters as the following from L. G. Bagley, Hueneme, Cal., are constantly being received: "The best remedy for pain I have ever used is Chamberlain's Pain Balm, and I say so after having used it in my family for several years." It cures rheumatism, lame back, sprains and swellings. For sale by J. S. Johnson jr., Druggist.

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Non-Resident Notice.

The State of Alabama }
Chilton County }

In Chancery at Clanton, Alabama.
Seventh District, North-eastern Chancery Division.

Carrie Gore, by next friend, Complainant, vs. John Gore, Defendant

In this cause it is made to appear to the Register, by the affidavit of J. W. Cox, that the Defendant John Gore is a non-resident of the State of Alabama, and that his post-office and residence are unknown to affiant and further, that in the belief of said affiant the Defendant is over the age of twenty-one years.

It is therefore ordered by the Register, that publication be made in The Banner, a newspaper publiseed in Clanton, once a week for four consecutive weeks, requiring him, the said John Gore, to answer or demur to the same, within thirty days after the 10th day of January, 1898, and failing so to do a decree pro confesso will be taken against him in said cause.

Done at office in Clanton, Alabama, this 1st day of December, 1897.

W. E. STEWART,
Register in Chancery.

Political Pointers.

People's Press Bureau, St. Louis, Mo., Nov. 24, 1897.

W. J. Bryan's recent speech in St. Louis, Mo., under the auspices of the Jefferson Club, is found, on being published, to be a solid mass of Populist belief and would, had it been delivered two years ago, have created a furor in Democratic ranks; yet there five thousand people sat or stood, presumably Democrats, and applauded to the echo all that was said against injunction, trusts, national banks, the retirement of greenbacks, the degeneracy of the Federal judiciary and the demonitization of silver. Silver was not dwelt upon at any greater length than wer the other points. Such demonstrations of the masses being brought to the acceptance of Populist principles without any shock and even without their knowledge of the fact is highly signifient, politically.

W. J. Bryan was at Columbia, Missouri, November 22 and delivered a lecture on economic questions; was entertained at a "possum" banquet and kicked off the foot ball in "varsity" game.

The mittle-of-the roaders have been meeting again. The alleged "Executive Committee of the National Committee" was called to meet at St. Louis, Mo., November 23 at the Laclede hotel and in response came the following: Milton Park of Texas, chairman; W. S. Morgan of Arkansas, sec'y; J. B. Dukes of Minnesota; L. D. Foster, Minnesota; J. C. Hanley, Minnesota; William Phillips, Georgia; J. H. Farris, Illinois; N. H. Motsinger, Indiana; A. L. Harbison, Indiana; Joseph A. Parker, Indiana; Dr. B. Bridgeport, Kentucky; Samuel James, Kentucky; Abe Steinberger, Kansas; D. W. Askew, Poplar Bluffs; Wharton Barker, Philadelphia; G. B. Crow, Alabama; J. S. Coxey, Massillion; O. Sessions were executive but several present were freely interviewed by newspaper reporters and all announced that the object of the meeting was to kill sasion and "assist" the People's Party National Committee. Chairman Farks complained that his letter to National Chairman Marion Butler, proffering such aid, had not been answered, Jacob S. Coxey was much in evidence but confined himself to discussion of his non-interest bearing bond scheme. A representative of this bureau could not locate Wharton Braket when sent at different times to interview that gentleman.

The Republicans in North Dakota have gotton up a fight which is disclosing ring politics in its worst form. This promises to help the opposition vote in that state at the next election.

Governor Leedy of Kansas, has, as usual, been doing something of interest. This time it is an effort of a car load of jack rabbits to be sent to Washington, D. C., for the hungry there. A local minister of that city, has written accepting the favor in good faith and telling of the most seriously distress among disappointed office seekers.

Congress will convene December the 6th and while it is understood that a majority of its members favor strong and prompt action in the Cuban matter; it is also understood that President McKinley's attitude will be such as to differ interference with Spain.

President McKinley is given credit for having under way mammoth plans for furnishing work for the unimployed of the country.

More elaborate plans are announced for entertaining at the White House than have ever been made before. There are to be fewer public functions and such as are permitted will be materially shortened. The number of private and official receptions are to be greatly increased and rules requiring cards and etc., are most stringent and will be fully enforced by the greatly increased force of attendants that now swarm the White House. The placing of all such attendants in uniform is another innovation borrowed from European courts.

The recent election of the Tammany candidate, and still regarding themselves as the head of the Democratic party, are trying to decide wnether W. C. Whitney or Senator David Hill is to be their acknowledged leader. In the meantime Democrats of the Mississippi valley and west announce that neither of these gentlemen are Democrats.

The gold democrats, of Nebraska, led by Sterling J. Morton, lost the right to a state ticket hereafter by polling less than 1 per cent of the state's vote in the recent election. In Kentucky Henry Watterson is trying to get back to the lost leadership with his paper, the Louisville Courier Journal, and is welcomed by some and repudiated by others. A part of the National Committee approved of Van Wyke and held him to be the true Democratic nominee while others upheld Henry George—a house divided against itself, truly!

The formation of trusts of gigantic proportions goes merrily on. One of the latest is the organization and extention of the American Biscuit Company so as to control the manufacture and sale of crackers in this country. Stock in this concern was sold only in blocks of fifty thousand dollars. Another combine is that of the tin-plate concern and a decided raise in prices as a result.

Mrs. Anna L. Diggs has been appoined State Librarian of the state of Kansas.

The proposed memorial fund for Henry George has very sensibly been converted into a fund for the aid of Mrs. George. Henry George being more concerned with his reform work than with money-making, has left his wife poorly provided for and no more fitting monument to his memory could be given by his friends than a home and competency for his beloved wife.

A. R.

After hearing some friends continually praising Chamberlain's Colic, Cholera and Diarrhoea Remedy, Curtis Fleck, of Anaheim, California, purchased a bottle of it for his own use and is now as enthusiastic over its wonderful work as anyone can be. The 25 and 50 cent sizes for sale by J. S. Johnson jr. Druggist.

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Fill a bottle or common glass with urine and let it stand twenty-four hours; a sediment or settling indicates an unhealthy condition of the kidneys. When urine stains linen it is positive evidence of kidney trouble. Too frequent desire to urinate or pain in the back, is also convincing proof that the kidneys and bladder are out of order.

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Final Proof Notice.

Notice No. 10264.

Land Office at Montgomery, Ala., Nov. 1. 1897.

Notice is hereby given that the following-named settler has filed notice of his intention to make final proof in support of his claim, and that said proof will be made before the Clerk of the Circuit Court, at Clanton, Ala. on December 18 1897, viz.: Evan B. Callaway. Homestead entry, No. 26.931, for the s½ of se¼. s½ of sw¼, section 32. tp 22 n r 16 e.

He names the following witnesses to prove his continuous residence upon and cultivation of said land, viz.: J. M. McKee, of Coopers, Ala., D. S. Robinson of Coopers, Ala., W. N. Jones, of Verbena, Ala., J. K. Driver, of Verbena, Ala.

ROBERT BARBER, Register.

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DRY GOODS, SHOES, HATS, CLOTHING, ETC

We also handle Pure and Wholesame Groceries, Hardware, and everything kept in a General Store.

We are natives of the county and understand what you need, and have bought our stock to meet your wants.

When in town call and examine our stock before purchasing elsewhere, we are bound to please you.

No trouble to show goods, and they are good goods and worth inspecting.

SARTOR & KICKER, CLANTON.

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is the best time in every man and woman's life, the happiest time, the jolliest time. That 's so!

Twice a year everybody comes a courting to Clanton, and when you come this year, you can be made to think of old times and have a better time than you have ever had in your life before. You want to know how. Well, there 's only one way and that is by doing your trading with Abe Kanter, at the old court house store, where you will find the biggest assorted stock and the smallest prices you have ever heard of.

There 's no use in keeping goods in stock. We must sell them or give them away. Our prices are so low it is just about the same as giving goods away. We are clearing out our Winter Goods to make room for our new Spring stock and this is your opportunity.

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Yours respectfully,

ABE KANTER
CLANTON

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CLANTON COTTON MARKET.

Price to-day 5 cents.

BALES RECEIVED TO DATE:

Sampey	2245
Mullins	1080
Allison & Bro.	416
Total	3741

216 acres of good farm land for sale, 50 acres in cultivation. One dwelling with 5 rooms. Good outhouses and well of water. Another dwelling and well of water on the premises. Grist mill and gin house, 4 miles west of Dixie. Apply to W. H. Cox, Stanton, Ala.

Dr. A. J. Massey of Birmingham, Dentist, will be in the Mulberry, Maplesville, Ashby, Brierfield and Suximile communities in the next ten days. Leaves Clanton Friday.

Miss Jiffie Marcus visited friends at Strasburg this week.

Mr. John Kemp is on a visit to his brother at Waugh, Ala.

Mayor Sampey went to Montgomery yesterday.

Dr. C. N. Parnell, of Stanton, was a visitor to Clanton yesterday.

Miss Mary Duke has returned from a visit to friends at Deatsville, Ala.

I am paying 15 cents a dozen for Eggs. Bring me all you have.
T. J. Arnold, Clanton.

Mrs. Evans returned from Birmingham yesterday where she has spent a few days with her daughter, Mrs. B. H. Chesnutt.

Mr. Elijah Parrish went to Birmingham yesterday.

Mr. Moses Mims made a trip to Birmingham Wednesday.

An Old Idea.

Every day strengthens the belief of eminent physicians that impure blood is the cause of the majority of our diseases. Twenty-five years ago this theory was used as a basis for the formula of Browns' Iron Bitters. The many remarkable cures effected by this famous old household remedy are sufficient to prove that the theory is correct. Browns' Iron Bitters is sold by all dealers.

Mr. Nannie Marcus, returned to her home in Jumbo Tuesday, after a visit of several days here.

Miss Ida Collins, of Thorsby, is visiting the family of Mrs. W. H. Marcus this week.

Messrs. Jim Langston and Oscar Gentry were in town Monday.

When you want Fresh Groceries go to T. J. Arnold. Everything suitable found there. No charges if you don't get the best in the market.

Miss Lizzie Jones visited Clanton Monday.

Dr. and Mrs. Stewart went to Montgomery Monday.

Mr. O. A. Duke left on Sunday night for Mobile.

Mr. Durward Foshee came down from Birmingham and spent Sunday at home.

Mr. J. W. E. Willis went to Montgomery Saturday to accept a position with the street car company.

Miss Vilina White was in Clanton Saturday.

Misses Fannie Rasberry and Minnie Rasberry visited Clanton Saturday on business.

Miss Griffin, of Verbena, gave a temperance lecture in the Methodist church last Friday night to an attentive audience.

Buy a copy of the Cross and Crown when you come to court, and present it to your wife or children. It is the first book ever written and made in Chilton county, and should be in every home in the county. 232 pages. Price only 50 cents.

Bring your Produce to T. J. Arnold and get the highest Price.

Mr. Edward A. Zeigler, of Deatsville, is now assistant agent at the depot. Vice J. O. Ray resigned on account of the sickness of his mother.

Cards are out announcing the marriage of Mr. Wm. M. Adams and Miss Annie Warner Dennis at the Methodist church on December 5.

Planters CUBAN OIL cures Cuts, Burns, Bruises, Rheumatism and Sores. Price, 25 cents.

Marriage licenses have been granted this week by the Probate Judge to the following persons.

Mr. R. M. Hubbrad and Miss Fannie B. Rasberry; Mr. J. D. Terry and Miss Dora Langston; Mr. Grant Burnett and Miss Ella Brewer; Mr. G. A. Jones and Miss Margaret Jones.

Everybody Says So.

Cascarets Candy Cathartic, the most wonderful medical discovery of the age, pleasant and refreshing to the taste, act gently and positively on kidneys, liver and bowels, cleansing the entire system, dispel colds, cure headache, fever, habitual constipation and biliousness. Please buy and try a box of C. C. C. to-day; 10, 25, 50 cents. Sold and guaranteed to cure by all druggists.

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Merchant

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Cotton Buyer

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Suffered 20 Years.

MRS. MARY LEWIS, wife of a prominent farmer, and well known by all old residents near Belmont, N. Y., writes: "For twenty-seven years I had been a constant sufferer from nervous prostration, and paid large sums of money for doctors and advertised remedies without benefit. Three years ago my condition was alarming; the least noise would startle and unnerve me. I was unable to sleep, had a number of sinking spells and slowly grew worse. I began using Dr. Miles' Restorative Nervine and Nerve and Liver Pills. At first the medicine seemed to have no effect, but after taking a few bottles I began to notice a change; I rested better at night, my appetite began to improve and I rapidly grew better, until now I am as nearly restored to health as one of my age may expect. God bless Dr. Miles' Nervine."

Dr. Miles' Remedies are sold by all druggists under a positive guarantee, first bottle benefits or money refunded. Book on diseases of the heart and nerves free. Address, DR. MILES MEDICAL CO., Elkhart, Ind.

Dr. Miles' Nervine Restores Health

Rev. J. . Barnes, President of Highland Home College, will address the Lyceum Students at the University School on Friday at 7 p.m. The public invited.

TO CURE A COLD IN ONE DAY.

Take Laxative Bromo Quinine Tablets. All druggists refund the money if it fails to cure. 25 cents.

Any one having an old sewing machine that they would like to exchange for the latest improved high armed Singer; or any one wishing to purchase our fine machines for cash or on time will please drop me a card and I will call and make them prices and terms. Address,

C. R. MULLINS,
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DR. A. J. MASSEY
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Will be at the Davis House, Clanton, during Fall Term of court, well prepared to do any Fine Dental Work as usual and invites his old customers, as well as new ones, to come promptly.

Will pay for your meals at the Davis House while waiting for your work.

Your teeth extracted painless by use of Odontunder. No bad after effects as by using cocain alone sometimes.

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For all diseases peculiar to women and girls. It Tones up the Nerves, Improves the Appetite, Enriches the Blood, and gives Life, Health and Strength. It is the

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MAKES THE COMPLEXION CLEAR.

FREE! A bottle of "Monthly" Regulating Pills with each bottle. For sale by all dealers or sent direct upon receipt of price by New Spencer Med. Co., Chattanooga, Tenn.

LADIES' SPECIAL TREATMENT: In cases requiring special treatment, address, giving symptoms, Ladies' Medical Department. Advice and book on Female Diseases, with testimonials, free.

For Sale and Recommended by
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must be done quick and good. I have just erected a new ginnery and put in the latest improved patent gin.

No handling of cotton. Everything clean and free from dust. Your own seed goes into a separate hopper.

Drive your wagon up to the gin, then go and attend to your business in town, and in less than an hour we give you your bale.

Your patronage respectfully solicited, C. J. STEWART,
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THE OLD RELIABLE GIN

Known to everyone in this section as the Bivings gin, has been thoroughly overhauled, and is now in the best running order.

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Thanking you for past favors, and soliciting a continuance of your patronage

Respectfully,
McKEE & STANFIELD.
Clanton.

Mortgage Sale.

Under and by virtue of the power contained in a certain mortgage given by W. L. Parnell and K. J Parnell on the 3rd of August, 1895, to the undersigned The Clifton Iron Co., which mortgage is recorded in the Mortgage Record 36 pages 145, 6, 7, and 8 the undersigned will proceed to sell at the Town of Stanton, Alabama, at public outcry for cash on

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 21, 1897,

the following described real estate and the timber rights thereon, to-wit.: The s½ of ne¼ n½ of the se qr. the sw qr of the se qr. the whole of the sw qr. the w½ of the nw qr. all lying and being in section thirty-six (36), township twenty-one (21), range eleven (11); also the n½ of the nw qr section one (1), township twenty (20), range eleven (11); also n½ of the ne qr. the sw qr of the ne qr. the e½ of e½ of the sw qr. the sw qr of se qr of the sw qr. the se qr of the sw qr of the sw qr, all in section two (2), township twenty (20), range eleven (11): and the timber only on the following described lands: the w1-2 of the ne qr of the sw qr section two (2), township twenty (20) range eleven (11); also the timber on that portion of the s1-2 of the ne qr. and n1-2 of se qr. and the n1-2 of the sw qr section sixteen (16), township twenty (20), range twelve (12) which lies north of Keener Mill Creek being 80 acres more or less, all of the above described land lying in Chilton County, State of Alabama.

Said sale to be made for the purpose of satisfying the amount due on said mortgage as well as the cost, attorney's fee, and expense incurred on account of foreclosure of this mortgage.

This 19th day of November, 1897.

CLIFTON IRON CO.
By Knox, Bowie & Dixon,
Their Attorneys.

Sheriff's Sale Under Attachment.

By virtue of two attachments issued by J. D. Patterson, a Notary Public and ex-officio Justice of the Peace in and for said county and State returnable to the Circuit court of Chilton county, Alabama, whereby I am commanded to attach sufficient of the estate of D. C. Savage to satisfy a debt in the sum of four hundred dollars, due V. B. Atkins & Co., by said D. C. Savage, and the costs of suit, I have levied on thd following described property, to wit:

Two hogs, one cooking stove, one wire safe, one stock of goods, wares and merchandise, now in the store house at Maplesville, Alabama, known as the D. C. Savage store house. The said hereinbefore described property being of so perishable a nature that it will greatly deterioate in value, or be destroyed, I shall expose for sale at Maplesville, Chilton county, Alabama, during the legal hours of sale, at public outcry, to the highest bidder for cash, on the 15th day of December, 1897, all the right, title and interest of the said D. C. Savage in and to the hereinbefore described property. Dated at Clanton this the 2nd day of December, 1897.

J. T. COOLEY,
Sheriff Chilton county, Ala.

CLANTON BARBER SHOP
W. H. TAYLOR, Proprietor.
HAIR CUTTING
SHAVING
SHAMPOOING
In all the Latest City Styles. Reasonable Charges. Prompt Attention.
HOT AND COLD BATHS.
MERRITT'S NEW BUILDING CLANTON

You can't understand how it is you feel so badly; why you have pains around the heart, and that sick feeling after meals. Why you always feel so tired and nervous; why you have Kidney trouble, or why your skin breaks out in pimples and sores. **It's all because your blood is poor!** Tone it up, in other words, take

Johnston's Sarsaparilla

the greatest of all blood purifiers. We will mail you, free, our illustrated book that tells you what the matter is, and how to correct the trouble.

Williams, Davis, Brooks & Co.
Detroit, Mich.

PRICE, $1.00 a Quart Bottle.

For sale by Dr. J. S. Johnson, Jr. Clanton, & G. W. Dawson, Verbena

TAX NOTICE.

ASSESSOR'S & COLLECTOR'S SECOND ROUND.

We will attend at the following times and places for the purpose of assessing the State and County taxes of Chilton county for the year 1898, and collecting the taxes for the year 1897:

Kincheon	November	8
Pletcher's Mill 8 to 11 am	"	9
Clanton Ford 12 to 4 p m	"	9
Stanton	"	10
Dixie	"	11
Shoults	"	12
Maplesville	"	13
Benson	"	15
Micaville	"	16
Providence (Beat 2)	"	17
Smith's School House	"	18
Mineral Springs	"	19
Strasburg	"	20
James Maddox's Mill	"	22
Providence (Beat 5)	"	23
Coopers	"	24
Verbena	25 &	26
Davis & Rollins' Gin	"	27
Jemison	Dec'r 1 &	2
Clanton	" 3 &	4

A. C. MIMS, Tax Assessor.
T. J. HUBBARD, Tax Collector.

I will also attend at Clanton from January 1 to January 31, 1898.

A. C. MIMS, Tax Assessor.

I will also attend at Clanton from December 21 to Dec. 31, 1897.

T. J. HUBBARD, Tax Collector.

THE CROSS AND CROWN

Is the title of a treatise on the doctrine of perfection or sanctification, by A. L. Pattillo, of Verbena, now in the press. It is written in a plain, homely fashion by one deeply impressed with the necessity of Christians living a perfect life, who desires to see all professing religion imbued with the same spirit. The Author, who is also a poet, has written several poems, all on religious subjects. The whole when complete will make a book of over 200 pages, bound in a stiff board cover, which at the small charge of 50 cents, should speedily exhaust the edition.

This book has a double claim on the people of Chilton county and should find a place in every home in the county, from the fact that it is entirely a home production, being the first book ever written, printed, bound and published in Chilton. It will be ready early in October. Price only 50 cents. Orders can be sent to THE BANNER, Clanton, or to A. L. Pattillo, Verbena.

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When you are about to buy a Sewing Machine do not be deceived by alluring advertisements and be led to think you can get the best made, finest finished and

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for a mere song. See to it that you buy from reliable manufacturers that have gained a reputation by honest and square dealing, you will then get a Sewing Machine that is noted the world over for its durability. You want the one that is easiest to manage and is

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are essential to every community, and so is a first-class store where you can rely upon getting full value for your money. At the Postoffice Store I have a full line of

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New Stock of Fall and Winter Goods coming.

New patterns in Dress Goods.

All the latest styles in Hats and Shoes.

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Highest price paid for Country Produce—Bring in your eggs and get 16 cents a dozen

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CANDY CATHARTIC ..... CASCARETS taste good. Eat them like candy. They remove any bad taste in the mouth, leaving the breath sweet and perfumed. It is a real pleasure to take them instead of nauseating liquids or cannon-ball pills.

PURELY VEGETABLE ..... CASCARETS are purely vegetable and contain no mercurial or other mineral poison. They are made of the latest remedies discovered and are a scientific combination never before put together in any form.

ANTISEPTIC LAXATIVE ..... CASCARETS are antiseptic. That means they stop undigested food from souring in the stomach, prevent fermentation in the bowels and kill disease germs of any kind that breed and feed in the system.

LIVER STIMULANT ..... CASCARETS tone the stomach and bowels and stimulate the lazy liver, making it work. They strengthen the bowels and put them into vigorous healthy condition, making their action easy and natural.

BOON FOR MOTHERS ..... CASCARETS increase the flow of milk in nursing mothers. A tablet taken by the mother makes her milk mildly purgative and has a mild but certain effect on the baby, the only safe laxative for the babe-in-arms.

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CURE GUARANTEED ..... CASCARETS, taken patiently, persistently, are guaranteed to cure any case of constipation, no matter how old and obstinate, or purchase money will be cheerfully refunded by your own druggist.

HEALTH FOR 10 CENTS ..... CASCARETS are sold by all druggists for 10c, 25c, 50c a box, according to size. A 10c box will prove their merit and put you on the right road to perfect and permanent health. Don't risk delay.

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are in almost every case caused by lack of blood and the weakness resulting therefrom. You can escape! We will furnish you the means.

Your entire system will become strong and well, you will cast off all Nervousness, Backache, Dyspepsia, General Debility, Chills and Fever and the thousand-and-one ailments weak women are heir to if you will use

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Read this from one who has suffered as you are suffering. She has been cured and knows whereof she writes:

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Gentlemen—Will you please send me a bottle of Dr. Harter's Iron Tonic. I can heartily recommend it as a cure for Diseases of Women. It has completely cured me. I had been ailing for years and one bottle of Dr. Harter's Iron Tonic made me well and strong. I want this bottle for a friend. MRS. T. R. BROWN.

Dr. Harter's Iron Tonic is the greatest known blood purifier and health builder.

Sold everywhere. Sample dose of Dr. Harter's Little Liver Pills and Book of Dreams mailed free.

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NEAR TO NATURE'S HEART.

I have dwelt in the earth's lone places,
On her prairies, wild and wide,
Where the waving grass, like billows,
Ripples from side to side.

I have dwelt where the foreign monarchs
Were closely gathered near;
They have sung me the grandest anthems
Ever heard by a mortal ear.

I have dwelt where the wild waves gather
At the storm-king's trumpet cry,
And have seen them break in anger,
Toss their white crests high.

And nearer and dearer ever
The earth has grown to my heart;
Alas! for she will not miss me,
When I to my place depart.
—Waverley Magazine.

TAMPERING WITH A SIGNAL.

We were on the platform at Kings Cross. The evening train for Aberdeen was drawn up, ready for its journey.

"A fine train, sir," I said to a guard of another later train, whom I knew slightly.

"Aye, aye, sir, it is a fine train, this one. But—though I say it as shouldn't—not the train it was a year ago, when we used to run up against the London and Northwestern every night."

"Oh," said I, interested at once, "so you were one of the guards in that great race, were you? It must have been tremendously exciting."

"Exciting, sir! Why, I could tell you a regular story about it, that night as we ran from Kings Cross here to Newcastle without a stop. That was something like a run, wasn't it?"

"It was, indeed, and if it is not troubling you too much, I'd like to hear your story just while we are waiting to see the train off."

"I was the guard of this train on this particular night, sir. Our usual course was to run to York, without a stop, then on to Berwick, Edinburgh, Dundee and Aberdeen. Three nights before, though we had gone a large part of the distance at eighty miles an hour, the other company had beaten us by just about five minutes.

"But this night all our officials not only hoped, but had made all preparations both for beating the London and Northwestern, and also breaking the record.

"I was sitting at home the day before the eventful run was to take place, smoking my pipe and thinking deeply, when I was aroused by a sharp knock at the door. On opening it I found a tall, fair-haired geneleman of about 30, who asked smilingly if Mr. James—that's my name—was at home, and if he could see him.

"I informed him of my identity and invited him in.

"'Well, I have learned—by what means I need not say—what probably most of you on the line think is quite a secret, that there is to be a very determined attempt by your train to-morrow night to beat the record, as well as the other company's train. I thought it as well to call and ask your private opinion of the chances of success, if you would not be adverse to giving me it, on the Q. T. You have doubtless heard of B—— & Co.?'

"I nodded, and he smiled again.

"'Exactly. Well, we have the offer of a bet of £2,500 to £1,500 that your train does not beat the London and Northwestern to-morrow night. I am of course inclined to accept the bet, but thought it wise just to drop in and ask your opinion first (on the strict Q. T.) as to the chances of your success. I reckon a "pony" would be very welcome, wouldn't it, for yourself, and a "tenner" for each of the others?'

"'You can depend on us to-morrow night, sir,' said I. 'We have all in readiness, and shall certainly do the trick. Why, bless you—though it's strictly private—we're going to run to Newcastle without a stop.'

"He had a drink of whisky with me, and then he rose to go. 'O, by the by,' said he, before leaving, 'there's no risk of your having to stop on the way, I suppose? I mean for foolish passengers who might get nervous at the speed and pull the communication cord, or anything of that sort? And there is no part of the rail likely to be blocked, as there was a few nights ago at Darlington, I suppose?'

"'No, I think both contingencies are very unlikely, the latter especially. The only awkward piece of this line is that between Arbroath and Montrose, where we have only a single line to work on. That necessarily is ticklish, but it'll be all right to-morrow night.'

"Amid a storm of cheers from the many spectators on the platform we set out from Kings Cross here for Aberdeen. Our train consisted of the engine and tender—our very best, I need scarcely say—with five coaches and the guard's van.

"For the first time there was no stoppage at York, through Darlington and Durham. As you know, we always felt uncertain about this piece of road between York and Newcastle, the traffic is so heavy; but on this occasion there was not the slightest need for any diminution of speed, and as we drew up at Newcastle platform for a ten-minutes' stay we were actually five minutes before any record time for this journey.

"All went well to Edinburgh, over the Forth bridge, over the Tay bridge and through Dundee, until we began to get within measurable distance of Aberdeen. I found, on referring to my watch, that now, just before entering on the piece of single line, we were about fifteen minutes before our expected time.

"We had gone about a couple of miles when I fancied I felt a slight slackening of our speed. Before another mile was covered this was more plainly evident, and when I heard those portentous whistles of the engine I knew that the signals were against us.

"The train gradually slackened speed until it came to a dead stop at that wretched signal. As no notice was taken to our repeated whistling, I was about to go forward myself to the signal box to see what was the matter, when I saw the signalman waving a white light. He protested, in reply to my angry query, that he had signaled the line as being clear for the last half hour, but I assured him that the signal was against us.

"But though we dashed into Aberdeen with much puffing of the engine at least four minutes before our appointed time, we were too late. That miserable stoppage on the single line had killed us, and we found that the London and Northwestern train had beaten us by three minutes.

"There was, of course, an immediate inquiry into the cause of the delay, and it was found on examination that the signalman was not to blame, as the signal wires had been tampered with. Hence the signal would not work when the lever was pulled.

"The signalman recollected having seen a gentlemanly looking fellow walking near the line the day before and taking a stroll that way later in the evening, but he was not at all sure he could recognize him again.

"It was about a fortnight or so later that I received a letter from New York. I opened it, and read as follows:

"'Dear Mr. James—Thanks for your information as to which was the most ticklish portion of your line to Aberdeen, we were enabled to carry out our plan successfully. You see, we had bet that the London and Northwestern would win, not the Great Northern; and so took steps to win our wager. I am sorry you lost your promised reward—ah, ah, but there are three £25 notes inclosed, as a solatium, one for each of you, with my best thanks. You will pardon my last piece of advice, Mr. James—don't, another time, give too much information to strangers.'

"Ah, there is the whistle and off she goes on her long journey to the north. The next train is mine. Good-night, sir."—London Tit-Bits.

BABY SAVED BY LIGHTNING.

Lion Killed Just as It Was Ready to Spring Upon the Child.

Lightning and blackberries come together in the coast region of Texas. The people there, as a rule, are more partial to the latter than the former. One exception to the rule exists there to-day, however, in Mrs. Pennington, of Plum Creek, who says that one timely stroke of the lightning has done her more good than all the blackberries in creation could possibly accomplish. Just behind the Pennington home is a small clearing, in which the blackberries grow large and sweet and in abundance. One day Mrs. Pennington went there to pick some berries for supper, and took her little baby girl with her. The baby grew tired in a little while, and the mother arranged a bed of dry leaves for it under a sheltering sumach bush. In a few minutes the child was asleep, and the mother resumed her berry picking. It was an oppressively hot day, when the air was full of electricity and not a breath of wind stirring anywhere. A squall was coming up rapidly from the east, the lightning was showing dimly on its upper edge, but Mrs. Pennington was apparently oblivious of the approach of the storm, glad only that the baby slept so well and gave her so little trouble. But it was not the storm alone that threatened danger. At the very edge of the thicket, and only a few feet from the sleeping baby, its eyes gleaming, its head laid flat on the ground and its tail lashing its tawny sides, a huge Mexican lion was crouching ready to spring. For a moment it dug its hind paws nervously into the ground, and then it leaped into the air. It fell dead only a few inches from the sleeping baby, just as a loud peal of thunder caused Mrs. Pennington to look around for the safety of the child. The baby awoke, looked up and smiled.—St Louis Globe-Democrat.

Gems Suffer.

Gems have diseases, just as men and women have, with this difference, that the infirmities of precious stones can rarely be cured. Some gems deteriorate—grow old, in other words—and gradually become lifeless. Pearls are most subject to this fate, and no means have been found to restore them to life. Among the infirmities to which precious stones are liable is one common to all colored stones—that of fading or losing color when long exposed to light. The emerald, the sapphire, and the ruby suffer the least, their colors being as nearly permanent as colors can be, yet experiments made a few years ago in Paris and Berlin to determine the deterioration of colored gems through exposure showed that even these suffered, a ruby which had lain for two years in a shop window being perceptibly lighter in tint that its original mate, which had been kept in the darkness.

His Guess.

"I see," said the fortune teller, "that you are to be twice married, and that——"

"Oh," exclaimed Bixby, clapping his hands to the sides of his head, "this is terrible! Terrible!"

"What is terrible?" his friend asked.

"Insanity has always run in our family," the distressed man replied, "and now I am given to understand that I, too, am to be one of its victims!"—Cleveland Leader.

Foundation of the Ottoman Empire.

The great Ottoman Empire, which at one time threatened the civilized world, sprang from a band of 400 wandering Turkoman families.

A woman never puts so much energy into killing and shooing out flies as when she has been thoroughly riled by her husband.

FOR LITTLE FOLKS.

A COLUMN OF PARTICULAR INTEREST TO THEM.

Something that Will Interest the Juvenile Members of Every Household—Quaint Actions and Bright Sayings of Many Cute and Cunning Children.

Donna's Skirt Dance.

Out on the lawn sit father and mother,
Four-year-old Donna, Kate, Joe, neighbor Krumm,
And grandma, who asks, "Now, will wee Donna give us
A dance while papa gaily sings 'tumity tum?'"

"Yes, oh, yes, g'an'ma, dear," and up she stands blushing,
Her lavender muslin 'twixt finger and thumb,
Serious, watchful, patiently waiting,
For none but papa must sing 'tumity tum."

"Tumity tum" sets the tan slippers flying,
Around and around the waving locks come,
Fallen leaves rustle, and "Bravo!" is shouted
To the musical beat of tum, tum-tee-tum.

But a dry, old stick, all doubled and twisted,
Lies right in her path, close-crouching and dumb,
Till her steps hasten on to a quick, quicker, quickest
Tee-tumity, tumty-ti teump tee-tum!

Then it springs! There's a whirl of locks, lace and muslin,
Embroidery and shoes; there she's up, rather glum,
But again circling smoothly and steadily onward
To papa's cheerful "Ha! girlie, tee-tumty tum.

Toora, loora, tee-tum," so it now must be ended—
With spirit and never a tear in her eyes;
That done, her lips quiver while showing her bruises
As she leans on papa, and, oh! how she cries!
—Detroit Free Press.

Awfully Conceited.

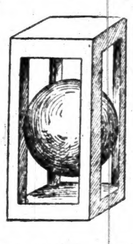
The Indianapolis Journal reports a scrap of dialogue between two boys. Some people would say that their ideas and logic were both rather characteristic of their sex.

Tommy—I wouldn't be as stuck up as girls is for anything.

Jimmy—Me, neither. They thinks they are just as good as boys.

Boy Who Knows How to Whittle.

Here's a Chicago boy who knows how to use a jackknife. His name is George Richardson, and the cut will show you what he has done. Out of a straight pine stick, about one inch thick, one inch wide and two inches long, he whittled the cage with the round ball inside of it. This ball is loose and can be readily rolled about, but it is too large to be taken from its prison.



The work is smoothly and neatly done, and George says he used nothing but a jackknife, although it must have been difficult to whittle out the inside of the cage by this means. Where's the boy who can show a better job of whittling?

Samaritans Among Birds.

Once upon a time a pair of robins built their nest on a fence, and a pair of catbirds (American thrushes that are so called because their cry is like the mewing of a cat) in a brush close by. Baby birds appeared in each nest about the same time, and all went well for a few days, when one morning the parent catbirds were both missing, probably slain. Their young would have starved but for the robins. Whenever the robins lit on the rail with a worm or other food the catbirds set up a hungry squeak, and so the kind birds of the redbreast determined to feed the stranger fledglings as well as their own. Both families were successfully reared, the catbirds being so strong and lively that they looked as if they had been brought up by their own parents.

Where Neddie Found Him.

Where was Baby? Neddie looked under all the sofas and Lawrence even peeped into the big tin cake box. You see, Baby had only one little tooth in his head, but that one was such a sweet tooth. And he had twice been known to creep out into the pantry into the cake box. But he wasn't there this time. He didn't seem to be anywhere, and mamma began to get alarmed.

"Get the dinner bell, Ned," she said, "and ring it out the back door for papa. And, Lawrence, are you sure you hunted in all the closets? There's the linen closet, you know, and Bridget's closet."

"I looked in 'em all," Lawrence said, despondently. "He isn't anywhere. I guess he's de-solved. He's sweet enough to."

Papa came in and hunted, too. Outdoors and in they hunted, getting more frightened all the time. Then Neddie found him. He laughed till the two anxious tears just crossing over the bridge of his nose lost their balance and tumbled down hill.

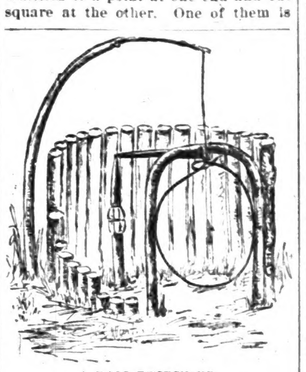
I said Neddie found Baby, but really and truly it was only his little, soft chamois shoes he found and part of two little, black stockinged legs in them. The rest of Baby was out of sight.

Papa's tall, square scrap basket in the library was over on its side, and Baby had crawled in and gone to sleep. How mamma laughed when he was found!—Youth's Companion.

A Boy's Rabbit Snare.

One of the most effective rabbit snares for boy-trappers is known as the bait twitch-up. It is very simply made, and if there are any rabbits in the neighborhood where it is set up it will certainly catch them. As you will see in the picture the snare consists of a pen made of small sticks about a foot high, and having an opening on one side about six inches across. In the picture some of the sticks are shown cut off short in order to reveal the interior of the pen. Over the doorway a stout twig is arched.

Two sticks about ten inches long are whittled to a point at one end and cut square at the other. One of them is



A BAIT TWITCH-UP.

baited with a sweet apple and balanced upright at the further side of the pen. The point of the other stick is carefully balanced at the point of the upright, the other end being placed just under the arch, where it is held fast by the noose wire. This noose-wire is fastened to a springy sapling.

When the rabbit sees the apple he pops through the noose, but the moment he touches the bait down fall the two sticks, up goes the sapling and he is caught in the noose.

Daily Mails by Birds.

Out on the Pacific coast there has been established what is probably the most novel postal service in the world, says the New York Herald. It is not under Government control, and Uncle Sam has nothing to do with the appointment of the operators.

This line is between Santa Catalina Island, lying twenty miles out to sea, and Los Angeles, Cal., and the postmen are trim, saucy little carrier pigeons, whose feathered coats, oddly enough, are precisely the bluish gray shade of the regulation postman's uniform. Every day during the three summer months, and sometimes twice a day, these tiny messengers fly from the island across the ocean channel and over the land—fifty miles, air line to their loft in Los Angeles, bearing beneath their wings not only dispatches to private persons, but a daily budget of news for the city press.

The owners and originators of what is now known as the Catalina Carrier Pigeon Service are two bright Los Angeles boys—the Zahn brothers. Catalina Island is one of the most popular summer resorts on the Pacific coast; therefore it came to pass that every summer several thousand people found themselves literally "at sea," practically cut off from the outside world. A steamer lands at Avalon, the principal resort on the island, once each day, arriving at 6 o'clock p. m., and returning to the mainland at 7 o'clock the following morning. All communication with the outside world was, therefore, cut off for twenty-four hours at a time.

At first the only thought was to send private messages; but it soon occurred to the editor of one of the enterprising city dailies to have the daily correspondence from the island transmitted by the pigeon line. The experiment was therefore tried.

Private vs. Public Opinion.

An Englishman who was traveling at the time Senor Canovas was killed, writes to the London Standard his observations of the manner in which men really spoke of the assassination: "Every paper devoted columns to denouncing the deed, commenting on the political results, and to unanimously singing the praises of the dead premier. According to the Liberal and Conservative papers alike, his efforts for Spain has been colossal, and had he lived he would speedily have ended or mended the difficulties in Cuba, the Philippines, and at home. He was an ideal man, politically and socially, and was to be the saviour of his country. During the last few days, in Seville and Madrid, I have heard the opinion of many classes of the community, and ninety per cent. of the people here state openly, in the cafe, in the streets, at the table d'hote, and in the clubs, that, far from being surprised, they wonder that Canovas was not murdered ten years ago. They speak of him as a cold-hearted despot, opposed to all measures for the improvement of the people, the prime cause of the wasted millions in Cuba, and the murderer of the thousands who have died there from famine, disease, and at the hands of the insurgents. They lay at his door the innumerable tax abuses, which lately have increased considerably."

Descriptive, at Least.

A baby in St. Louis has the original name of Cyclonia. It was given to her, the Chicago Times-Herald explains, because she was born during the destructive storm which visited St. Louis in the spring of 1896. But for this explanation it might have been supposed that her name indicated simply that her father and mother were completely carried away with her.

Entertaining company is nothing but vanity. The professional visitors have a way of praising everything offered them, and those who entertain break their necks for the cheap compliments.

Twenty-five dollars for wedding cards is apparently too much; brides have almost stopped using them, because they do not bring $25 worth of presents.

AN INTERESTING FAMILY.

The Jimson Weed and Its Numerous and Important Relatives.

The lowly jimson weed belongs to a family not only interesting, but of great importance from an economic point of view. The James' own weed is only another specie of the plant from which the priests of Apollo made a decoction to induce that state of ecstasy in keeping with the prophetic character of their revelations. Tonga is a drink made from the seeds which the indians of Darien give to their children that they may discover the location of gold. Klondikers might take a baby along and a few jimson weed seeds to make tea, and when the baby has its "dope" and falls down, there daddy could dig, sure of a find.

Of course you eat potatoes, which are cousins of the jimson weed, but you very likely eat them with or without their jackets, in salad, prepared as Saratoga chips or in other ways too numerous to mention, but it is safe to say that you never ate them preserved, and yet that is the way Parkinson, writing in 1640, recommended that they be cooked. He suggested that the tubers be roasted, steeped in sugar or baked with marrow and spices. Here is an opportunity for some enterprising chef or housekeeper striving for originality to win distinction in the way of serving pommes de terre.

You probably eat tomatoes, too, which you probably eat with sugar and call tomahtoes, while your plebeian friend eats his with salt and calls them plain tomaytoes. If you are partial to vegetables the egg-plant, also a night shade, is found upon your table, possibly seasoned with cayenne pepper, another of the same family. The great sweet-smelling masses of white and magenta petunias which are so familiar, are also of this enterprising family. Bitter sweet, the Jerusalem cherry, apple of Peru, henbane and the ugly horse nettle are a few other more or less familiar.

The long-corrolled nicotiana noctiflora, which opens, as its name suggests, in the evening, is a favorite garden flower, as is the Nierambergia, named for the gentle scholar-priest of Buenos Ayres, who first collected it. Another old-fashioned flower of this family is the matrimony vine, which is not a vine, but a shrub with decumbent branches. Belladonna, also known as atropa, is a night shade. The ladies used it to make a wash for freckles, hence its name "belladonna," beautiful lady. Its poisonous properties got for it the name of the cruel fate, Atropos, who cut the thread of human life as fast as it was drawn out by Lachesis.

Last, but not least, comes king tobacco, product of our own soil, the royal weed against which Popes have issued bulls and kings mandates, and still vive le roi! But even a modest Missouri man as he rests after dinner in slippered feet, sans waistcoat, sans necktie, watching the blue smoke curling above his head and dreaming such dreams as only nicotiana tobacum can produce, takes much comfort and can echo the remark: "It is a very interesting family."—St. Louis Globe-Democrat.

Mourning Colors.

In Italy women grieve in white garments and men in brown. In China white is worn by both sexes. In Turkey, Syria, Cappadocia, and Armenia celestial blue is the tint chosen. In Egypt yellowish-brown, the hue of the dead leaf, is deemed proper; and in Ethiopia where men are black, gray is the emblem of mourning. All of these colors are symbols. White symbolizes purity, an attribute of the dead; the celestial blue that place of rest where happy souls are at peace, the yellow, or dead leaf tells that the death is the end of all human hope, and that man falls as the autumn leaf; and gray whispers of the earth to which all return. The Syrians considered mourning for the dead an effeminate practice, and so, when they grieved, they put on women's clothes as a symbol of weakness, and as a shame to them for a lack of manliness. The Thracians made a feast when one of their loved ones died, and every method of joy and delight was employed. This meant then that the dead had passed from a state of misery to one of felicity. Black was introduced as mourning by the queen of Charles VIII. Before that the French queens wore white mourning, and were known as white queens.

Language.

The Cingalese have twelve words for lady, according to the rank and position of the person they wish to designate. They have also eight different modes of saying "thou" and "you," as determined by the social position of the person addressed. In Siam there are eight different ways of saying "I" and "we," influenced by the circumstances of the master addressing the servant, or the servant the master. The names of the commonest things among certain savages are modified by the sex of the person speaking. So that the female would employ a different word or different form thereof from the male in speaking of "men," "moon," "sun," "law." The Hurons use a different word for an animate and inanimate thing. If they spoke of "seeing a stone," and of "seeing a man," the word "seeing" in the two sentences would be different.

The West End.

There is one good explanation of the fact that great cities almost invariably grow towards the west. As regards Europe, the prevailing winds are from the west and southwest, so that these portions of the towns are brighter, cleaner, and healthier than the eastern.

Dews on Land and Sea.

Dews are less abundant on islands than on ships in midocean. Seamen can, therefore, tell when they are nearing land by reason of the smaller deposit of dew on the vessel.

TRUMPET CALLS.

Ram's Horn Sounds a Warning to the Unredeemed.

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Mother, is the little child's [illegible]

Slow promises make the best [illegible]

Opinions never change the w[illegible]

A fool's company is not hard [illegible]

Honesty has never found a s[illegible]

He that is always calm is [illegible] brave.

He is very unfortunate that [illegible] trouble.

Gold loses its shine when it [illegible] by guilt.

Nature is the supernatural [illegible] unveiled.

The best safe for your money [illegible] dent wife.

A giant among giants is not [illegible] his own size.

The ass might sing better if he [illegible] pitch his tune so high.

The man robs others who d[illegible] make the best of himself.

Nothing can happen without [illegible] good to those who love God.

Everybody says, "Go up hig[illegible] the man who is "getting there."

Call a little man great, and [illegible] de people will throw up their h[illegible]

Whenever an ass brays he [illegible] thinks he has enlightened the w[illegible]

To get the good out of the pr[illegible] must learn how to live each hour [illegible] THUAS.

The devil cannot be less me[illegible] men than they have been to each [illegible]

If you talk to a mule about v[illegible] ure, take care to keep away f[illegible] heels.

A shallow man may always [illegible] face of a fool by looking into [illegible] well.

We may stand on the highest [illegible] we are only willing to take [illegible] enough.

The man who travels the sa[illegible] every day soon ceases to adm[illegible] scenery.

Time and Silence.

As time is the greatest of phy[illegible] to silence is the greatest of [illegible] Time and silence succeed of[illegible] where all other agencies and in[illegible] fail. The truth is omnipote[illegible] needs no props.—In the end o[illegible] right will prevail, and all me[illegible] see it. Suffering is the only a[illegible] the highest and divinest expe[illegible] "He was made perfect through [illegible] ing," and if we would "reign w[illegible] we must also suffer with Him." [illegible] fering is Heaven's brightest [illegible] disguise. If we suffer as Chr[illegible] let us rejoice and be glad, for [illegible] our reward, not in the far-off [illegible] come only, but here on earth [illegible] we are right with God and our [illegible] just, we have nothing to fear, b[illegible] we may suffer, but in the end w[illegible] say, "It was well; it was well" [illegible] things come to those who know [illegible] wait, and silence is golden w[illegible] know that He guides our step[illegible] loeth all things well, and He sh[illegible] forth thy righteousness as the li[illegible] thy judgment (vindication) as th[illegible] day." So shall it be well with [illegible] suffer on, if it be thy lot.

The German Woman.

In Germany to-day no wom[illegible] control property; she cannot ev[illegible] trol her own actions; whatever [illegible] ue she has acquired in any w[illegible] longs to her father, her husband [illegible] son, and the law requires her [illegible] their orders. Japan is the onl[illegible] country on earth that pretends [illegible] civilized where the rights of [illegible] are so restricted. When a [illegible] marries in Germany all her p[illegible] passes into the ownership of h[illegible] band forever. He has the leg[illegible] to use or dispose of it in any [illegible] he chooses regardless of her w[illegible] protests. If they are divorc[illegible] property remains with him. W[illegible] assents to the marriage vow s[illegible] feits independence and confers [illegible] him absolute jurisdiction ov[illegible] mind, body and estate. He can [illegible] her to work or do anything else [illegible] lawful for women to do, and [illegible] no relief or protection except b[illegible] opinion. Some of the Americ[illegible] esses who have married Germ[illegible] ons have learned of this law [illegible] sorrow, and others who may h[illegible] opportunity to assist in suppo[illegible] German army and restoring a[illegible] estates should look into the [illegible] very carefully before they app[illegible] wedding day.—Chicago Record.

POPULAR SCIENCE.

Zoologists say that all known [illegible] of wild animals are gradually [illegible] asing in size.

A mechanical device recently [illegible] ented pastes paper labels on [illegible] tins in ten hours.

Some wonderful stalactite cav[illegible] discovered recently at Sterk[illegible] eight miles to the northwest of [illegible] gersdorp, in the South Afric[illegible] public.

Professor Hillicot, a scien[illegible] British Columbia, who has bee[illegible] for some time in Indian villag[illegible] interior, now claims to ha[illegible] ered positive proof that the [illegible] coast Indians are of Malay-Po[illegible] origin.

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A Light Lunch.

Benny Bloobumper—"Oh, papa, the goat has swallowed a Roman candle!"

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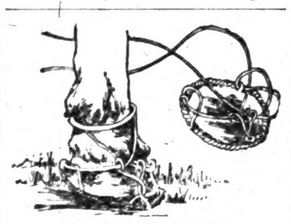
Heavy hauling and farm work in Japan are exclusively done by oxen. The Japanese teamster is very attentive to the animals intrusted in his care and always treats them with great



SANDALS WORN BY OXEN.

kindness. He would not think of letting an ox go out without having placed a sort of sandal on its forefeet, which protect the animal's hoofs from injury. These sandals consists of a sole braided of rice straw, which is fastened to the hoof in the manner shown in our illustration.

"He merely kissed my hand. I could not speak for indignation."

"Yes."

"He must have thought me deaf and dumb."

But even in such a contingency, was it to be assumed that the hand was to perform all of the multiplex functions that usually devolve upon the lips?—Detroit Journal.

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A half a pint of rosewater and one spoonful of lemon juice is considered excellent for bathing the face in to remove tan.

A complexion wash, which is very highly recommended and removes freckles, is made of a quarter pound of oatmeal soap, shaved fine into one quart of soft, boiling water; stir until it is smooth and cool; then add a half pint spirits of wine and a quarter ounce of oil of rosemary.

The danger that lies in the inflammable hair washes, and which has already manifested itself in the death of two women in the city of London, has induced so eminent a scientist as Lord Kelvin to write a letter upon the subject, which was regarded of enough importance to be published in the London Times. The washes that have been responsible for these disasters are composed chiefly of gasoline or benzine, and are used by hairdressers to remove the natural oil that will collect in the hair of a healthful person. During such cleaning process explosions have followed and death has in two notable instances resulted. Lord Kelvin says that the explosion was due to an electric spark generated by rubbing or handling the hair. All persons are familiar with the experiment of producing electric sparks by stroking a cat's back, and Lord Kelvin holds that the evaporation of the benzine forms, with the air, an explosive gas that may be easily ignited by an electric spark. He says: "Ignition of vapor of benzine by electric spark is well known to dyers in their process for cleaning silks and other fabrics by boiling in large cauldrons of liquid benzine. When the goods are taken out of the cauldron and spread out to dry on a table explosions have often taken place, and I believe it is quite certain that an electric spark, caused by some slight friction between dried and partially dried portions of the fabrics, is the incendiary." Since the absence of a flame or a fire in a room does not insure immunity from these terrible accidents the ladies had better resort to the use of some other agent for cleaning the hair than those, the basis of which is an inflammable liquid that generates a gas easily exploded by an electric spark.

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The general proposition that "the volume of money in the country controls the prices in the country; that, as the volume increases, prices rise; as it decreases, prices fall"—is hard to perceive when applied to a nation. In order to make it clear, whether or not it be true, let us apply it first to a small community. Let us suppose the case of an island, entirely isolated from the rest of the world. Upon this island let there be twenty men, with their families, but not a cent of money on the whole island. Suppose you offer your labor to a man for a whole year for one cent; suppose you offer him your year's farm crop, delivered at his door, for the same sum—one cent. You could find neither an employer, nor a buyer, for the simple reason that there is not a cent on the island. This would be the situation with no volume of money at all.

Suppose now that each man had one dollar—100 cents. The volume of money is now $20. Renew again your offers to labor or to deliver your year's farm crop. In this event you could obtain for your year's labor, probably as much as 10 to 20 cents, and for your year's crop as much, or rather more. No man could give you more than 100 cents, for this number is all he has, nor could he use them all for this one purpose, as he needs must use some for other things. Each cent would be to him as precious as a diamond, yet 'tis fair to assume one could obtain the prices above quoted, 10 to 20 cents. Let us suppose again that each man had $10. The money volume is now $200. Renew again your offer of labor or farm crop, and 'tis only reasonable to think you could obtain a price of a dollar or so for either.

Suppose again that each man had $100. In this event the price obtainable for like offers should be $10 to $20. You see, as the volume increases the prices rise proportionately. Now, let us suppose that each man has $1,000; nay, more, say $10,000. In this latter event 'tis not too much to expect that you could obtain for your year's labor or farm crop the sum of $1,000. Each man would have plenty of money to obtain what he needed or wished. Your labor or crop would be desired and he would have the money to pay with. To the writer this illustration seems as clear as a simple theorem in geometry—that, as the money volume increased, prices must rise. Let us now reverse the proposition. Suppose each man started in with $10,000, money volume would then be $200,000. Then let certain laws be enacted, the effect of which would be to gradually reduce the money volume on the island, little by little, year by year, each man having less and less, soon each to have only $9,000, then $8,000, then $7,000, and so on until each was again reduced to no money at all.

As each man found his dollars growing fewer and fewer, would not each become more and more precious? Would you not have to give more and more labor or products to buy one of them?

Is it not inevitable that prices would shrink little by little, until again there was no price at all?

If there is any error in this reasoning the writer is unable to perceive it, and so convinced is he of its truth that he is running his business on these lines on the basis that the tendency of all prices is downward, and must continue so for an indefinite time to come. There is no bottom in sight.

Each nation that goes to the gold standard will drive prices down another notch.

"Yes," says some party, "but wheat is going up; cattle is going up and this, that or the other commodity is going up, with the money volume remaining substantially the same, hence your reasoning must be wrong."

Let us see. The needle of the compass points to the north pole.

Bring near it a ten-penny nail. Away goes the needle from its natural course for awhile, while the ten-penny nail is near, but at once when 'tis removed the magnetic attraction reasserts itself and brings the needle again to its course.

Thus, when under a shrinking money volume any commodity rises in price, look out for some ten-penny nail, and its presence will not be usually hard to find.

When that is removed, down goes the price again, hastening to regain its place in the procession which it temporarily lost.

The ten-penny nails, the local and temporary influences which at this time have raised the prices of wheat or cattle, etc., are readily perceived by those familiar with the business.

There is no relief possible for the nation other than the creation of some new supply of money from some source, not necessarily of silver, but by some means or other to reverse the present policy, to turn this shrinking money volume into an increasing volume instead. Until some such reverse policy be adopted prices must still slowly decline, distress must still prevail, the people become more and more serf-like, loyalty be on the wane and the end not yet.

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Only Waiting.

We are waiting—only waiting—
For the promised days to come—
For they said when birds were mating
We would hear the busy hum
Of machinery put in motion,
And the shuttle and the loom
Would dispel all doubtful notion
Of McKinley's business boom.
—Louisville Dispatch.

'Tis true we now are waiting
For the promised days to come;
'Tis true, as you are stating,
That in business there's no hum;
But in answer to your cackle
We reiterate our guess,
That prosperity you'll tackle
In a twelve-month or less.
—Chicago Inter Ocean.

There are buds that long for blooming
Yet whose leaves fail to expand;
There are ships love sends a sailing,
That oft never reach the land;
O'er the songs sweet hope sings to us
Come the minor tones of woe—
And to guess or play the prophet
Is not wise unless you know.
—Philadelphia Times.

Only waiting 'till the shadows
Are a little longer grown;
Only waiting 'till the gold-bugs
Every blessed thing shall own;
Then they'll point with great elation
To the ruin they have wrought,
And the only "hum" they leave us
Is the humbug they have brought.
—Chicago Dispatch.

"The waiting" will soon be over,
Ere the swallows nest again
And the din of gathering thousands
Will echo over the plain.
Revolution fierce and gory
Is ripening fast apace;
Statesmen, scholars, judges, rulers
Should utilize this day of grace.
—Mercury.

It is coming—yes, 'tis coming,
But not a business boom;
It is misery, crime and hunger,
When despoilers reap a boon;
But the wrath of outraged justice
Will break forth like a storm,
And the masses who are plundered
Will proceed to make things warm.
—Texas Independent.

Too long we have been waiting,
And the day will soon be here,
When the tyrants and despoilers
Will shake with craven fear;
When the Hannas and Carnegies
Will reap the crop they've sown;
Then all men will be truly free
And labor have its own.
K. of L. Journal.

POINTS FROM THE PRESS.

Prosperity that comes from adversity abroad will be followed by a reaction. Whatever hurts part of the world will, in the end, hurt all the world.—New Era.

It is reported that President McKinley intends to recommend stringent legislation against "demagogues," that is Socialists and Anarchists, in his forthcoming message to congress. We cannot believe that the President is quite such a fool.—Twentieth Century.

Out of the stratification of society have grown two very repulsive elements—tramps and dudes. The tramp is a cross between poverty and crime. The dude is a cross between nobody and nothing.—Journal of the Knights of Labor.

Don't imagine that Mark Hanna, in spite of his close call, won't go back to the Senate. A few "disaffected Republicans" may have to be bought for the purpose, but the banks and the trusts have the money.—Silver Knight-Watchman.

In those days of "prosperity" the average citizen will do well to study the situation carefully, and see if there is not still a great deal of room for improvement. People should make the most of the conditions that now exist, but to simply jump at the conclusion that everything is all right because times are a little better than they were three months ago would be almost criminal stupidity.—National Bimetallist.

It might be better for the Pennsylvania coal operators to stop calling their Hungarian and Polish miners ignorant and dangerous elements of the population until an explanation is vouchsafed as to why they imported them.—Boston Herald.

The battle for freedom is going on yet there are millions of suffering human beings who should be in it, but who are merely loafing around and waiting for some one else to win the victory for them.—Grander Age.

It is appalling to think of a man being prosperous and not knowing it. Every citizen should be compelled to subscribe for and read a Republican gold standard paper so he would know when to rejoice. The idea of a man piling up wealth and not being aware of it! Oh, shame! Let every man read the supplements of the Republican papers and thus learn how rapidly he is getting wealthy.—El Dorado Industrial Advocate.

Say, John Henry, have you ever discovered that before you can earn your living, you must first gain the consent of some person who has a paper title to the earth, or that owns the tools of production? John Henry, you are not very much of a free man, are you?—Rights of Man.

Labor is the greatest power in our social organization—a power greater than all the parties, greater even than capital, because, if so disposed, labor can make, unmake, or amend all the laws. Its rule could be made absolute. The experience of all time teaches that the rule of labor, when it comes (and not far away), will be more just and more generous than that of capital has been in the past thousand years.—Pueblo Chieftain.

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DEAR SIRS: NOVEMBER 8, 1897.

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WOMAN'S WORLD.

A TALK WITH THE NEW LADY MAYORESS OF LONDON.

Blouse Jackets the Rage—The Sway of Serene Women—Movement Critics—Jane Addams on Working Women—Children at Christmas.

Anne Morton Lane, writing from London to the Chicago Times-Herald, says: One day last week I called upon the woman who is now "queen of the city," but who was then lady mayoress elect, and found her a charmingly amiable and kind woman, whose greeting was so cordial and hospitable that I felt that at the Mansion House as well as in her lovely country home Mrs. Horatio Davies would be able to impart that strong element of personal regard into her welcome of guests that is the true essence of real hospitality. She appeals to you at once as a woman who is seldom bored and invariably sympathetic. By her quiet interest in people's conversation you feel that she has that power of "listening well" that so few women possess and, alas, so few even cultivate.

"I am not a new woman," she said cheerily, as I remarked upon the exquisite coziness that breathed from every corner of her boudoir. "I am a 'home woman,' and I think that if more women understood the values of their home influence the world would be a good deal better for them. It is the tendency of the age, I suppose, for women to struggle into conspicuous positions, but it is one with which I have little sympathy.

"No, I never made a speech in my life, and I don't know that I care about doing so. Of course, if, during my husband's term of office, it will be necessary for me to say a few words I will do it with pleasure, but if there is any real 'speaking' to do I hope that he will voice my opinions for me."

I asked the lady mayoress if she looked forward with pleasure to her reign

MRS. HORATIO DAVIES.

at the Mansion House, and she told me that she thought it would be extremely pleasant. "We shall be able to get away for 'week ends' to our own home occasionally, I hope, for we are all fond of the country and of our house. It is 'the place' par excellence in the little village of Wateringbury.

"My hobbies? I don't think I have any very special ones. I share my husband's love for pictures—and we have many paintings by celebrated artists. My favorite, I think, of all our collection is Bouguereau's 'First Kiss;' it is so infinitely delicate and dainty."

The lord mayor elect, Mrs. Davies told me, was also deeply interested in the collection of old silver, of which he has some exceedingly fine examples.

"He has a wonderful faculty," said Mrs. Davies, "for acquiring really valuable specimens of silver. We also have a great taste for rare books, while my daughters and I share Mr. Davies' fondness for all things that are artistic. I am afraid, however, that for the next year we will all of us be too much occupied to be able to gratify many of our usual inclinations, for I see before me 12 months of ceaseless activity, which is having a beginning even now.

"I am a good deal troubled about clothes just at present, for of course all my original orders for my dresses and those of my maids of honor have to be altered because of the royal death. I had designed delightful gowns for my maids—three of whom, by the way, are my daughters—in which they would have looked as sweet as possible. They were to have been of the palest blue silk, with bunches of violets at shoulder and waist and dainty blue ostrich tips rising from bunches of violets in the hair. My own was to have been of pale gray satin, with a train of violet velvet held on the shoulders with tufts of white ostrich feathers. Now, however, this is all changed, and the girls are to wear all white, with bows of black velvet on the shoulder and bunches of violets at their waists and white feathers and violets in their hair. My dress is of pale gray satin, with a black velvet train lined with satin of precisely the same shade, which, by the way, had to be specially woven for me. Of course the whole effect will be more somber, but it will be pretty, I think, and the maids of honor look very sweet in their white attire."

A BRILLIANT WEDDING.

For some time past Clanton society has been excited in anticipation of the marriage of two of its most prominent members. Last night at the Methodist church in presence of a congregation which more than filled the sacred edifice Mr. Wm. M. Adams, one of our rising young attornies, and Miss Annie Dennis, the lovely and accomplished daughter of the esteem-pastor of the Methodist church, were happily united. The church was gaily decorated with flowers, and as the bridal procession passed up the aisle it formed a brilliant and pleasing pageant. The bride, who carried a boquet of white roses, looked lovely, and while there was a pensive look, at thoughts of the solemn step she was taking, it was supplemented by an expression of intense happiness as she stole one timid glance at the man of her choice. The bridemaids were ravishing in pink and white dresses, and were Misses McMorries of Wetumpka, Chaffee of Pensacola, Fla., Adams of Florence, and Pattie Robinson of Clanton. Then came four little girls all dressed in white carrying baskets of flowers. They were Misses Essie Stewart, Allee Stewart, Pattie VanDervoer, Ethel Garner, and Miss Ivy Duncan made a charming trail-bearer.

Dr. Patton, of Georgia, and Mr. H. I. Honeycutt were the ushers, and Rev. W. K. Dennis, of Kentucky, with Messrs. Jackson, of Montgomery, Bunting of Florence, and Bascombe McMorries of Clanton were attendants.

At the conclusion of the ceremony the silver-haired pastor, who had just gained a son without losing a daughter, benignantly pronounced a benediction over his children, and the the company, to the stirring strains of the Wedding March magnificently rendered by Miss Willie Smith, adjourned to the residence of Rev. W. B. Dennis, where refreshments were served and a pleasant hour passed.

The bride and groom have a host of friends who join THE BANNER in wishing them a long and happy life as bright as their wedding day.

Among the guests we noticed Col. and Mrs. J. M. Falkner, of Montgomery, Dr. and Mrs. Patton of Georgia, and Mrs. W. H. Phillips of Bessemer.

Mr. and Mrs. W. M. Adams will in a short time take pofsession of the McNeal house where they will be pleased to welcome their friends.

ARE YOU NERVOUS?

Mrs C. C. Filler, 135½ South Fourth street, Columbus, O., writes to Dr. Hartman, of Columbus, O., as follows: "For ten or fifteen years I have been subject to nervous dyspepsia. I would have spells of quivering in my stomach, with smothering feelings. My nerves were terribly debilitated. I was suffering from what is called nervous prostration. My stomach felt bloated, and I was constantly weak and trembling. I consulted several physicians who treated me without doing any good. I had almost given up in despair when I heard of Peru-na. It was about six years ago when I first took Peru-na. I found it an immediate relief to all my disagreeable symptoms. It is the onty medicine that has ever been of any use to me." Mrs. Ducie Waldie, Otsego Lake, Mich., Box 67, writes: "For three years I suffered with catarrhall dyspepsia. I wrote to you for advice and you told me ta take your medicines. It has been ten months since I began to use your medicines and I am perfectly well. I think your medicines deserving of much praise."

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Lily Lyrics.

Prof. Adams, of Cincinnati Ohio, will lecture at Isabella Academy the 18th of December in the interest of a practical business school at that place.

Mr. Joe Deshaza, left for Waxahatchie, Texas, last Monday.

Mr. J. S. Wright has resumed work on his dwelling, which will soon be completed.

Messrs. Schoggins and Schoggins have rented Sheriff Cooley's place and have moved in.

Miss Mattie Lenoir was a visitor to Clanton last week.

Mr. Will Deshazo and wife visited her parents last week.

Messrs. Caffee and Atchley, of Wogufka were here last week looking out locations.

Quite a number of our citizens could "pinch themselves" for having bought so many fruit trees. So I don't think this section would be a very successful one for a fruit agent another season. CLINT.

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West Ki..cheon.

Mrs. Edna Rainwater visited her brother-in-law near Bethsalem Saturday.

Miss Isabelle Edwards visited Miss Lycia Edwards Sunday.

Friday morning the angel of death visited the family of Mr. Alvin Roper and took away their little girl. We sympathise with the bereaved ones.

Mrs. Milford, we are sorry to state, is still lingering on the bed of affliction.

Miss Lizzie Jones, of Mulberry, is down on a visit to her sister, Mrs. Speer.

Rev F. A. Gipson will preach at Pleasant Grove Sunday.

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South Chilton.

We have been having some rain for several days.

Mr. A. J. Gullahorn has been in Montgomery for several days on business.

Mr. W. W. Carter is making some improvements in the way of adding more boiler power to his saw mill.

Mr. Walter Mills spent several days with his sister, Miss Clara, who is in school at Montevallo. He reports a good time.

Mr. R. P. Mills was in Clanton on business this week.

Mr. John Carter delighted his young friends with a sociable last week. SCRIBE.

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Turn-Round Topics.

We han a few days rain lately, and what you reckon? A big white-man made his appearance Monday morning, and plenty of ice could be found in water buckets.

Rev. E. L. Manning, accompanied by T. J. Henderson, of Mountain Creek, went to Clanton on important business Saturday.

Babe Weights, of Coosa, visited friends here recently.

F. M. Connell jr., and sister Miss Julia attended church here Sunday.

J. C. Pattillo we are glad to say, has a flourishing school at Pleasant Cherry.

Will Gray, of Friendship, visited H. Kendrick Sunday.

We are sorry the Pattillo Bros. haae so many accidents with their machinery; the press, scales and lubricator have lately been broken—but are now fixed.

Uncle Elis Jones, John Howard, and G. W. Jones went to Clanton on business Tuesday.

W. D. Goss and three sons, viz Eugene, Adelbert and Napoleon have returned from a pleasant trip to the capitle city.

E. A. Norris broke the record of the season last Tuesday. He gave a working and all that could, helped him, for which he returned thanks.

Master Charlie Gulledge, of Verbena, paid us a flying visit Monday evening. He was riding a horse that "sho, sho, loves to go."

THE ROYAL BUMPER.

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How to Prevent Pneumonia.

At this time of the year a cold is very easily contracted, and if let to run ist course without the aid of some reliable cough medicine is liable to result in that dreadful disease, pneumonia. We know of no better remedy to cure a cough or cold than Chamberlain's Cough Remedy. We have used it quite extensively and it always has given entire satisfavtion. —Oolagah, Ind. Ter., Chief.

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Rockymount.

Our Sunday-school, singings and prayer-meetings are all progressing nicely.

It seems that the people of this county are taking steps to stop the drinking and selling of liquor at public places. This is one step in the right direction. Nearly three-fourths of the crime committed in Alabama is caused, either directly or indirectly, by the use of strong drink. Intemperance cuts down youth in its vigor, manhood in its strength, and age in its weakness. It breaks the mother's heart, bereaves the doting father, extinguishes natural affection, blights hope, and brings premature age in sorrow and dishonor to the grave. It makes wives' widows', children orphans, fathers' fiends. It violates obligations, turns love to hate, scorns virtue and innocence, burns up men, consumes women, destroys life, curses God and despises heaven. It defiles the ballot-box, bribes voters, corrupts statesmen and endangers the government. It brings shame, not honor; terror, not safety; despair, not hope; misery, not happiness. It poisons felicity, shrouds peace, ruins morals and laughs at the harm it has done. It does all that and even more. It is the father of nearly all the abominations, the mother of nearly all the crime, the Devil's best friend. It desroys life, damns the soul and breaks asunder the grated bars of the dungeons of hell.

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Notice to Confederate Soldiers.

The warrants for the Confederate Soldiers and Widows issued by the State, are now in my hands for delivery to the proper persons. Any person having such warrant will please call for same or send written order by someone authorizing them to sign receipt for warrant.

This Nov. 25, 1897.

R. M. HONEYCUTT,
Judge of Probate.

Notice of Letting Poor House.

The Commissioners of Chilton co. will meet at the County Poor House near Jemison, on Thursday, Dec. 16, 1897, for the purpose of making arrangements for taking care of the paupers in this county for the year 1898. Any person desiring to submit proposition for keeping such paupers will please meet the Commissioners at that time, when all propositions will have their consideration.

This Nov. 25, 1897.

R. M. HONEYCUTT,
Judge of Probate.

Final Proof Notice.

Notice No. 19,368.

Land Office at Montgomery, Ala., December 8, 1897

Notice is hereby given that the following-named settler has filed notice of his intention to make final proof in support of his claim, and that said proof will be made before the Clerk of the Circuit Court at Clanton, Ala., on January 15, 1898, viz.: Ellis Mims, Homestead entry No. 25,713, for the e ½ of nw ¼, section 36, Tp. 23, n of R 15 east.

He names the following witnesses to prove his continuous residence upon and cultivation of said land, viz: Jefferson Trawick, William Trawick, George Mims, William Mims, all of Clanton, Ala.

ROBERT BARBER, Register.

Mortgage Sale.

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Greater Part of the Document Taken Up With Currency and Cuban Questions---Larger Issue of National Bank Notes Urged.

OPPOSES THE RECOGNITION OF CUBAN INSURGENTS.

Speedy Action is Wanted With Regard to Hawaiian Annexation---Further Time is Needed to Test the Tariff's Value---Expresses Hope that the Wolcott Commission Will Yet Prove Fruitful---All Other Subjects Touched Upon Lightly.

President McKinley's annual message was transmitted to congress Monday. It is a document of about 14,000 words.

The president begins by congratulating the country upon the return of prosperity, and expresses satisfaction at the growing feeling of fraternal regard and unification. He says that questions of foreign policy, of revenue, the soundness of the currency, the inviolability of national obligations and the improvement of the public revenue appeal to the individual conscience of every citizen.

The Tariff.

On the tariff, the president says that while its full effect has not yet been realized, what it has already accomplished assures us of its timeliness and wisdom. To test its permanent value he declares that further time will be required, and that the people satisfied with its operation and results are in no mind to withhold from it a fair trial.

Currency.

The tariff question, the president says, having been settled, the next question for consideration is the currency. He says:

"The work of putting our finances upon a sound basis, difficult as it may seem, will appear easier when we recall the financial operations of the government since 1866. On the 30th day of June of that year we had outstanding demand liabilities in the sum of $728,868,447.41. On the first of January, 1879, these liabilities had been reduced to $443,889,495.88. Of our interest-bearing obligations, the figures are even more striking. On July 1, 1866, the principal of the interest-bearing debt of the government was $2,332,331,208. On the 1st day of July, 1893, this sum had been reduced to $585,037,100, or an aggregate reduction of $1,747,294,108. The interest-bearing debt of the United States on the 1st day of July, 1897, was $847,365,620. The government money now outstanding (December) consists of $346,681,016 of United States notes; $1,793,280 of treasury notes issues by authority of the law of 1890; $384,963,504 of silver certificates, and $61,280,761 of standard silver dollars.

Currency Revision.

"With the great resources of the government, and with honorable example of the past before us, we ought not to hesitate to enter upon a currency revision which will make our demand obligations less onerous to the government and relieve our financial laws from ambiguity and doubt.

"The brief review of what was accomplished from the close of the war to 1893 makes unreasonable and groundless any distrust either of our financial ability or soundness, while the situation from 1893 to 1897 must admonish congress of the immediate necessity of so legislating as to make the return of the conditions then prevailing impossible. There are many propositions as a remedy for this evil. It is not that our currency of every kind is not good, for every dollar of it is good—good because the government's pledge is out to keep it so, and that pledge will not be broken. However, the guaranty of our power to keep the pledge will be best shown by advancing toward its fulfillment.

Evil of Present System.

"The evil of the present system is found in the great cost to the government of maintaining the parity of our different forms of money; that is, keeping all of them at par with gold. We surely cannot be longer heedless of the burden this imposes upon the people, even under fairly prosperous conditions, while the past four years have demonstrated that it is not only an expensive charge upon the government, but a dangerous menace to the national credit.

Against Bond Issues.

"It is manifest that we must devise some plan to protect the government against bond issues, for repeated redemptions. We must curtail the opportunity for speculation, made easy by the multiple redemptions of our demand obligations or increase the gold reserve for their redemption. We have $900,000,000 of currency, which the government by solemn enactment has undertaken to keep at par with gold. Nobody is obliged to redeem in gold but the government. The banks are not required to redeem in gold. The government is obliged to keep equal with gold all its outstanding currency and coin outstanding, while its receipts are not required to be paid in gold. They are paid in every kind of money but gold, and the only means by which the government can with certainty get gold is by borrowing. It can get it in no other way when it most needs it. The government, without fixed gold revenue, is pledged to maintain gold redemption, which it has steadily and faithfully done, and which, under the authority now given, it will continue to do.

Gold Reserve.

"The law which requires the government, after having redeemed its United States notes to pay them out again as current funds, demands a constant replenishment of the gold reserve. This is especially so in times of business panics and when the revenues are insufficient to meet the expenses of the government. At such times the government has no other way to supply its deficit and maintain redemption, but through the increase of its bonded debt as during the administration of my prodecessor when $262,315,400 of 4½ per cent bonds were issued and sold and the proceeds used to pay the expenses of the government in excess of the revenues and sustain the gold reserve. While it is true that the greater part of the proceeds of these bonds were sold to supply deficient revenues a considerable portion was required to maintain the gold reserve.

"With our revenues equal to our expenses there would be no deficit requiring the issuance of bonds. But if the gold reserve falls below $100,000,000, how will it be replenished except by selling more bonds? Is there any other way practicable under existing law? The serious question then is: 'Shall we continue the system that has been pursued in the past, that is, when the gold reserve reaches the danger line, issue more bonds to supply the needed gold or shall we provide other means to prevent these recurring drains upon the gold reserve? If no further legislation is had and the policy of selling bonds is to be continued then congress should give the secretary of the treasury authority to sell bonds at long or short periods, bearing a less rate of interest than is now authorized by law.

Redeeming Notes.

"I earnestly recommend as soon as the receipts of the government are quite sufficient to pay all expenses of the government that when any United States notes are presented for redemption, or are redeemed, in gold such notes shall be set apart and only paid out in exchange for gold.

Gold for Export.

"In my view it is of the utmost importance that the government should be relieved from the burden of providing all the gold required for exchanges and export. This responsibility is alone borne by the government without any of the usual and necessary banking powers to help itself. The banks do not feel the strain of the gold redemption. The whole strain rests upon the government and the size of the gold reserve in the treasury has come to be with or without reason the signal of danger of security. This ought to be stopped if we are to have an era of prosperity in this country. With sufficient receipt for the expenses of the government we may feel no immediate embarrassment from our present currency, but the danger still exists and will be ever present, menacing us so long as the existing system continues. Besides it is in times of adequate revenues and business tranquility that the government should prepare for the worst. We cannot avoid without serious consequence the wise consideration and prompt settlement of this question.

Gage's Plan.

The secretary of the treasury outlined a plan in great detail for the purpose of removing the recurrence of a deficit in the gold reserve and save us from embarrassment on that account. To this plan I invite your careful consideration.

"I concur with the secretary of the treasury in his recommendation that national banks be allowed to issue notes to the face value of bonds which they have deposited for security, and that the tax on circulating notes required on deposit of such bonds be reduced to 1 per cent per annum. I also join him in recommending that every opportunity be given for the establishment of national banks with a minimum capital of $25,000. This will enable the smaller villages and agricultural regions of the country to be supplied with currency to meet their needs.

National Bank Notes.

"I recommend that the issue of national bank notes be restricted to the denomination of $10 and upward.

"If the suggestions I have herein made shall have the approval of congress, then I would recommend that national banks be required to redeem their notes in gold."

Cuban Question.

The president next takes up the Cuban question, which he says is the most important problem pertaining to our foreign relations with which this government has to deal and, after reviewing previous relations on the islands, takes up the present insurrection and in part says:

"The present insurrection broke out in February, 1895. It is not my purpose at this time to recall its remarkable incidents or to discuss its tenacious resistance against the enormous forces massed against it by Spain. The revolt and the effort to subdue it, carried destruction to every quarter of the island, devolving wide proportions and defying the efforts of Spain for its suppression. The evilness of the period was regarded no less so by the Spaniards than by the Cubans. The existing conditions cannot but fill this government and the American people with apprehension. There is no desire on the part of our people to profit by the misfortunes of Spain. We have only the desire to see the Cubans prosperous and contented, enjoying that measure of self-control which is the inalienable right of man, protected in their right to reap the benefit of the exhaustless treasures of their country.

Cleveland's Offers.

"The offer made by my predecessor in April, 1896, tendering the friendly offices of this government, failed. Any mediation on our part was not accepted. In brief, the answer was: 'There is no effectual way to pacify Cuba unless it begins with the actual submission of the rebels to the mother country; then only could Spain act in the promised direction of her own motion and after her own plans.' The cruel policy of concentration was initiated in February, 1896. The productive districts controlled by the Spanish armies were depopulated. The agricultural inhabitants were herded in and about the garrison towns, their lands laid waste and their dwellings destroyed. This policy the late cabinet of Spain justified as a necessary measure of war and as a means of cutting off supplies of the insurgents. It utterly failed as a war measure. It was not civilized warfare. It was extermination.

Our Protest.

"Against this abuse of the rules of war I have felt constrained on repeated occasions to enter the firm and earnest protest of this government.

Americans in Cuba.

"For the relief of our own citizens, suffering because of the conflict, the aid of congress was asked in a special message, and effective aid has been given to American citizens in Cuba; most of them, at their own request, have been returned to the United States. The instructions given to our new minister to Spain before his departure for his post directed him to impress upon that government the sincere wish of the United States to lend its aid towards ending the war in Cuba by reaching a peaceful and lasting result, just and honorable alike to Spain and to the Cuban people.

Woodford's Instructions.

"These instructions recited the character and duration of the combat, the widespread losses it entails, the burdens and restraints it imposes upon us with constant disturbance of national interestand the injury resulting from an indefinite continuance of this state of things. It was at this juncture that our Government was constrained to seriously inquire if the time was not ripe when Spain of her own volition, moved by her own interests and every sentiment of humanity, should put a stop to this destructive war and make proposals of settlement honorable to herself and just to her Cuban colony. It was urged that as a neighboring nation with large interests in Cuban we could be required to wait only a reasonable time for the mother country to establish its authority and restore peace and order within the borders of the island, that we could not contemplate an indefinite period for the accomplishment of this result.

No Humiliation for Spain.

"No solution was proposed to which the slighest idea of humiliation to Spain could attach and indeed precise proposals were withheld to avoid embarrassment to that Government. All that was asked or expected was that some safe way might be speedily provided and permanent peace restored.

Spain's Reply.

"The reply to our note was received on October 23. It was in the direction of a better understanding. It appreciates the friendly purpose of this government. It admits that our country is deeply affected by the war in Cuba, and that its desires for peace are just. It declares that the present Spanish government is bound by every consideration to a change of policy that should satisfy the United States and pacify Cuba within a reasonable time.

"To this end Spain has decided to put into effect the political reforms heretofore advocated by the present premier, without halting in any consideration in the path which, in its judgment, leads to success. The military operations will be continued, but will be humane and conducted with all regard for private rights, being accompanied by political action leading to autonomy to Cuba, while guaranteeing Spanish sovereignty.

"This, it is claimed, will result in vesting Cuba with a distinct government. The island is to be governed by an executive and by a local council, or Cuban parliament, reserving to Spain international arrangements, the army and navy and judicial affairs. According to this the government proposes to modify existing legislation by decree, leaving the Spanish cortes, with the aid of Cuban senators and deputies, to solve the economic problem and properly distribute the existing debt.

Give Spain a Chance.

"In advance of the declaration of measures the government intends to take, and in order to carry out its tender of good effects, it suggests that Spain be left free in its military operations and municipal reforms, while the United States for the present enforce its neutrality obligations and cut off the assistance which it is asserted the insurgents receive from this country. The supposition of indefinite prolongation of the war is denied. It is asserted the western provinces are already well nigh pacified, that the planting of cane and tobacco therein has been resumed, and that by force of arms and ample reforms very early and complete pacification is hoped for.

"The immediate amelioration of existing conditions under the new administration of Cuban affairs is predicted, and, by removal of the disturbances, terminate all occasion for change of attitude on the part of the United States.

Spain's Charge is False.

"Discussion of the international duties and responsibilities of the United States as Spain understands them, is presented with apparent disposition to charge us with failures in this regard. The charge is without any basis in fact. It could not have been made if Spain was cognizant of the efforts this government, at the cost of millions and the use of the naval machinery and judicial authorities, to do its full duty under the circumstances. That it has successfully prevented the departure of a single military expedition or armed vessel from our shores in violation of our laws, would seem to be a sufficient end.

Courses Open to Us.

"In view of all these horrors, and the dangers to our own peace, this government has never in any way abrogated its sovereign prerogative of reserving to itself the determination of its policy and course according to its own high regard of right and consonant with the dearest interests and conscience of our own people, should the prolongation of the strife so demand. Of the untried measures there remain only four, recognition of the independence of Cuba, neutral intervention to end the war by proposing a rational compromise between the contestants, and intervention with one of them as party.

No Annexation.

"I speak not in support of annexation. By our code of morality it would be criminal aggression. The recognition of the beligerency of the Cuban insurgents has also been canvassed as a possible but not inevitable step. I am not unmindful that congress, in the spring of 1896, expressed the opinion by concurrent resolution that a condition of public war existed, demanding or justifying the recognition of the existence of a state of belligerency in Cuba, and during the extra session the senate voted a joint resolution of like import, which, however, was not brought to a vote in the house.

"In the presence of these significant expressions of sentiments of the legislative branch it behooves the executive to properly consider the conditions under which so important a measure must rest for justification. It must be seriously considered whether the Cuban insurrection possesses the essentials of statehood. Possession in short of the essential qualities of sovereignty by the insurgents and the conduct of the war by them as regards to the code of war are no less to be considered in the problem of belligerency than the consequences or usages upon the international policy of recognizing a State."

The president then reviews the utterances of President Grant in his memorable message of December 7, 1875, regarding recognition of the insurgents, applying the word to the present conflict. He says:

"For this reason I recommend the recognition of the belligerency of the Cuban insurgents as now unwise and therefore undesirable. Should that state become wise as a measure of duty the executive will do its duty. Action on humanitarian grounds has been frequently suggested and has not failed to receive my most anxious and earnest consideration. But should a step now be taken when it is apparent that concession has supervened in the policy of Spain towards Cuba?

"A new government has taken office in the mother country. It is pledged in advance to the declaration that all the world cannot hope to maintain peace in Cuba by the bayonet; that vague promises of subjugation form no solution of the problem; that with the change in commanders must come a change in the system of warfare for one in harmony with a system which shall no longer aim to drive the Cubans to the horrible alternative of taking to the cities or succumbing in misery. Reforms have been instituted in accordance with the needs of the island, and these reforms, while designed to create virtually an entire and separate administration, reserving the sovereignty of Spain by a just distribution of power and burdens upon a mutual agreement, affords a fresh expediency.

The First Step.

"The first step has been taken in in this honorable path. The policy of cruel rapine and extermination, that shocked the universal sentiment so long, and inhumanity, has been reversed. Now through the new commander clemency is proffered. Measures have already been set on foot to relieve the horrors of starvation. The powers of the Spanish army, it is said, is not to be used for devastation and spoilation, but for the protection of peaceful agricultural pursuits and profitable industries. That past methods are futile to force a peace by subjugation is freely admitted and that ruin without conciliation must inevitably failto win for Spain the fidelity of a contented dependency. Decrees in application of the foreshadowed reforms have already been promulgated.

If Pacification Fails.

"If pacification fails other means will have to be resorted to. When that time comes that action will be determined in the line of indisputable right and duty. It will be faced without misgiving or hesitancy in the light of the obligations this government owes to itself and the people who have committed to it the protection of their interests and honor and to secure the right of keeping free from all offense ourselves, actuated only by rightful and patriotic decisions and no selfish design.

"The government will continue its watch over the rights of life and property of Americans, and will abate none of its means to bring about by peaceful agency a peace which shall be honorable and enduring. If it shall hereafter appear to be a duty imposed on ourselves, to humanity and civilization to intervene, it shall be without fault on our part and only because the necessity for such action will be so clear as to demand the support and approval of the civilized world."

Hawaiian Annexation

The president next takes up the Hawaiian annexation treaty, and, after calling attention to his message of June 16, regarding the treaty signed by representatives of both countries, says:

"Congress must determine by legislation if the actual union should be accomphished, as I believe it should be. While consistently disavowing from a very early period any policy of absorption in regard to the Hawaiian group, a long series of declarations through three-quarters of a century has proclaimed the vital interest of the United States in the independent life of the islands and their commercial dependence upon this country. At the same time it has been repeatedly asserted that in no event could the entirety of Hawaiian statehood by the assuming of the islands under the dominance of any other power than the United States be maintained. Under these circumstances the logic of events required that annexation be offered, but declined, should in the ripeness of time come about as the natural result of the strengthening ties that bind us to those islands and be realized by the free will of the Hawaiian state.

"Complications arising between Hawaii and Japan on account of the immigration of Japanese labor to the islands are in a satisfactory state of settlement by negatiations.

Nicaragua Canal.

"A subject of great interest to our country is the completion of the great highway of trade between the Atlantic and Pacific known as the Nicaraguan Canal. Its value and utility to American commerce is universally admitted. The commission appointed under date of June 24 last to complete the supervision and examination, made by authority of congress, of a suitable route and as to the feasibility of the construction of the canal, with the object of forming a ship canal, is now pursuing its duties. I hope shortly to transmit the report of this commission, making then suggestions as may seem practicable.

Wolcott Commission.

In regard to the commission appointed to seek an international agreement respecting bimetallism, the president, in part, says:

"They have been diligent in their efforts to secure the concurrence and co-operation of European powers in the interest of an international settlement of the question, but up to this time have not been able to secure an agreement contemplated by their mission."

He expresses his gratification at the action of France joining this country in the attempt to reach an agreement with the chief nations of Europe, and hopes that efforts yet to be made will result in bringing about an international agreement to coin both gold and silver on such terms, as money, as will secure to both metals the largest share of use as will not result to the injury of any class of our citizens.

Arbitration.

"International arbitration must not be omitted from the list of subjects commanding our attention. Events have only served to strengthen the views impressed in the address on my inauguration. Treaties covering this humane purpose on broad lines without in any way imperiling our interests or our honor shall have my constant encouragement.

Armor Plate and Navy.

"The present year viewed the construction of two battleships of the first-class, two second and four other vessels ranging from the armored cruisers to the torpedo boats. There are under construction five battleships of the first-class, sixteen torpedo boats and one submarine boat. No provision has yet been made for the armor of five of the new battleships, as it is impossible to obtain it at the price fixed by congress. It is of great importance that congress provide this armor, as until then the ships are of no fighting value. The present naval force, especially in view of its increase by ships now under construction, while not as large as that of a few other powers, is a formidable force, its vessels are the very best of each type and with the additions that should be made to it from time to time in the future, and careful consideration to keep it in a high state of efficiency and repair, it is well adapted to the necessities of the country.

"The great increase in the navy which has taken place in the last few years was called forth by the national demand for defense. The time has come when this increase to which the country is entitled for some time to come should take the form of increased facilities commensurate with the increase of our naval vessels."

The president then urges the building of three or four docks on the Atlantic and one on the Pacific coast to meet the needs of the government.

Yellow Fever.

"The prevalence of yellow fever in a number of places in the south and southwest has seriously interfered with commerce, and necessitates such amendments to our quarantine laws as will make the regulation of the national quarantine laws paramount. The secretary of the interior, in his report relative to the operation of the marine hospital service, calls attention to the defects in the present quarantine laws and recommends laws which will give this department authority to prevent evasion of them and shutting out diseases from foreign countries, and at times of danger like the past, such additions as will add to the protection of the people with the least possible restriction of congress. I concur in his recommendation.

"A further effort to prevent the invasion of the United States by yellow fever, the importance of the discovery of the exact source of the disease is obvious, and to this end a systematic bacteriological investigation should be made. I therefore recommend that congress authorize the appointment of a commission by the president, to consist of four expert bacteriologists, one to be selected from the military experts of the marine hospital service, one from civil life and two to be details from the medical officers of the army and one from the medical officers of the navy.

Union Pacific Sale.

"The Union Pacific main line was sold under the decree of the United States Court for the District of Nebraska on the 1st and 2d November, this year. The amount realized consisted of the principal of the subsidy bonds $37,297,512, and the accrued interest thereon $21,151,711.73, making the total indebtedness $58,449,223.73. The bid at the first was for the mortgage lien and entire mortgages of the government, principal and interest. The sale did not include the Kansas Pacific main line, on which the government holds a second lien, which has been postponed until December 16, 1897. * * * I shall direct the secretary of the treasury to make the necessary deposit as decreed by the court to qualify as a bidder at the sale, to at least protect the money owed to the government."

Civil Service.

"That branch of our government known as the civil service, has been a subject of discussion, and of late years has resulted in increased executive and legislative approval. During the past few months the service has been placed upon a still firmer basis of business methods and personal merits. * * * Much more remains to be done before the system reaches a plane demanded by our needs. There are places now in the classified service which ought to be exempted and others not classified that might properly be included. I shall not hesitate to exempt cases which I think have been improperly included in the classification service or include those which best, in my judgment, will promote the public service. The service is provided for the benefit of the people and it will be my aim to look into it carefully."

Early and prompt attention by Congress, he says, should be given to the territory of Alaska. Material changes in the laws are needed, because of the influx of population. Civil authority in the territory should be extended. A military force is also needed to protect life and property. The message then adds:

"The startling reports, though perhaps exaggerated, from the Yukon valley of a probable shortage of food in the number of people wintering there without means of leaving, have concerned the authorities to investigate the matter and bring it before Congress. However, should these reports of the suffering of our fellow citizens be further verified every effort, at any cost, should be made to carry them relief."

Seal Question.

The seal question is touched upon, the recent conferences being reviewed briefly. The president says as to the conference with Canada and Great Britain:

"The result of this conference was an agreement on important facts concerning the condition of seal herds heretofore in doubt, which should place beyond controversy and the duty of both governments to adopt measures without delay for the protection and preservation of the herds. Negotiations to this end are now in progress, the result of which I hope to be able to communicate to congress at an early date."

The Indians.

Conditions in the Indian Territory are reviewed, together with the work the Dawes commission. The president says:

"I concur with the secretary of the interior that there can be no relief from the evils in the Indian Territory except by the removal of the government that creates them."

Conclusion.

The message, in conclusion, says:

"I am compelled by the length of time and the importance of affairs that congress will have to deal with at this session to discuss some of them at length. The reports of the heads of the several departments will, I am sure, have your careful scrutiny.

"While congress may not find it an easy task to reduce the expenses of the government, it should not encourage their increase. These expenses will, in my judgment, admit of a decrease in many branches without injury to the public service. It is a commanding duty to keep the appropriations within the receipts of the government, and thus avoid a deficit.

"[Signed] WILLIAM MCKINLEY.

"Executive Mansion, Washington, December 6, 1897."

A WEEK'S NEWS IN ALABAMA

Commissioner Culver Calls on the Farmers to Organize.

ENTIRE FAMILY MURDERED IN HALE COUNTY

Successful Still Raids in Cleburne—The Coal Output for the Year—Federal Grand Jury Makes a Sensational Charge—Other News Notes.

Commissioner of Agriculture Culver has issued a letter to the farmers and land of Alabama calling upon them to meet with him to organize an agricultural society for the purpose of advancing the agricultural interests of the State.

He calls attention to the low price of cotton, which has existed several years, and says at the present rate the farmers will soon be in bankruptcy. He recommends planting a diversity of crops and reducing the acreage of cotton. An agricultural society, composed of practical farmers, could be of great advantage to the farming industry, as each another's experience would be helpful to the others.

Mr. Culver requests that five or six representative men from each county meet in the State capitol Wednesday, January 12, for the purpose of organizing the society and perfecting plans for the organization of counties and precincts. The probate judges will be asked to assist in the selection of these delegates. He asks that all citizens, whether farmers or not, assist in the proposed plan.

ENTIRE FAMILY MURDERED.

Details of a Foul Crime Committed Near Greensboro.

John Singly, his wife and their 12-year-old son were murdered Wednesday night eight miles north of Greensboro by a negro named Bill Scott.

After the deed Scott entered their home, and breaking open a drawer, secured $700 in money and made his escape.

Mrs. Singly and her son died instantly, but Mr. Singly lived until 2 p. m. Thursday and told the story of the crime and the name of the negro who committed the deed.

Scott induced Singly, upon some pretense, to go a short distance up the road with him, and then knocked Singly down with a stick and cut his throat. He then went to the house, brained the mother and son, cut their throats, procured $700 from a drawer and made his escape.

Citizens have offered a reward of $500 for Scott's capture, and the governor will be asked to offer a like amount.

STILLS RAIDED IN CLEBURNE.

Three Stills Destroyed, But the Operators Escaped Officers.

Internal Revenue Collector J. F. Green has just finished a tour of Cleburne county and succeeded in destroying three flourishing illicit stills. They were situated as follows:

Five miles southeast of Jenkins: One forty gallon still, copper worm, fake stands and 100 gallons of beer were destroyed.

Three miles southeast of Grantly: One forty-gallon wood still, four fermenters, 500 gallons of beer and a lot of tools were destroyed.

Three miles northeast of Grantley: One forty-five gallon copper still, wood cap, three stand, eight fermenters and 700 gallons of beer were destroyed.

The combined capacity of the three plants was about forty gallons of whisky per day. No arrests were made. The operators apparently got wind of the fact that the officers were in the county and kept out of sight.

Alabama Coal Output.

The output of coal in Alabama during the year 1897 will exceed that of 1896 by a couple of hundred thousand tons. This is the surmise of State Mine Inspector James D. Hillhouse.

Speaking of the report, Mr. Hillhouse stated: "I believe the output this year will reach the 6,000,000 tons mark. It will exceed last year's output by at least 200,000 tons. The output last year was something over 5,700,000. The six million mark would have been increased by several hundred thousand tons if the lay-off on the part of the miners during the summer had not occurred. Since that time the output at the various mines in the state has been enormous. The first part of the year shows a large output also."

Official Scandal Refuted by the Court.

In the United States court at Birmingham Thursday nine cases against W. H. Hunter, three cases against Sandy White, six cases against C. C. Reid and one case against W. C. Reid for presenting false claims to the government were nol prossed and dismissed from the docket. These cases grew out of an investigation instituted some years ago resulting from a report of a United States grand jury.

Owenton University to Be Aided.

At a session of the Methodist conference held at Florence, Bishop Galloway presiding, a resolution offered by Rev. Reid, of Birmingham, was adopted by a vote of 33 to 63. It provides that the interest of North Alabama conference in the Southern University, at Greensboro, owned by the two conferences of Alabama, be withdrawn and educational collections hereafter applied to building and equipping the Owenton University, near Birmingham, contracts for which have been let.

KEEN TO KEEP HIS OFFICE.

The Postmaster at Mobile Refuses to Turn Office Over to His Successor.

The newly appointed postmaster, P. D. Barker, republican, has in vain endeavored to obtain possession of the postoffice at Mobile from Postmaster Rapier, democrat. The latter's attorneys have raised an entirely new point of law, which Inspector Tate says has never been raised in his experience. Postmaster Rapier's commission expires in December, 1898. Mr. Barker was appointed by President McKinley in October last.

Mr. Rapier has had no notice of his removal, although Inspector Tate served upon him telegraphic instructions from Postmaster General Gary saying Rapier should acknowledge Barker's commission as notice of removal, no other notice being customary with the department.

Mr. Rapier's attorneys hold that the language of the statute relating to postmasters of the first class is special; that it provides that the president shall appoint and may remove such officers by and with the advice of the senate. Consequently, as Mr. Rapier's commission had not expired, and Mr. Barker's appointment has not been confirmed by the senate, nor Mr. Rapier's removal confirmed by the same body, Rapier is still postmaster.

AS A COTTON MARKET

Birmingham Will Have a Place Among the Great Centers.

Secretary Hester, of the New Orleans Cotton Exchange, has written the Commercial club of Birmingham that if statistics on cotton receipts are regularly furnished him that Birmingham will be listed on the exchange among the interior towns. These statistics will be furnished by the local cotton buyers, who have also been in correspondence with Secretary Hester, and henceforth Birmingham will be known as a great cotton market, as well as the leading iron, coal and industrial market of the south. The cotton receipts this year will probably reach 150,000 bales, which will give Birmingham about fifth place among the interior towns of the south. If the increase continues at the same ratio, in the next few years as it has in the past, Birmingham will rank even higher.

Announced His Candidacy.

Hon. L. W. Hunter, of Lowndes county, late receiver of public moneys under the Cleveland administration, has announced his candidacy for the democratic nomination for state commissioner of agriculture.

BRIEFLY MENTIONED.

An ice plant is being erected at Daphne.

A foundry and machine shop will be erected at LaFayette.

The Florence Buggy Company has asked for a receiver.

Lauderdale's cotton crop this year will exceed that of list by 25 per cent.

A branch station of the United States weather bureau has been located in Ashville, and they get daily reports on the weather.

An issue of $10,000 for 6 per cent twenty-year city of Huntsville bonds has been sold to Rudolph Kley, Bolt & Co., of Cincinnati, for $10,926. The city will devote this sum to street improvements.

The Bell Telephone Company has had estimates made on a line from Anniston to Birmingham and will go to work at once to make this extension of its line. It will also extend its line from Anniston to Atlanta.

The gin of James Wilder, of Blue Pond, was totally destroyed by fire, together with four bales of seed cotton, three bales already ginned, and 2,600 bushels of cotton seed. It is supposed to have been the work of incendiaries.

The result of the late election in the Second regiment, Alabama National Guard, has at last been announced. Adjutant-General Ligon issued an order announcing the unanimous election of Tom O. Smith, of Birmingham, as major of the regiment.

The state convention of the Woman's Christian Temperance Union, which was postponed on account of the epidemic, has served notice that the meeting will be held at New Decatur in the latter part of this month. The session will last one week.

Refugee and Military Camp Suggested.

Governor Johnston has made a suggestion which will likely be received in the State with a good deal of favor. It is briefly this: That the State establish, at some central point, a permanent combination State encampment ground and refugee camp. It is estimated that this can be easily done at a cost of $10,000.

The governor has not defined in his own mind all of the details of the scheme, but his idea appears to be to locate some entirely desirable place, build three commodious and permanent cooking houses, storage rooms, etc., and to provide and keep stored away on the premises tents sufficient to accommodate some 30,000 people.

Governor Griggs to be Attorney General.

It is stated that the position of attorney general, to succeed Mr. McKenna, who will be nominated to the supreme bench to succeed Justice Field, has been offered to Governor Griggs, of New Jersey, and that he has consented to accept.

Daniel Will Succeed Himself.

The Virginia democratic legislative caucus nominated Hon. John W. Daniel to succeed himself in the United States senate.

TRADE IS MUCH STRONGER.

Exports of Corn and Wheat Almost at Record-Breaking Point.

WOOLEN INDUSTRY PUTS ITSELF FORWARD

Wages Have Been Advanced For Nearly Thirty Thousand Workers in Woolen and Iron—Failures Heavy For the Week Just Ended.

R. G. Dun & Co.'s weekly review of trade says: The monthly report of failures shows defaulted liabilities of $11,610,195 in November, against $12,700,856 last year. Because of three large failures for $3,250,000, not due to present conditions, the aggregate for November was only $1,100,000 less than last year and except for these would have been smaller than in August, September or October. The decrease in nearly all branches of business shows that payments have been remarkably good and defaults unusually small. Other evidences of the state of business are convincing except in speculative lines. Wages have been voluntarily advanced for nearly 30,000 workers in woolen and iron. Stocks also are stronger, having risen $1.87 for railways and $1.57 for trusts. The true value of the American railway stock is steadily rising with earnings which for November thus far are 20.9 per cent larger than last year and 3.7 per cent in the same weeks of 1892.

It is the season for waiting in most industries, but at least one other furnace has gone into blast and the lowest price of Bessemer at Pittsburg, after purchases of 30,000 tons, is $10.15 per ton, with $9.25 for Grey Forge.

The voluntary advance of 20 per cent in wages of worsted workers at Providence, restoring the rates of 1893, is evidence of the prosperity of that manufacture. After much hesitancy has been exhibited which may be justified, the woolen industry puts itself to the front, virtually declaring its ability to face any foreign competition. The purchases of Australian wool at Boston have again been large, 2,365,000 pounds out of 6,170,700 pounds of all-wool at the three chief markets, against 8,810,800 pounds for the same week last year. But other markets are extremely quiet, and Boston is doing the selling at prices not named.

The low price of cotton still hinders much activity in cotton goods. Still lower prices than ever have been known resulted in print cloths, and also in some grades of prints, and the market for cotton goods is markedly lower. The price of cotton is dropping in the face of an enormous foreign demand, just when an advance might be expected.

In the long run the outward flow of grain will affect prices, though the receipts show a much greater yield than had been expected. So the receipts of cotton from plantations exceed those from date of the great crop of 10,000,000 bales in 1894 tend to check speculation.

Failures for the week have been 356 for the United States, against 379 last year, and 28 in Canada, against 55 last year.

GOV. O'FERRALL ON LYNCHING.

He Suggests Remedies in His Message to the Virginia Assembly

In his message to the general assembly which convened last week Governor O'Ferrall discusses the lynching question and proposes legislation to correct the evil. He urges that a heavy pecuniary penalty be imposed on each county and city in which a lynching occurs; that wherever the military may be called out to protect a prisoner in a county or city such county or city be charged with the expenses thereof and that officers who allow prisoners to be taken from their custody without first having exhausted all possible means to protect their prisoners, be summarily suspended until the question of their dismissal shall be determined by a jury.

How Atlanta Grows.

Permits have been granted in Atlanta this year for the investment of about $1,786,000 in buildings. The permits which will be issued this month will probably run the total up to about $1,800,000.

Twenty Congressional Contests.

The clerk of the house of representatives has received notices of twenty contests to be made in the next house. The report will be presented to the house on Monday next and affects Alabama as follows:

Second district—T. H. Clark, national democrat, versus J. S. Stallings, democrat.

Third district—G. L. Comer, national democrat, versus Henry D. Clayton, democrat.

Fourth district—W. F. Aldrich, populist, versus Thomas Plowman, democrat.

Fifth district—T. H. Goodwin, populist, versus William Brewer, democrat.

France Stirred.

At Paris all political and social interests continue to be merged in the case of Alfred Dreyfus, the former captain of French artillery, who is alleged to have been unjustly sentenced to imprisonment for life on the charge of having sold important plans of the French war department to agents of a foreign power.

Resort Hotel is Burned.

The hotel and various other buildings at Red Boiling Springs, Tenn., were destroyed by fire Friday. The loss is estimated at $50,000.

INTERNAL REVENUE FIGURES.

Over Two Thousand Illicit Distilleries Destroyed During the Year.

In his annual report to the secretary of the treasury Mr. Forman, commissioner of internal revenue, estimates the receipts from all sources for the current fiscal year will aggregate at least $155,000,000, an increase over 1897 of about $8,300,000.

A comparative statement of the receipts during the last fiscal year is given in part as follows:

Spirits, $82,008,542; license over 1896, $1,338,472.

Tobacco, $30,710,297, decrease, $1,231.

Fermented liquors, $32,472,162; decrease, $1,312,072.

The cost of the collection of the revenue during the last fiscal year was $3,848,469.

During the year 2,241 illicit stills were destroyed and thirty-two were removed, 1,892 persons were arrested, one killed and three wounded. Of the stills seized and destroyed 228 were located in Alabama, 841 in Georgia, 463 in North Carolina, 149 in South Carolina and 182 in the Sixth Virginia district. During the last year ten officers were killed and sixteen wounded by moonshiners.

WOMEN GOING KLONDYKE.

Mrs. Hannis Gould, of Macon, Ga., Will Lead Females to the Gold Fields.

Mrs. Hannis S. Gould, a prominent Georgia woman, will undertake next spring to lead a colony of one hundred women in the Klondyke regions of Alaska.

It seems that Mrs. Gould has not determined, however, to take the women to the Klondyke with a view to making a fortune by digging gold. She has set out for the sole purpose of planting a woman colony there, and it is her plan to find employment for the women as cooks, seamstresses, trained nurses and housekeepers. Of course if any of them want to take up the pick and shovel and go to digging gold, it is not at all likely that Mrs. Gould will prevent them from this work.

DESTITUTION IN PINAR DEL RIO.

Thirty-four Thousand Concentradoes Now on the Charity of Spain.

Senor Canalejes, the special commissioner of the Spanish government, has returned to Havana from his visit to the province of Pinar del Rio. He says there are 34,000 "concentrado" peasants gathered in that country and in the neighborhood of towns for protection from insurgents or to prevent them from joining the enemy, and that they are all in want. Of this number 15,000 are orphans and the majority are children of tender years. The municipal authorities, the commissioner says, are without resources, and therefore unable to do anything to relieve the destitution.

Germany's Demands Upon Hayti.

The exact nature of Germany's demands on Hayti became known for the first time Thursday. The demands are as follows:

1. An indemnity of $20,000 (American) for Emil Lueders.

2. The promise that Mr. Lueders may return to Hayti, and there sojourn without danger of any kind.

3. A letter to my government in which you will express apology for the proceedings towards the German government in the whole transaction.

4. That the president of Hayti shall graciously receive the German charge d'affaires at Port au Prince.

It was also announced that if indemnity was not given a warship would be sent or diplomatic relations be broken.

Medical College Burned.

Friday the Tennessee Medical college, located near Knoxville, was discovered on fire, and on account of poor protection it burned slowly to the ground. The college was one of the best institutions in the South and was well attended. The building cost $25,000, and was comparatively new. The owners, who are physicians, claim that the contents were worth $125,000. The insurance carried was only $10,000.

Justice Field is Out.

Justice Field's retirement from the supreme court, of which he gave official notice to the president last April, took place Thursday. If Justice Field had continued in office until next Tuesday he would have seen forty-four years of continuous service.

Atlanta's New Paper.

An application has been filed in Atlanta for the incorporation of the Phoenix Publishing Company. Among the incorporators are G. S. Appleton, of the Appleton Publishing Company, of New York, and D. R. Morgan, a son of J. Pierpont Morgan, of the same city. The capital stock is placed at $200,000, with the privilege of increasing it to $1,000,000. They ask the privilege of publishing an afternoon, Sunday morning and weekly newspaper in Atlanta. They ask the right, if deemed advisable, to publish a daily morning paper, and to establish agencies and branches in other places in Georgia and in other States.

News has been received of a terrible fire which occurred at Jaruco, a town of about 10,000 inhabitants, in Havana province. About 110 houses were destroyed, with nearly all their contents. No accurate estimate of the amount of damage can be made. Hundreds of families have been rendered homeless and the situation at Jaruco is very distressing. The fire originated in an accident.

Slight earthquake shocks were distinctly felt in Kansas Thursday.

TEMPERANCE TOPICS.

NOTES OF INTEREST TO THE ANTI-LIQUOR LEAGUERS.

The Drunken Old Colonel—How He Became a Faithful Follower of Christ—Awful Act of a Drunken Man in a New York Village.

The Measure of Life.

TEN years a gracious Heaven gives
To make a man conscious that he lives.

Then twenty years of ardor sweet,
And hopes that dance with winged feet.

Another score to strive and weep
And bind youth's dreams with gyves of sleep.

And last the harvest twenty come.
Reap, bind, and take the pathway home.
—James Buckham.

The Drunken Old Colonel.

A gentleman engaged in mission work tells the following story of the conquering power of love: One night when the meeting was over he saw, still sitting on one of the seats, an old man, who was the despair of every mission worker, and who for years had lived mainly by begging and imposition. He had formerly been a member of a fine family, and a colonel of cavalry, but in the army he had learned to drink. He had sunk so low that the clothes upon him were scarcely more than rags, and he would stand upon the streets begging until he would have enough to get more liquor. He would come to the mission and seem very penitent, in order that he might impose upon the generosity of the people. And after he had been helped again and again, the patience of this gentleman gave way, and this night he came to him very roughly and ordered him to leave the room.

"Colonel," he said, "I am out of patience with you; you are a miserable fraud, and you know it; and I want you to get right out of here and never come back;" and taking hold of him he put him out into the darkness.

As he turned back into the room the thought came to him that he had not been manifesting the spirit of Jesus, and he went back to the door and looked to see if he could see the colonel; but the old man had gone out of sight. He went upstairs with a sore heart, realizing that he had been untrue to his Master.

He was not able to pray at the family altar that night, and eagerly waited for the next evening, that he might see the colonel and ask his forgiveness for the rude way in which he had treated him. But neither the next evening nor the next, nor for three weeks did he see the colonel again. And all this time his own heart had been growing very heavy, and his one prayer had been that God would send the old man back to the mission.

At the end of the three weeks he attended a meeting of earnest Christian workers in that city and told them how he felt, and asked them if they would not pray with him that God would let the colonel come back under his influence again. They spent a large portion of the hour in joining in this prayer, and when my friend went back to his mission that afternoon there sat the colonel. He went up to him, and said:

"Oh, colonel, I am real glad to see you. I cannot tell you how glad I am! I would rather see you than any one else on earth."

"Why," said the colonel, "you don't mean that! You don't mean that!"

"Yes," he said, "I do, and I am going to treat you just the best I know how."

So he led the old man into another room, and took off his clothes and bathed him with his own hands. And he said that upon his body there was not a spot where you could put your hand that was not covered with sores or vermin. And then he clothed him in soft raiment and took him to the barber to get his beard shaved off and his hair cut. And when the old colonel saw himself in the mirror he said: "Who is that man?" and could scarcely believe that he was the same person. That night he came and knelt at the mercy seat in the mission and rose up a new man, and has since been a faithful follower of Christ.

Murdered His Brother.

Plattsburg, N. Y., Telegram: Wednesday afternoon Patrick Conway shot and killed his defenceless brother James in cold blood. Margaret Conway, an aged widow, has lived for some time with her son Patrick in a small house in a lonely section Rand Hill, about eight miles from Plattsburg, in the township of Beekmantown. Her son James has lived with his wife and child at the house of his father-in-law, W. J. Goss, a quarter of a mile further on. Patrick went home drunk Wednesday afternoon about 4 o'clock. James was sitting in the kitchen talking with his mother, who was getting supper ready. Patrick was in an ugly humor, and at once commenced to foully abuse his mother, using vile and uncalled for language. James expostulated with him, but this only made the drunken man more violent and abusive. He upset the supper table, smashing all the dishes, and then attempted to eject the brother from the house. James refused to go, and when Patrick tried to put him out the two brothers clinched, and Patrick was thrown to the floor. This infuriated him greatly, and he rushed into an adjoining room, and securing his 44-calibre revolver from a bureau drawer, loaded it and returned to the kitchen, threatening to shoot his brother James unless he left the house. James, who was standing at the open door, refused to leave his mother alone under the circumstances, and dared Patrick to touch him. Thereupon they clinched again and Patrick pushed James out of the house and into the front garden, where he deliberately shot him, the heavy ball crashing through the left arm and down into the abdomen. Meantime the frantic mother rushed from the house and down the road to the home of her sister, a short distance away. James picked himself up and struggled along as far as the Goss house, where he fell in the road, his cries, however, attracting the attention of the family, who came to his assistance and carried him into the house, where he died in great agony just twenty hours later. Dr. Lyon of Plattsburg and Dr. Vaughan of Morrisonville were called and did what they could for the wounded man. Coroner Gilliland was called and took his ante-mortem statement yesterday morning. James Conway was about 35 years of age, and leaves a wife and child. The murderer, Patrick Conway, shortly after committing the crime, went to the home of his aunt and begged for more liquor, but he was refused admittance. He obtained liquor somewhere, however, and was seen drunk in the vicinity during the night and next morning. The officers were not notified of the crime until yesterday morning and Sheriff Vaughan and a policeman at once went to the scene of the crime. Houses and barns in the vicinity and the woods were thoroughly searched, but up to late last night no trace of the murderer had been found.

One Way.

A young man in company with several other gentlemen called upon a young lady. Her father was present to assist in entertaining the guests, and offered wine, but the young lady asked:

"Did you call upon me or upon papa?"

Gallantry, if nothing else, compelled them to answer, "We called on you."

"Then, you will please not drink wine. I have lemonade for my visitors."

The father urged the guests to drink, and they were undecided. The young lady added:

"Remember, if you called on me, then you drink lemonade; but if upon papa, why, in that case I have nothing to say."

The wine glasses were set down with their contents untasted. After leaving the house one of the party exclaimed, "That was the most effectual temperance lecture I have ever heard."

The young man from whom these facts were obtained broke off at once from the use of strong drink, and holds a grateful remembrance of the lady who gracefully and resolutely gave him to understand that her guests should not drink wine.

Temperance Notes.

When Queen Victoria ascended the throne there were not more than a hundred abstainers among the ministers of the various religious denominations in the United Kingdom, no bishops and only about a dozen members of the medical profession. Today there are, according to returns just issued, two archbishops, fourteen bishops of English dioceses, many thousand clergymen of every denomination, and eighteen hundred physicians who are total abstainers. Moreover, one man in every three in the army is a teetotaller.

The use of intoxicating liquors brings no benefit whatever to him who uses it, but how much money is constantly spent for it by the workingman! I know the need he has for these dollars, and yet in the country at large the amount spent yearly is simply appalling. How many would be in comfortable circumstances but for this money spent in drink! Far better indeed did they burn the sums. The saloonkeeper is the hardest taskmaster. The moment people take the pledge they learn the value of money, and afterward learn to work for themselves, and not the saloonkeeper.—Archbishop Ireland.

Without doubt men who drink no spirits hold out better and do their work better than those who drink. Armies made of men of the former class march better, hold up longer under fatigue, enjoy better health, can bear exposure better, and consequently are free from drunkenness suffer little from disease and crime. It lessens the power of resistance in exposure to great cold, and becomes dangerous to use it. It may excite for a time, but is always followed by great depression. This has been clearly demonstrated in Arctic explorations. In exposure to great heat the evidence is equally conclusive against its use. The array of testimony is indisputable.—Medical Brief.

It is night now, and here is home. Gathered under the quiet roof elders and children lie alike at rest. In the midst of a great peace and calm the stars look out from the heavens. The silence is peopled with the past sorrowful remorses for sins and shortcomings—memories of passionate joys and griefs rise out of their graves, both now alike calm and sad. Eyes, as I shut mine, look at me, that have long ceased to shine. The town and the fair landscape sleep under the starlight wreathed in the autumn mists. Twinkling among the houses a light keeps watch here and there, in what may be a sick chamber or two. The clock tolls sweetly in the silent air. Here is night and rest. An awful sense of thanks makes the heart swell, and the head bow as I pass to my room through the sleeping house, and feel as though a hushed blessing were upon it.—Thackeray.

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CONGRESS convened last Monday.

THE message of President McKinley to congress, which will be found in full on the next page, is receiving the usual amount of criticism and praise from the Democratic and Republican press, From an impartial reading of it, however, there seems to be nothing in it—and probably that is what the President intended.

EVERYONE sympathises with President McKinley ih his having to leave the bedside of his dying mother to go to Washingtoa in order to officiate at the opening of congress, and are glad she has been spared to enable him to return and be with her in her last hours.

THE Populist State Executive committee of Georgia met yesterday in Atlanta and re-elected John Cunningham chairman. Tom Watson was conspicuous by his absense. The resolutions adopted by the "Natsonal organization committee were offered to the Georgia Populists, who refused to endorse them.

ACCORDING to the Age-Herald Captain Goodwyn in a recent interview said: "There are several names prominently mentioned for the gubernatorial nomination. Among them are Judge T. A. Steele of Marshall, M. W. Howard of Cullman, J. H. Harris of Chambers, and Sam Adam of Chilton. W. F. Aldrich has been mentioned but he will not accept the honor. If Judge Steele desires the nomination and will accept it he will easily be first choice. He is now probate judge of Marshall county and has been for eight years. I am not a candidate and would not consent to make the race."

Mr. Goodwyn said the Populist party would open the campaign about Dec. 30. The executive committee will meet in Birmingham about that date for the purpose of calling a convention. Although the Populists expect to be counted out, even with the aid of the Republican party, they have determined to make a desperate fight for the State offices.

EDUCATIONAL MASS MEETING.

On December 18th at 2 o'clock p.m. there will be an educational mass meeting at the Mulberry Acodemy. All persons interested in educatlon are invited to attend.

One object of the meeting is to see about locating a practical high school somewhere in the county.

Col. A. B. Adams is in our county looking up a location for such a school and will be glad to meet all, both old and young, who would be interested in such a school.

LOST, strayed or stolen on the 24th day of September from near Welch's mill one small black cow with Jersey nose, and two heifer yearlings—one of them is solid red, and the other is white with red speckled head and neck and has on a little bell. None of them are marked. Were last seen near Stanton. Any information about them will be gladly received and rewarded by L. F. Hester at Welch's mill. My post office is Plantersville, care of Jackson Lumber company.

CATTLE WANTED.

We want 400 head of cattle; small over large, and poor ones over all kinds of cows.

THE ALLIANCE CO-OPERATIVE CO,
Jemison, Ala.

Winter Costumes.

While trimmed skirts are certainly newer than the plain ones, there are many very smart costumes made with skirts that have no trimming whatever and which are severely plain and of medium width. The tailor made gowns especially have the plain skirts quite as often as the trimmed ones. A peculiarly attractive model for a cloth gown has the plain skirt and short jacket trimmed with velvet and chinchilla fur. The jacket is belted in and has a jaunty little basque, which is trimmed all around with a band of the chinchilla. Revers, wide at the top and tapering in at the waist line, are bordered with the fur. The high collar has a band of the fur, and there is fur around the flaring cuffs. A fitted vest of gray velvet is one of the features of this gown.

A smart gown of cashmere is made with the skirt slightly en train and all fullness well toward the back. Around the foot of the skirt is a pattern braided in velvet ribbon. The waist is cut so as to give breadth and yet tapers at the belt, which is of folded velvet ribbon. Wide but short revers turn back sharply from the vest and are faced with velvet, and the waist itself fastens across diagonally, with the edge finished with braiding to match the pattern on the skirt. The sleeves have three tucks across the puff. Quite like the old portraits when stocks were worn is the effect of the band around the throat of mousseline de soie with a bowknot. The vest, also of the mousseline de soie, is shirred across horizontally.—Harper's Bazar.

Women In Law.

The attendance at the classes opened in the New York university last month was larger than ever in this department of the university. For three years past the graduating class has numbered about 50, while fully 80 have attended during the term. It is certain that these numbers will be maintained by the class of '98.

Miss Anita Hetherington Haggerty, who has taken two degrees in law at the university and served one year as assistant lecturer to the woman's law class, has returned to study and is taking postgraduate courses in the law school. She has recently won much honorable distinction in the successful defense of a suit against her father for $10,000 in the supreme court.

Miss Isabella Mary Pettus, president of the alumnæ, has offered a prize of $25 for the best essay by a member of the graduating class on the subject, "The Conflict Between Federal and State Jurisdictions."

A Woman Floorwalker.

Kansas City has a department store that employs a woman floorwalker. She has entire charge and managment of one of the big stocks. It is the Jones Dry Goods company. The woman thus employed is Miss Elva Real of Kansas City, Kan. So far as known she is the only woman employed in that capacity in any of the western cities. Several of the stores in the eastern cities have women floorwalkers, but in the west the custom does not prevail. "It was an experiment to put a woman in such a place," said Lawrence Jones, "but we have been very much pleased with the experiment and expect to continue it. The place is one for which a woman of adaptability ought to be chosen, and we believe we have found the one. I do not know of another woman in such a position west of Philadelphia."

Frau Nascha Butze has rented the Neues theater in Berlin for ten years from September, 1898, and promises to conduct it entirely by herself. This is a startling innovation in Germany.

Miss S. M. Burnham, A. M., has recently been elected a member of the Alumni association of the Columbian university, Washington.

Don't be persuaded into buying liniments without reputation or merit—Chamberlain's Pain Balm costs no more, and ist merits have been proven by a test of many years. Such letters as the following from L. G. Bagley, Hueneme, Cal., are constantly being received: "The best remedy for pain I have ever used is Chamberlain's Pain Balm, and I say so after having used it in my family for several years." It cures rheumatism, lame back, sprains and swellings. For sale by J. S. Johnson jr., Druggist.

Non-Resident Notice.

The State of Alabama }
Chilton County }

In Chancery at Clanton, Alabama.
Seventh District, North-eastern Chancery Division.

Carrie Gore, by next friend, Complainant, vs. John Gore, Defendant

In this cause it is made to appear to the Register, by the affidavit of J. W. Cox, that the Defendant John Gore is a non-resident of the State of Alabama, and that his post-office and residence are unknown to affiant and further, that in the belief of said affiant the Defendant is over the age of twenty-one years.

It is therefore ordered by the Register, that publication be made in The Banner, a newspaper published in Clanton, once a week for four consecutive weeks, requiring him, the said John Gore, to answer or demur to the same, within thirty days after the 10th day of January, 1898, and failing so to do a decree pro confesso will be taken against him in said cause.

Done at office in Clanton, Alabama, this 1st day of December, 1897.

W. E. STEWART,
Register in Chancery.

Political Pointers.

People's Press Bureau, St. Louis, Mo., Nov. 24, 1897.

Senator Peffer, of Kansas, has sold his paper, the Topeka Advocate, and will it is announced, devote himself in the future to writing for an eastern periodical.

The rumor that James R. Sovereign had Vice Presidential aspirations has continued to receive much newspaper notice. Mr. Sovereign has not made any statement so far.

The tenant farmers of Texas are organizing to resist the demands of their landlords who in spite of hard times and low prices persist in collecting cash rent. The prevailing low prices of cotton have made the farmers too poor to pay rent and they have been, in many instances, deprived of their teams, wagons and cattle, resulting in a condition but little better than that which has existed for a long time in Ireland.

A disgruntled office seeker, named Pratt, recently gave out to the republican papers a statement which claimed to show that their had been violations of the "corrupt practic act," during the last campaign in the eastern Judicial district of Missouri. He claimed that Judge Bland, who was gived a place on the Populist state ticket made vacant by the withdrawal of Judge North, had given a thousand dollars for his nomination on said ticket. It now develops that not only are his charges absolutely false but after denying the charges in toto, the men accused, namely, Arthur Rozelle, Chairman of the People's Party Executive Committee; Sam Cook, Democratic State Chairman; Judge Bond, of the Court of Appeals; Judge North and Judge Bland, invited the republican candidate, Judge Rombauer and Pratt, the accusor, to carry out their threats of prosecution. Chairman Rozelle gave out a statement denying improper acceptance or use of funds during the campaign and stated further that the only offers of corruption funds of which he had any knowledge during the campaign were from Republican sources. This statement served as a quietus on the Pratt Rombauer combination. The Bar Association of the city of St. Louis where Judge Bland's court sits, met on November 29 and passed resolutions urging that Rombauer's charges be investigated so that the judiciary might not have to rest under the imputation of corruption as charged by the man whom Bland had displaced (Rombauer) on the bench. The widest publicity has been given to these charges made in the republican press, but the middle-of-the-road papers and none of the denials made by the accused have been accorded space.

Ex-Congressman G. Wash Jones, of the Ninth Congressional District of the state of Texas, has announced his determination to run on an independent ticket for Congress. Jones as an old time greenbacker, has been a populist for four years, supported Bryan and is considered the most popular man in his district.

Robert Lindblaum, a New York millionaire and a member of the Stock Exchange has been blackballed by that institution. The reason given was "Mr. Lindblaum's presence is not desired; but it is an open secret that his views on the currency question and his support of Bryan caused the blackballing.

Governor Leedy, of Kansas, denies the rumor that he will call an extra session of the legislature unless some unforeseen circumstances should arise.

W. J. Bryan has gone on a trip to Mexico, stopping on the way to speak at several points in Oklahoma.

Senator Teller, on his return to Washington, D. C., gave it as his opinion there will not be anything accomplishedon the money question in the approaching session of the Senate, as the majority of that body are unalterably opposed to the withdrawal of the greenbacks, which is one of the main features of the administration policy. Senator Teller calls attention to the fact that retirement of the greenbacks would contract the currency at least a hundred million dollars and give the National banks far greater power than they now have. He believes that the money of the country is being hoared now with the intention on the part of the banks and the administration of forcing the country on to the cold basis.

Two of the Republican representatives elected in the last campaign in Ohio have announced their intention of voting for any man that can defeat the Hon. Mark Hanna. Governor Bushnell is considered his most dangerous rival.

Joseph C. Sibley, of Pennsylvania, gives it out as his opinion that Bryan's election in 1900 is a certainty.

The platform promulgated by the Middle-of-the-Road populists at their recent meeting in St. Louis, Missouri, containing no essentials not already embodied in the Omaha and St. Louis platforms, but the various planks are expressed in a manner to invite criticism and repell recruits that might wish to identify themselves with a reform party.

The Southern bankers are to hold a meeting at Atlanta, Georgia, December 15, to organize and make certain demands on the national government. The most modest of these demands is that the government should retire from the banking business, turning over that function to the banks. They also ask that all state banks be placed upon the same advantageous footing occupied by the National banks. They demand that the money of the country be placed upon "a sound and scientific basis," by which is meant a gold basis. A. R.

After hearing some friends continually praising Chamberlain's Colic, Cholera and Diarrhoea Remedy, Curtis Fleck, of Anaheim, California, purchased a bottle of it for his own use and is now as enthusiastic over its wonderful work as anyone can be. The 25 and 50 cent sizes for sale by J. S. Johnson jr. Druggist.

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Final Proof Notice.

Notice No. 19264.

Land Office at Montgomery, Ala., Nov. 1, 1897.

Notice is hereby given that the following-named settler has filed notice of his intention to make final proof in support of his claim, and that said proof will be made before the Clerk of the Circuit Court, at Clanton, Ala. on December 18 1897, viz.: Evan B. Callaway. Homestead entry, No. 26,931, for the s½ of se¼, s½ of sw¼, section 32, tp 22 nr 16 e.

He names the following witnesses to prove his continuous residence upon and cultivation of said land, viz.: J. M. McKee, of Coopers, Ala., D. S. Robinson of Coopers, Ala., W. N. Jones, of Verbena, Ala., J. K. Driver, of Verbena, Ala.

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RELIGIOUS NOTICE.—The Rev. J. K. Dennis, of Kentucky, will preach at the Methodist church on Sunday next, the 12th inst., at 11 a.m. and 7 p.m.

Mr. W. L. Kemp came up from Selma Saturday and spent Sunday with his parents and old friends here.

Mr. J. G. McKee and wife are visiting their son Mr. J. F. McKee.

Miss Veneria Vines we are sorry to say is suffering from la grippe.

Mr. P. M. McKee made a trip to Birmingham Tuesday.

Miss Ola McCree, who will be greatly missed, left this morning for a visit of several weeks to friends in Montgomery.

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When you want Fresh Groceries go to T. J. Arnold. Everything kept found there. No charges if you don't get the best in the market.

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Marriage licenses have been issued this week by the Probate Judge to the following persons.

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Final Proof Notice.

Notice No. 19,358.

Land Office at Montgomery, Ala., December 2, 1897.

Notice is hereby given that the following named settler has filed notice of his intention to make final proof in support of his claim, and that said proof will be made before the Clerk of the Circuit Court at Clanton, Ala., on January 15, 1898.

J. Johnson Zimmerman, Homestead entry No. 26,622, for the n½ sw¼, section 2, tp 21, n of r 14 w.

He names the following witnesses to prove his continuous residence upon and cultivation of said land, viz: J. R. Kemp, William Kemp, Henry Cilver, A. C. Oats, all of Clanton, Ala.

ROBERT BARBER, Register.

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I will pay for your meals at the Davis House while waiting for your work.

Your teeth extracted painless by use of Odontunder. No bad after effects as by using cocain, alone so oftentimes.

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Mortgage Sale.

Under and by virtue of the power contained in a certain mortgage given by W. L. Parnell and E. J. Parnell on the 3rd of August, 1895, to the undersigned The Clifton Iron Co., which mortgage is recorded in the Mortgage Record 36 pages 145, 6, 7, and 8 the undersigned will proceed to sell at the Town of Stanton, Alabama, at public outcry for cash on

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 21, 1397,

the following described real estate and the timber rights thereon, to-wit: The s ½ of ne¼ n ½ of the se qr. the sw qr of the se qr, the whole of the sw qr, the w½ of the nw qr, all lying and being in section thirty-six (36), township twenty-one (21), range eleven (11); also the n½ of the nw qr section one (1), township twenty (20), range eleven (11); also n½ of the ne qr, the sw qr of the ne qr, the e½ of e½ of the sw qr, the sw qr of se qr of the sw qr, the se qr of the sw qr of the sw qr, all in section two (2), township twenty (20), range eleven (11); and the timber only on the following described lands: the w1-2 of the ne qr of the sw qr section two (2), township twenty (20) range eleven (11); also the timber on that portion of the s1-2 of the ne qr. and n1-2 of se qr, and the n1-2 of the sw qr section sixteen (16), township twenty (20), range twelve (12) which lies north of Keener Mill Creek being 80 acres more or less, all of the above described land lying in Chilton County, State of Alabama.

Said sale to be made for the purpose of satisfying the amount due on said mortgage as well as the cost, attorney's fee, and expense incurred on account of foreclosure of this mortgage.

This 19th day of November, 1897.
CLIFTON IRON CO.
By Knox, Bowie & Dixon,
Their Attorneys.

Sheriff's Sale Under Attachment.

By virtue of two attachments issued by J. D. Patterson, a Notary Public and ex-officio Justice of the Peace in and for said county and State returnable to the Circuit court of Chilton county, Alabama, whereby I am commanded to attach sufficient of the estate of D. C. Savage to satisfy a debt in the sum of four hundred dollars, due V. B. Atkins & Co., by said D. C. Savage, and the costs of suit, I have levied on thd following described property, to wit:

Two hogs, one cooking stove, one wire safe, one stock of goods, wares and merchandise, now in the store house at Maplesville, Alabama, known as the D. C. Savage store house. The said hereinbefore described property being of so perishable a nature that it will greatly deteriorate in value, or be destroyed, I shall expose for sale at Maplesville, Chilton county, Alabama, during the legal hours of sale, at public outcry, to the highest bidder for cash, on the 15th day of December, 1897, all the right, title and interest of the said D. C. Savage in and to the hereinbefore described property. Dated at Clanton this the 2nd day of December, 1897. J. T. COOLEY,
Sheriff Chilton county, Ala.

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ASSESSOR'S & COLLECTOR'S SECOND ROUND.

We will attend at the following times and places for the purpose of assessing the State and County taxes of Chilton county for the year 1898, and collecting the taxes for the year 1897:

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Kincheon	November	8
Pletcher's Mill 8 to 11 am	"	9
Clanton Ford 12 to 4 p m	"	9
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Shoults	"	12
Maplesville	"	13
Benson	"	15
Maccenia	"	16
Providence (Beat 2)	"	17
Smith's School House	"	18
Mineral Springs	"	19
Strasburg	"	20
James Maddox's Mill	"	22
Providence (Beat 5)	"	23
Coopers	"	24
Verbena		25 & 26
Davis & Rollins' Gin	"	27
Jemison	Dec'r	1 & 2
Clanton	"	3 & 4

A. C. MIMS, Tax Assessor.
T. J. HUBBARD, Tax Collector.

I will also attend at Clanton from January 1 to January 31, 1898.
A. C. MIMS, Tax Assessor.

I will also attend at Clanton from December 21 to Dec. 31, 1897.
T. J. HUBBARD, Tax Collector.

THE CROSS AND CROWN

Is the title of a treatise on the doctrine of perfection or sanctification, by A. L. Pattillo, of Verbena, now in the press. It is written in a plain, homely fashion by one deeply impressed with the necessity of Christians living a perfect life, who desires to see all professing religion imbued with the same spirit. The Author, who is also a poet, has written several poems, all on religious subjects. The whole when complete will make a book of over 200 pages, bound in a stiff board cover, which at the small charge of 50 cents, should speedily exhaust the edition.

This book has a double claim on the people of Chilton county and should find a place in every home in the county, from the fact that it is entirely a home production, being the first book ever written, printed, bound and published in Chilton. It will be ready early in October. Price only 50 cents. Orders can be sent to THE BANNER, Clanton, or to A. L. Pattillo, Verbena.

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NEWS ITEMS OF THE WEEK

Carefully Collated in Brief and Pointed Paragraphs.

FURNACE EMPLOYEES' WAGES ARE ADVANCED

The Germans Dispatch Artillerymen and Marines to China—A Family Poisoned by Drinking Milk—A Bank Closes. A Passenger Train Wrecked.

Ex-Senator Pat Walsh was elected mayor of Augusta, Ga., Thursday by a plurality of 824.

Dr. Thomas W. Edwards, the American who died in Paris, left a fortune of perhaps $8,000,000.

President Pierola, of Peru, vetoed the bill recently passed by congress legalizing non Catholic marriages.

The State Piedmont Bank, of Morgantown, N. C., has closed its doors owing to inability to make collections.

In a fire damp explosion at the Frankerholz coal mine near Hamburg, thirty men were killed and fifty injured.

The gold output of the Cripple Creek district in November was $1,580,690, the largest in the history of the camp.

The board of health of Atlanta has decided that everybody must be vaccinated who has not already submitted to the operation.

Seven hundred blast furnace employes at Sharon and Sharpsville, Pa., have received an advance in wages of 10 and 20 per cent.

Thursday's condition of the United States Treasury showed: Available cash balances, $220,210,130; gold reserve, $157,396,039.

A passenger train on the Chicago and Erie was wrecked near Lima, O. It is reported the engine blew up and killed three persons.

The German naval department has sent instructions to Kiel to dispatch 200 artillerymen with field guns and 1,000 marines to China.

Jesse Bagley, with his wife and two children, were poisoned by milk at their home, near Dover, Tenn., and none of them are expected to recover.

At Paris Sybil Sanderson, the American actress, was received into the Catholic church two days before she married Antonio Terry, an immensely rich Cuban.

Peru is the first of the South American countries to open negotiations with the United States for a reciprocity treaty under the provisions of the Dingley law.

Governor Bloxham, of Florida, has received letters from several governors of states saying they will attend the national fish congress at Tampa New Year's Day.

Fire destroyed the gin house on Major John M. Billups' plantation, near Columbus, Miss., and destroyed twenty-two bales of cotton and 4,000 bushels of cotton seed.

At Canton, O., Mrs. Nancy Allison McKinley, mother of the President, was stricken with paralysis Thursday, and it is feared her death is only a question of a short time.

Cuban insurgents entered the town of Saco, near Baracoa, on the northeast coast of the province of Santiago de Cuba, plundered the stores and machetted about fifty persons.

It is reported that General Pando, who was placed in charge of the military operations in Cuba by General Blanco, has been killed in an engagement with the insurgents in Santa Clara province.

The British steamship Alberta sailed for Hull from Baltimore with 253,301 bushels of corn, the largest cargo of corn ever shipped from that port, and probably the largest ever shipped from the United States.

The president has appointed B. K. Bruce, of Mississippi, register of the treasury. Bruce represented Mississippi in the United Sta es senate in reconstruction days. The position to which he is appointed is one he held some years ago.

The first snow of the season fell over Kansas Thursday night, extending over the entire State. The snow will generally benefit wheat. In Central Kansas wheat goes into the winter this season in better condition than in ten years.

In a street duel at Nashville, Ark., Thursday, Dr. Smith, a prominent physician, was killed, and J. J. Smith fatally wounded by W. W. Milwee. The tragedy was the result of a fued of long standing.

At Mouse Creek, Tenn., Frank Sherman was shot from ambush and fell dead on the spot. His son, who was with him, was seriously wounded. The murderers are thought to be relatives of the murdered man.

The Southern League of Baseball Clubs was organized in Atlanta Saturday afternoon with eight teams, as follows: Savannah, Charleston, Augusta, Columbus, Birmingham, Montgomery, Mobile and New Orleans.

Government Will Make a Bid.

The government has fully decided to qualify as a bidder at the sale of the Kansas Pacific railroad on December 16th next, in case of the failure of the reorganization committee to guarantee the government what is regarded as a fair and just figure for its interests. Whether the president and the attorney general, however, will exact the full amount of the government's claim of approximately $13,000,000 is not known. It is learned that some days ago the reorganization committee submitted a proposition which was positively declined.

FIFTY-FIFTH CONGRESS MEETS.

Promptly at Noon the Leaders of Both Houses Called the Bodies to Order.

At noon Monday the first regular session of the Fifty-fifth Congress was launched upon the unknown seas of legislation.

Simultaneously at both ends of the capitol, Speaker Reed in the house and Vice-President Hobart in the senate, dropped their gavels and called to order the respective bodies over which they preside.

The ceremonies attending the opening of congress, though comparatively of a routine character, is a spectacle which in some respects is regarded as the greatest official event of the year at the national capitol. The weather was propitious. The sun shone brilliantly from a cloudless sky, making a glorious, bright, dry day.

The roll call showed the presence of 301 members. There were five vacancies from death or resignation during the recess, and the credentials of the members-elect were read by direction of the speaker, who then administered oaths of office to them.

On motion of Mr. Hopkins, (rep.) of Illinois, the clerk was directed to notify the senate that the house was ready for business, and on motion of Mr. Dingley, the floor leader, a resolution was adopted for the appointment of a committee of three to join the committee of the senate to wait on the president and inform him that congress was ready to receive any communication he desired to make.

The house then recessed until 1:40 to await the reception of the president's message.

When the house reconvened the committee appointed to wait upon the president came down the center aisle and Mr. Dingley reported that the committee had performed its mission.

"The president," said he, "was pleased to send to the two houses his respectful salutations, and to inform them that he would communicate in writing."

The message of the president was presented to the house, which, by the direction of Speaker Reed was read at the clerk's desk.

The message was listened to with great earnestness and especially the portions dealing with the question of revising the currency legislation and about the attitude towards Cuba. The reading consumed an hour and twenty minutes.

On motion of Mr. Dingley, the message was referred to the committee of the whole and ordered printed. Adjournment then followed.

THE SOUTH'S PROGRESS.

The New Industries Reported in the South for the Week Just Ended.

Among the most important new industries for the week ending December 4, The Tradesman reports the following: The Southern Bridge & Construction Co., capital, $25,000, Houston, Tex.; electric light plants at Thomaston, Ga., Donaldsonville, La., and Marion, Va.; large flouring mills at Sweet Home, N. C., Clover, S. C., and Lebanon and Rogana, Tenn.; the Carolina Ice Co., capital, $10,000, Wilmington, N. C., and the Dallas Ice Factory, Light & Power Co., capital, $199,000, at Dallas, Texas. The Chattanooga Roofing & Paving Co., will erect a $12,000 plant at Atlanta, Ga.; the Switzer Co., capital, $15,000, will build an oil mill at Columbia, S. C., and W. F. Thompson another at Devine, Texas. The Southern Sugar Refining Co., capital, $1,000,000, has been chartered at Richmond, Va., and the Southeastern Extension Cotton Mill Co., capital, $10,000, at Portsmouth, Va. Two extensive cotton mill plants will be put in near Thomaston, Ga., and a $10,000 tobacco manufacturing company has been organized at Lynchburg, Va. A $20,000 box and package factory will be built at Memphis, Tenn., a $5,000 furniture factory at Winston-Salem, N. C., and other woodworking plants will be established at Hartselle and Woodstock, Ala., Liberty, Ky., Dillton, Tenn., Corsicana, Tex., and Big Stone Gap, Va.

CONTINUALLY "ON TAP."

Central America to the Front With Another Revolution.

The latest mail from Guatemala conveys the information that President Barrios is threatened with another uprising. Advices have been received at the capital of the Central American Republic to the effect that conspirators are at work in the northern part of the country, close to the Mexican border, and are being aided by political enemies of Barrios in the eastern departments of the government. Behind the movement is said to be Gen. Castillo, who participated in the recent uprising.

Novel and Fearful.

Miss Bertie Wilson, of South Manchester, Ky., 16 years of age, met with a novel and fearful accident the past week. She was sitting in front of a coal stove, making a drawing, her head bent low, when, quick as a lightning flash, her celluloid comb caught fire. The blaze at once enveloped her head. She ran screaming into the dining room. Her father happened to be in and, keeping his presence of mind, seized a bucket of water and poured it over the girl's head. The flames were stopped, but not before all her hair was burned off and a large section of the scalp injured. Her clothing also ignited and her arms, back and shoulders were badly burned.

Prisoners Released.

The state department has been notified of the release of Rafael Fernandez and C. Manuel Fernandez, two Americans held prisoners in Cuba.

GREED OF ENGLAND.

RUINING CIVILIZATION WITH GOLD STANDARD.

How She Has Become the "Arbiter of Nations"—Absorbs the Wealth and the Vitality of All Who Trade with Her—Susan Sook Avery's Summing Up.

Last June while the people of England were preparing to celebrate the Queen's jubilee, that leader of American snob journals said the words quoted below. Whereupon Susan Sook Avery, wrote a stinging answer which also appears below:

"No fact of contemporaneous history is better known perhaps than the marvelous growth and expansion of the British empire during the last sixty years. It is not the circumstance that a single monarch has reigned for sixty years that is so wonderful; nor even that she has done so without for a day losing the enthusiastic regard and sympathy of her people; but it is that during her reign a small kingdom has expanded into a mighty empire embracing a large part of the world, and infinitely more of its civilization, wealth and progress than any previous empire of ancient or modern times. Steps have been taken to make the celebration an object lesson of world-wide significance; of this and in this will be its novelty and its chief appeal to the imagination."

When an object lesson of such magnitude and brilliancy is prepared to attract the attention and admiration of the world, it would seem proper to scrutinize somewhat carefully the methods by which such grand results have been obtained, that we may decide whether the object lesson be one for imitation or avoidance. It is far more agreeable and gracious to approve and applaud, than to criticise and condemn. We would honor the Queen. We would honor also the multitude of noble men and women who are her subjects. No country contains more illustrious statesmen, broader philanthropists, or more earnest Christians, than Great Britain. It is when we consider her as a governing power—when we weigh her methods of self-aggrandizement in the scales of justice and righteousness, that we find ourselves obliged to limit and qualify, not only our admiration, but our approval. History, written or unwritten, records that long ago Great Britain, (which for brevity I shall call England) became dissatisfied with her general progress. She was ambitious. She desired supremacy in the world. How could she obtain it, was the problem which she set herself to solve. She saw herself a small country. She could not raise her bread and material for manufacture must be largely imported. Neither by agriculture nor manufactures, therefore, could her purpose be accomplished. It must be by finance.

Thereupon she devised and executed plans which have given her the monetary control of the world. She has become the "arbiter of nations" for "whoever controls the money of a nation, controls its liberty and its destiny." How she accomplished this we need not describe in detail. Suffice it that she first demonetized her silver, bought all the gold that she could find for sale in the world and then quietly persuaded other nations to demonetize their silver, and buy her gold. These are some of the methods by which England, octopus-like, has caught and holds her victims in a relentless grasp.

For proof that England absorbs the wealth and the vitality of any people so unfortunate as to come within her power, we have only to recall the history and observe the conditions in Ireland, in India, in Egypt and now to consider the cause of her willingness to stand as guard—to practically hold the hands of a weaker and nobler nation, while the "unspeakable Turk" inflicts upon her terrible and unmerited punishment. And this, while the appeals of the humane in her own and in other countries, and the cries of the sufferers are ringing in her ears! There are those who remember the terrible Sepoy rebellion in India, when intelligent, educated revolting soldiers, against an oppression no longer endurable, were chained to the mouths of cannon and blown to atoms! If one is interested in know what relentless, merciless, mercenary oppression means, let him read "Spoiling the Egyptians," written by J. Seymour Keay, an Englishman and a liberal who lived many years in Egypt and the east. It is principally a compilation from the "British blue books," and therefore official. In a prefatory note to the American edition, the publisher (G. P. Putnam's Sons, 1882) says: "The author's statement which is based line upon line on the authority of the official documents, constitutes one of the most damning arraignments that has ever been made of the acts of a Christian nation and throws light upon some at least of the causes of the bitter hatred of Europeans which found such fatal expression in the massacre of Alexandria." The Rev. Dr. John H. Barrows had not read "Spoiling the Egyptians," when in writing to the Chicago Interior a few months ago from Alexandria, he said (in substance—I cannot give his words) "The English failed to gain the love of the Egyptians, but they succeeded in mitigating the oppression which the native rulers had before practiced upon the helpless laborers." For merciless, unmitigated cruelty, British rule in Egypt has only been equalled by the same rule in other countries where it has gained equal opportunities. From all this and much more, we Americans should learn a lesson before it be too late. England failed to subjugate us by the sword. Her financial methods are somewhat slower—more subtle, but equally effective. It would appear incredible that any nation could consent to make such a record for herself as England has made and continues to make. It is but a verification of the truth of what Sophocles said nearly twenty-five centuries ago: "Nothing in use by man for power of ill, can equal money." "This lays cities low. This drives men forth from quiet dwelling place. This warps and changes minds of worthiest stamp, to turn to deeds of darkness, teaching men all shifts of cunning and to know the guilt of every impious deed."—Evansville Courier.

FROM THE SHOULDER.

The Republican party is very unfortunate for its alliterative combinations. A few years ago it was Rum, Romanism and Rebellion, and now it is Homestead, Hazleton and Hanna.

It may be that there is yet no paper trust—but the way the price is crawling up gives the publisher who does not own a paper mill the cold shivers.

There is no wealth, whether in money or property that is not produced by labor, and the person who spends a million dollars a year in riotous living is squandering the products of ten thousand toilers. And while the one is basking in the luxuries purchased by his or her dishonest methods, the ten thousand who produced it are suffering for the necessities of life.

It is a self-evident fact that, to-day, one cannot employ themselves. They must seek an employer, and, if fortunate enough to find one, must accept his terms, even if the wages are barely sufficient to procure the barest necessities. If one protests against such a system, it is evidence that he is "crazy."

The nation that will ask permission of another before enacting a financial system to suit its own people should carry its flag at half-mast.—Little Rock Tribune.

Men, who, like Hanna, declare that "wealth ought to govern" in this country, no matter what reasons they give, are traitors to the republic established on the basis of equal rights to all men. "Government of the people, by the people and for the people," will perish from the earth if these men have their way. To elect such men to office is to turn over the keys of the castle of liberty to the enemies of the people. The shadow of imperialism already falls across the land. The forms of popular government will not long survive the destruction of its spirit which is now going on. Representative government is a failure, and every session of congress demonstrates the fact anew.

Covering Up the Deficit.

All the finanacial experts now admit that the Dingley tariff is a failure in producing revenue. The deficit continues month by month and is likely to continue. Of course this was to have been expected. Tariffs framed to shut out importations by a system of heavy duties must impair rather than increase the revenue. The plea that the advance importations of wool and other articles, to forestall the new tariff, caused loss in receipts enough to account for the deficit is ridiculous as well as false. The loss of duties from this source is only a fractional part of the amount of the monthly deficit. But the government has sold a railroad and has others for sale. The proceeds from this source will go into the treasury as "miscellaneous receipts." The money will be used to pay the expenses of the government. The sum of $18,000,000 realized from the sale of the Union Pacific has been already placed to the credit of the government. This swelled the receipts so that, if the books are cunningly juggled, it will appear that there is a surplus instead of a deficit in the regular revenue. As one correspondent expresses it, so long as the government has railroads to sell the receipts may come up to the expenses. But when that source of supply is exhausted the dimensions of the deficit will loom up apparently greater than before. It would be the part of wisdom for McKinley to look around now for other sources of revenue. In taking time by the forelock and providing for the future he may save himself from the necessity of selling bonds to pay expenses after the railroad money is all used up.

More Truth Than Poetry.

Boston Advertiser: The fact is there has been something too much of persistent nagging, snarling, sneering and generally abusing populists as individuals. Those who really know something about them, "by and large," know that in multitudes of instances they are sober, industrious, reading, church-going, peace-loving citizens; that they maintain often by heroic self-imposed privations, free public schools of more than average excellence; that they are good neighbors, lovers of law and order, who, even in hard times, when money is scarce and grasshoppers, chintz bugs and drouth plentiful, pay their debts at 100 cents on the dollar.

Partisian Position as to Trusts.

New York Journal: The Democrats and Populists are pledged by their national platforms of last year to bring the trusts under control. The Republican national convention, under the domination of Mark Hanna, ignored the subject, but the Republican leaders in congress know well that the masses of their party share the feelings of the Democrats on this subject, and that they would never forgive the defeat of antitrust legislation. These leaders are in a distressing position.

VOICES OF PROPHETS.

TWO REPUBLICAN DANIELS AT THE FEAST.

Senator Chandler of New Hampshire and Governor Pingree of Michigan Warn the Hannaites of the People's Wrath.

Under circumstances which at least prove them to be sincere, two Republicans, high in official position, have recently declared that unless the Republican party makes a radical change in its policy it is doomed to extinction. These two Republicans are Gov. Hazen S. Pingree of Michigan and Senator William E. Chandler of New Hampshire.

In an address delivered before the Nineteenth Century club at New York Gov. Pingree declared that when he urged the Michigan legislature to enact laws to compel the railroads to pay their just share of the state's taxation he was not only opposed by the railroad lobby, but the power of the national administration was thrown against the measure through the promise of federal appointments to those who would aid in its defeat.

Gov. Pingree concluded his address as follows:

"How long can a government last which increases constantly the burdens of the industrial classes, and gives to those who prey upon the bone and sinew of the nation? Here in New York I fear that my remarks will not be well received, but I believe that self government by the people and for the people has not reached that stage which all men who love liberty hope it will eventually reach.

"It is the duty of the government to protect the weak against the strong, the poor against the selfishness of wealth. I say right here that until the Republican party comes out as a champion of the average man and his welfare, and unless it ceases to cater to syndicates, trusts and monopolies, it will be buried in oblivion. We must begin by advocating a municipal ownership of natural monopolies and take away from them the item of profit and relieve the wage earner to that extent."

Gov. Pingree thus finds the present Republican leadership weighed and found wanting for its servitude to syndicates, trusts and monopolies. Senator Chandler, on the other hand, indicts the party of which he has been for a generation a prominent leader for its apparent intention to totally desert the cause of bimetallism.

In a letter to the Washington Post Senator Chandler says:

"Since my letters to the Post of August 12 and 25, two important events have happened (1) the elections of November 2 and (2) the English refusal to now promise to reopen the Indian mints to the coinage of silver as an inducement to international bimetallism.

"As to the elections, they prove with reasonable clearness that if the Republican party permanently acquiesces in "the existing gold standard" and gives up the struggle for bimetallism, that party will be defeated in the congressional elections of 1898 and in the presidential election of 1900. The silver monometallists will then take possession of all branches of the national government, and a free coinage bill, with silver made the tender for all debts, public and private, domestic and foreign, will pass both houses of congress and be signed by President Bryan.

"Greater New York city, being in the hands of Tammany Hall, that organization will unite with the national Democracy in the demand for free silver coinage, and it is not within the bounds of possibility that the rural Republican bimetallists will give votes enough upon a single gold standard platform to place the state of New York back in the Democratic column. There may be infatuated individuals who think, in view of the elections of the 2d instant in Iowa, Ohio, Kentucky, and Nebraska, that the western Republican states can be kept in line if future party platforms shall completely yield to gold and give up the effort to remonetize silver, but the wiser and safer view is to assume that with the issue so framed the Republican party will meet with overwhelming political disaster inflicted by a solid South and a west almost solid, aided by Tammany Hall and the free silver Democracy of the Empire state. This comes very near being a country of free voters, and our elections come very near being honest transactions, and an intelligent people, with their votes freely cast and honestly counted, will never adopt or submit to the permanent demonetization of silver and the fixed ascendency of the single gold standard prescribed to England. So the pathway of safety is only in one direction. Mr. McKinley was elected only because his platform and his previous utterances promised efforts to secure bimetallism. We lost the United States senate because those promises were not sufficiently in earnest and were distrusted by many Republican voters. We did not promise to establish bimetallism if we could, believing it to be a bad thing, but because we believed it to be a good good. If we now faithlessly abandon the pursuit of that good thing, we doom ourselves to political annihilation.

"But the recent English refusal to agree to help bimetallism by promising to reopen the India mints will be referred to as proving that international agreement is an impossibility. Since the refusal there have been written innumerable articles ... nouncing 'the doom of silver' ... that 'silver is a dead issue,' ... ing at all Republicans who ... lieve that the pledges of their ... of 1896 and prior thereto are ... and binding promises. It is ... ble to avoid the continued ... son of these prophets to those ... in 1852, in perfect accordance with ... platforms of the two great ... parties, proclaimed the doom ... death of the anti-slavery agitation ... in ten short years saw slavery ... ed and dead on American soil and ... world over.

"Only those who were never ... for bimetallism will stop on account ... the British ministry's temporary ... tive."

SIXTEEN TO ONE.

(Reproduced by Request.)

O, what is the cry that is reaching ... sky

All over the South and the West? ...

From far and from near the same ... we hear,

With never a pause or a rest.

Though faint in the East it is ... creased

As you follow the course of the ... Till the Rockies are passed with a ... trumpet blast

For silver at sixteen to one.

It sounds to the tramp of the far ... ing camp,

Then comes over mountain and ... Till caught in the mouth of the ... down South,

While the farmer takes up the ... Wherever 'tis found, 'tis a magical ... And a wonderful work it has ... Here, there, everywhere, it is filling ... air,

Free silver at sixteen to one.

From the far Golden Gate unto Wash... ton state,

Thence east to Superior's beach, ...

Take your course, and then sail ... the broad Mississippi,

Till the shores of Kentucky you ...

Up the fair Ohio past Virginia ...

Thence eastward the boundary ...

You will thus understand that ... fourths of the land

Is howling for sixteen to one.

Though gold-bugs berate, and their ... tisans prate,

And their newspapers fill up their ...

They tremble in fear when that ... they hear

And find it is growing apace,

Though they fume and they ... will wallop them yet;

And won't we have oceans of fun ...

As we bury them deep in their ... sleep

'Neath ballots for sixteen to one?

As fair futures ope through a ... hope

To the vision enchanted of Youth ...

As the forces of right come on ... light

And triumph with justice and ... So the prospects we see of a ... tory.

When the battle at last is begun ...

Things are coming our way; ... break of the day

For silver at sixteen to one.

Lincoln, Neb. J. A. ...

Speaking for the Poor.

Father Ducey of St. Leo's ... New York, has been criticised ... by the plutocratic press for his utterances in behalf of the poor. ... friend of the oppressed has ... a reply to his critics in which he ... the words of the pope and cardinal ... his church to prove that as a priest ... has not gone beyond the teachings ... his spiritual superiors. He draws ... attention of those who differ with ... to the words of Cardinal Manning ... said: "We must face it calmly, ... and with willingness, to put labor ... the profits of labor second, the ... state and domestic life of the ... working population first. I will ... venture to draw such an act of ... liament further than to lay down ... principle that the present condition ... the poor cannot go on. No ... wealth can rest on such foundation ... That there is something ... wrong with a social system ... tends to make the rich richer and ... poor poorer there can be no doubt ... that this wrong is deep seated ... evident by the fact that any man ... dares to call attention to the ... made the target for attack on the ... of the money power. Speaking ... himself, Father Ducey says: "... cial convulsions of our age mean ... ly that some great evil has stolen ... the heart of our social order. ... of the greatest evils of our modern ... ilization is the absolute right that ... ital takes to itself, without ... that it has duties toward society ... labor. Christian brotherhood ... most disappearing from society ... man is becoming a wolf to his ... brethren in social dealing." ... hope for society when such men ... Father Ducey come to the aid of ... oppressed. The cry of "Anarchy" ... the charge of "Socialism!" are ... fective against such advocates ... speak from a high plane, and ... words must be respected.—Chicago Dispatch.

Desks Needed by Congressmen.

Philadelphia Record: Speaker ... again speaks of the desks in the ... of representatives as a serious ... tion to business. Members of the ... are engaged at their desks in ... correspondence when they should ... attending to the public affairs ... come before them. Since a ... committee, of which the speaker ... chairman, cuts out all the business ... decides what measures deserve ... sideration and what shall be ... the house has well-nigh become ... a deliberate body. In such a state ... of things the average member ... find the time hanging heavily ... hands if he should be deprived ... convenient desk.

Afraid of Platt's Leadership.

Indianapolis Journal: Already ... Republican press in New York ... warning the party that it ... into the campaign next year ... candidates, since no excellence ... acter can overcome the ... pugnance to the boss and ... tor.

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A Coincidence.

"O mamma!" said little Johnny,
"What do you think I see?
There's a baby 'way back in your eye,
And he looks just like me."

"Yes, darling, but a stranger thing
I'll tell you, and it's true;
There's another baby in my heart,
And he looks just like you!"

—Sarah J. Burke.

Why Stars Twinkle.

Twinkle, twinkle, little star,
I wonder why you twinkle?

This is the little song that astronomers have been singing for years; and not one of them could satisfactorily answer the question.

Now, however, Dr. L. L. See, who is in charge of the great telescope at Flagstaff, Ariz., has suggested a solution of the mystery which is awakening wide interest among scientists.

Dr. See has found the cause of the twinkling to be the presence in the atmosphere of innumerable little currents or waves, which dart through the air and cause a break in the light from the star. The result is that to a beholder on the earth the star has the familiar appearance of twinkling. These little air currents can be distinguished through the twenty-four inch telescope very plainly on nights when this twinkling is observed most, by the simple process of removing the eyepiece of the instrument.

Farming for Frogs.

You have all heard of corn and pumpkin farms, but who ever heard of a frog farm? Yet just such a novelty exists in the Trout river basin of Ontario, Canada. It has been in operation for many years and has a large annual output of frogs legs and live frogs. In the summer time it is probably the greatest place for hops in the world, and as for orchestras and vocal music few places can equal it. The farm is mostly a stretch of shallow water and swamps and the frogs are allowed to hop at large and breed until they are three or four years old. Then the "farmers" go out at night with torches and the frogs are caught in nets and placed in pens. When they are wanted the water is drained off and the frogs are sent away to market. The farm is stocked mostly with big bullfrogs, which provide the largest and best legs. In 1895 and 1896 the "farm" produced the immense amount of 5,000 pounds of dressed frog legs, besides 7,000 live frogs for various purposes.

Too Big a Mouthful.

Speaking of odd accidents to birds, a friend of the Boys and Girls' department wrote about a surprising thing which he saw last summer. He was camped on Lake Geneva during most of the month of August, and he found much pleasure in watching those fishers of the air, the osprey and the kingfisher. One day he saw a kingfisher drop down from the sky like a shot, splash into the water near shore and then rise laboriously with a heavy fish in its talons. It flew to the top of a tall stub near shore, and while he watched it he saw it flutter suddenly from its perch and then drop downward with apparently helpless wings. He rowed over to the shore and ran to the foot of the dry stub. The kingfisher lay there fluttering feebly and almost dead with a small perch stuck fast in its throat. It had tried to swallow entirely too large a mouthful, and had not the visitor removed the fish it soon would have died.

Have any of you ever heard of a stranger accident?—Chicago Record.

Frogs.

There is a young woman named Miss Mona Selden in the town of Friendship, New Jersey, who abandoned school-teaching about seven years ago in order to engage in some occupation more conducive to her health. She concluded to raise frogs for the New York and Philadelphia markets, and for this purpose bought, at $2.00 per acre, twenty acres of marsh land in the vicinity of Friendship. This tract she fenced in, and has diligently prosecuted the business of breeding, buying and selling frogs, until it yields her an income of $6,000 per year. We extract from an exchange the following particulars in regard to this enterprising woman and her surroundings:

"Since Miss Selden turned her attention to buying frogs, she has spent less time hunting, but occasionally she goes out for a day in the bog and comes home with a full bag. The twenty acres that she bought she holds as a reserve, and ten acres of it she has turned into a breeding place for frogs.

"She calculates that every spring there are about 20,000 frogs in the breeding ground. She feeds them and they are furnished with clear water from a continuously flowing stream. Under the treatment that the woman gives them the frogs thrive and grow to enormous proportions. The largest are kept in the "ranch." The medium-sized are taken for the market, because they are the tenderest, juciest and sweetest, and they command a higher price than the larger legs.

"In her home Miss Selden has a large aquarium in which she keeps fish and frogs. They are her only pets, and they seem to have an affection for her. The fish eat from her hand, allow her to take them out of the water and undergo the discomfort of being in the open air without making any objection. The frogs are on more familiar terms with her than are the fish, and they have their hours when they are given the freedom of the house. One big green fellow named Dick is four years old, and when Miss Selden is writing he sits on the table near her and amuses himself with boxing scraps of paper around or chasing flies.

"Dick has been trained to do a good many interesting tricks. He will hop over a stick held by his mistress several inches from the floor, wears a small paper cap with all the dignity of a grenadier, and when his mistress places a cushion on the floor and sets him on a shelf he promptly springs into the air, turns a somersault, and lands on his feet with the accuracy of a trained acrobat.

"There is another trained frog besides Dick, and when they are together Miss Selden frequently plays the piano. The music sets the frogs to going and they will hop around the floor, slowly or rapidly, keeping time to the music as nearly as a frog's mind can measure it."

Smallest Dog in the World.

The little Archduchess Elizabeth, daughter of the widowed Crown Princess Stephanie of Austria and the pet of the Austrian imperial family, is the fortunate owner of the smallest dog in the world. It can play upon a human hand and is of the silk-haired terrier breed. It formerly belonged to Mrs. Waldmann, keeper of a cafe in Vienna.

A MINIATURE DOG.

The miniature creature is 13 centimeters high, 17 long and weighs about a pound.

Mrs. Waldmann thought the tiny thing so charming that only a royal child should possess such a rarity. She accordingly applied to the crown princess for permission to present it to the little archduchess. Frau Waldmann took the dog with her to the court and showed it to the royal mother. All were at once taken with the terrier's droll ways and its fine little head, and a few days afterward the dog found its way in a small basket to the castle, being presented to the child from its mother and grandparents.

Bright Sayings of Children.

Mama—What are you playing with, darling? Darling—With a caterpillar and two little kittenpillars.

Governess—Now, Tommie, if you had eight sponge cakes and gave baby seven, and then took away six, what would he have then? Tommie—A fit, pretty nearly!

Mama (severely)—Daisy, you have been at my workbox again! I'm afraid that everything I tell you goes in at one ear and out of the other. Daisy (5 years old)—Well, mama, why don't you 'top one of zem up?

A little fellow, who had his wits about him when the contribution plate was passed at church, administered a rebuke to his mother, who on the way home was finding fault with the sermon. "Well, mother," he said innocently, "what could you expect for a cent?"

A kindergarten teacher was recently reviewing her little class on the instruction given the day previous. The following are a part of the questions and answers: Teacher—Now, children, I told you yesterday about the various materials from which your dresses are made—silk, wool and cotton. Let me see how well you remember. Margie, where did the material come from of which your dress is made? Margie—It once grew upon the back of a sheep. Teacher—Very good; and yours, Blanche? Blanche—My dress once grew upon the back of a sheep, and a part of it was spun by the silkworm. Teacher—Correct! And yours, Lucy? Lucy (with evident embarrassment)—My dress was made out of an old one of mama's.

Popular Hero of Romance.

If one may judge from the novels that young women seem to read with most avidity, they do not like a lover to be sentimental, rhetorical or brutal. They still prefer him to be big and strong, but let him be careful not to put on airs about it. There is nothing which seems to please a little woman more than to humiliate a big man—and that at his own game. If she can show him that she can sail a boat, shoot a rapid, climb a mountain, or swim further out to sea than he can, she is in a fair way to accept his humble proffer of love and allegiance in the next chapter.

The prevalent hero is a man who can do almost anything well, but keeps it to himself. He must be a man of immense reserve powers, who exhibits most of them playing golf, or polo, or riding to hounds, or running a steam yacht.

If he permits the fact to leak out that in winter he is intensely interested in civic and philanthropic problems he begins to get a hold on the affections of the haughty lady. What the modern young woman seems to want in a hero is a correct, fashionable and rather frivolous manner of life, but inwardly a tremendous seriousness of purpose. If he simply has the "purpose" he is all right—he need not do much, for the world is known to be rather cruel and cynical toward reformers. The girl knows that he will fail of carrying out his ideal, but she is determined that he shall have her by way of compensation. —"Drech," in Ladies' Home Journal.

GOD'S MESSAGE TO MAN

PREGNANT THOUGHTS FROM THE WORLD'S GREATEST PROPHETS.

The Bitterest Lesson of Life—Christ in You—The Flowers of Grace—Must Conquer in Secret—Light of God Obscures All Else—An Autumn Pastel.

Just to give up and trust
All to a fate unknown,
Plodding along life's road in the dust
Bounded by walls of stone;
Never to have a heart at peace;
Never to see when care will cease;
Just to be still when sorrows fall,—
This is the bitterest lesson of all.

Just to give up and rest
All on a love secure
Out of a world that's hard at the best
Looking to heaven as sure;
Ever to hope, through cloud and fear,
In darkest night that the dawn is near;
Just to wait at the Master's feet—
Sure, now, the bitter is sweet!
—Rev. Henry Van Dyke

Christ in You.

Memory has been taking me back to a summer holiday, years ago, in the pleasant valleys of Nova Scotia. I recall the wonder and delight with which I saw the ocean tide come up the Bay of Fundy and fill the empty river beds. Through the hours of the ebb, the Nova Scotian rivers dwindled and shrank within their banks. Broad and barren reaches of sand exposed themselves; ships listed heavily on their sides, deserted by the feeble stream trickling in mid-channel. Then came the tide up the Bay of Fundy, up from the abundance of the unfathomable sea. You could hear it coming, with a distant sound of motion and life and unmeasured power. You could see it coming, with a pure white girdle of foam, that looked in sunlight like a zone of fire. You could smell it coming, with the smell of freshness, the breath of coolness, the waft of far-off scents from breeze-blown ocean leagues. You could almost feel it coming; for the heart stirred at the sight of it, and the joy of strength arose in the soul. It came from the mighty fullness that could afford to give so grandly; it came from the opulence of an ocean that could spend itself without fear of poverty, that could pour itself out to fill a thousand rivers, yet not be diminished; it came, as Arnold said, "with murmurs and scents of the infinite sea." It entered the river-bed; it filled the empty channel as one fills a pitcher at the fountain; it covered the barren sands with motion and sparkling life; it lifted the heavy ships, gave back to them their rights of buoyancy, set them free upon the broad waterway of world wide opportunity; it changed the very face of the land from sadness and apathy and dullness to animation and color and glittering activity. So Christ comes into empty human lives, and fills them with His fullness, which is the very fullness of God. So He stops the ebb of power, entering with His flood of strength. The difference between a life without Christ is the difference between ebb and flood; the one is growing emptier, the other is growing fuller. This does not require to be argued; it is proved by living. The glory of this mystery of Christ in us is Honor. An unconquerable grace and dignity invest the person of Christ. Christ is majestic. And when He comes within us, all our life is honored and ennobled through His presence. At His coming the flat and barren materialism of our unspiritual thinking is covered and buried beneath the clear, deep waters of earnestness and grandeur of purpose, and love and prayer, which come with Him. Every life He is truly permitted to enter becomes in Him a grander life. He seems to sweep pettiness and meanness of thought out of sight. He seems to swallow up in His broad fullness the failing streams of our moral life that were growing shallow and turbid. Christ is great and clear and beautiful and noble; and if He fills us in our inmost life, then—wondrous and impossible though it may seem—we receive of His fullness, and as He is, so are we in this world. Yet why should we call this wondrous and impossible? We have had friends who ennobled us by their nobleness. We could not resist them, but became beautified in spirit by their beauty seeking our inmost life.

"The tidal wave of deeper souls
Into our inmost being rolls,
And lifts us unawares
Out of all meaner cares."

Must not Christ do more even than this when He enters our inmost being? Is not He that deepest soul, the Soul of God, who must lift us to the level of God's life?—By Charles Cuthbert Hall, D. D.

The Flowers of Grace.

There are certain flowers of grace which will bloom upon the grave of Jesus to the end of time. Because He rose and lives again, we shall live also. Not only on Easter Sabbath are there flowers to be found on our Lord's emptied sepulchre, but every day and in every clime, wherever death hallows a grave, these precious plants of grace may be made to bloom and to scatter their delicious perfume. Where may we go to find faith and hope and resignation for yonder freshly filled mound over our departed? To the tomb where Jesus vanquished death—in the garden, where the spices within and the plants without made the spot in which our dear Master slumbered exceeding fragrant.—Theodore L. Cuyler, D. D.

Must Conquer in Secret.

What we are in solitude we shall be in public. Do not for a moment suppose, O self-indulgent disciple, that the stimulus of a great occasion will dower thee with a heroism of which thou betrayest no trace in secret hours. The crisis will only reveal the true quality and temper of the soul. The flight at the Master's arrest will make it almost needless for the historian to explain that the hour which should have been spent in watching was squandered in sleep. It is the universal testimony of holy men that lonely hours are fullest of temptation. It is in these we must conquer if we would be victorious when the eyes of some great assembly are fastened upon us.—Rev. F. B. Meyer.

Light of God Obscures All Else.

I climbed a mountain of the Sierras. The way was steep, the bowlders were huge, the pines stood marshalled like battalions of soldiery, when, on a sudden, I found me on a height; and a lake bluer than skies of Italy filled all my field of view. The background was snowy peaks, and the hollow filled to the brim with a wonder of blue waters. I saw nothing else. This seized my senses. Thus David caught sight of God. Moral truth made his landscape. God swallowed up all besides. He was blinded by it and broke off his music. When God is seen, who shall attempt song or harp?—W. A. Quayle, D. D., in "The Poet's Poet and Other Essays."

An Autumn Pastel.

The scarlet maples burn, the golden leaves of poplar and birch shine through the misty veil, and the deep purple of the ash glows as if it held a smoldering fire that the first breeze might fan into a flame, and through all this luminous leafage one may trace branch and twig as a wick in a candle flame. Only the evergreens are dark as when they bear their steadfast green in the desolation of winter, and only they brood shadows.—Rowland E. Robinson, in "New England Fields and Woods."

Many of us cannot be used to become food for the world's hunger until we are broken in Christ's hands. "Bread corn is bruised." Christ's blessing ofttimes means sorrow, but even sorrow is not too great a price to pay for the privilege of touching other lives with benediction.—J. R. Miller, D. D.

Be true and real in all thy sacred acts; remember with whom thou hast to do.

Georgia Poetry.

A Georgia farmer has a son who writes verse, but is too modest to submit it for publication. One day, when the farmer was going to town, he took a bundle of poems along with him and handed them to an editor.

"They're pretty fair," said the editor. "His rhyme is all right, but there's something wrong with his feet."

"Well," said the farmer, "I won't deny it; he has got corns."

Washington Post: When a bank is wrecked hundreds of innocent persons are affected, many of them ruined. Suicides often follow, the savings of years are lost, the inheritance of widows and children is dissipated and the villain who is responsible for these disasters gets a few years in the penitentiary and is then pardoned and put into position to prey on the public again. The pleadings of influential citizens, or of a loving and persistent wife or daughter, will effect a pardon and the criminal walks the streets a free man. Such men are far more dangerous to a community than a known robber, and deserves less consideration.

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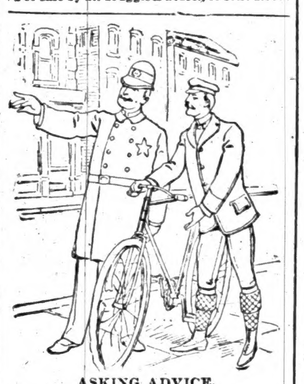

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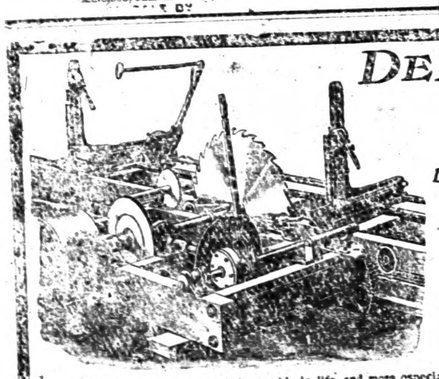

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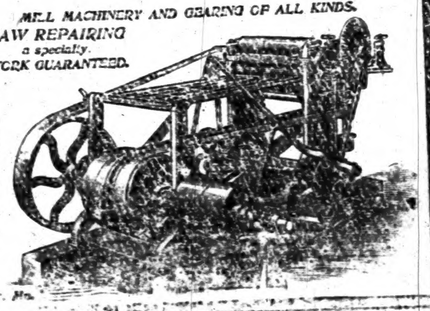

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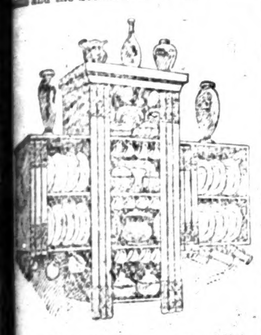
How to Make and Decorate One That Is Both Pretty and Useful.

Much cheer may be brought into a small apartment by the method of furnishing. It is a mistake to get the conventional "suits," especially where rooms are limited and the furniture must necessarily be ordinary. Pretty plates is so cheap nowadays and is so decorative that it is better to upholster with it as much as possible. It gives a gay look to a sitting or dining room to have the doors covered with drawn slips of chintz to match that of the curtains and the decorations of the mantel.



A China, too, is a great addition to a dining room, and, instead of having it shut up in a pantry, it is prettier to display it in an open cupboard, keeping everything with handles on them underneath the shelves.

The accompanying sketch shows a easy model for a hanging cupboard, which may be either entirely covered with chintz or may be made of planed white pine and painted white, with only the curtains of chintz, while the construction is so simple that any ordinary carpenter can make it in half a day. Little brass hooks with screws may be bought at any hardware shop to hang the cups on. Nothing gives a made-up look to a room combined with gay chintz than white woodwork, and contrary to the general idea, nothing is more desirable, for a damp cloth will remove all stains, and it is easy at any time with a brush and tin of white paint to freshen up the whole. Moreover, it takes twice the amount of light to illuminate a room finished in dark wood as it does one where white prevailes.—New York Tribune.

Buckles.

The ornamental paste buckle, glittering with all the brilliancy of a genuine gem, is very much in evidence in millinery and elegant dress toilets and appears to be a greatly admired adjunct of clothing for the winter. Made in various shapes, it is just as variously used. Elegant headgear worn at the recent horse show, these sparkling ornaments used the buckle or slide of cut steel alone. The czarina in rhinestones is used on French evening bonnets, between drooping soft plumes and dainty bits of spangled tulle or diamond powder in cape lines. The effect is airy and brilliant. These buckles, with long, fancy dagger jeweled pins and twisted, dull gold ornaments, with gimps to match, are also used on expensive dress round hats. Daggers for the hair are again in fashion in gold, aluminum, brass, silver and amber set with mock gems of every color and device.—New York Post.

Rev. Anna Shaw's Ambition.

The Rev. Anna Shaw of Chicago soon to be appointed a policeman. "I would rather be a policeman than be president," she says. "The one crying need that is now needed in New York and Chicago is 200 uniformed women women to walk the streets. If Mr. Van Wyck or Mayor Harrison had the knowledge of existing sociological conditions which they ought to have, and which I hope their successors will have, I should be an active police official. If these gentlemen want to know how to find women to fill the places, I will tell them well, I could tell them. From the ranks of the Salvation Army or the American Volunteers could be selected on short notice 200 women, whose presence on the streets of Chicago in uniform would do more toward the prevention of crime than many times the number of men."

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Minnie Go-Wan-Go is an Indian actress. She plays in an exciting western drama called "Nan-Ne-Mab, the Indian Princess." Miss Go-Wan-Go wrote the drama and takes the leading role, that of a descendant of the famous Red

HAPPILY MARRIED.

On last Sunday a happy marriage took place at the residence of Mr Deadwilder. A large concourse of friends and relatives filled the house and waited patiently for the bridal party. At two oclock Mr Horace H. Smith and Miss Birdie Deadwilder marched to the fromt where they paused long enough for Rev Wood to speak the words to make them husband and wife. Then congratulations were extended to them. The bride and groom were tastefully dressed and friends thought they never saw the bride aypear more lovely nor the groom more handsome. After the bridal party ample justice was done to a dinner whose richness and abundance will not soon be forgotten. The gifts were numerous. For the present Mr Smith and lady will make Maplesville their home. We wish them a happy home and prosperous life.

Married last Thursda, at the residence of Mr Aaron Littleton, father of the bride, Mr. W. H. Goodgame and Miss M N Littleton. Rev. Alexander officiating. We wish the happy young couple a long and pleasant journey through life together.

Yesterday at the home of Mr. W. A. Sims near Clear Creek Mr. Burton Lucas and Miss Minnie Sims were happily united. Rev R. H. Long performing the ceremony. The BANNER joins their many friends in wishing them all the happiness and prosperity.

Mr H.I Honeycutt is aquiring a reputation as a tyer of nuptial knots, and on Sunday was called upon to go to the residence of Mr Moses Mims where he united Mr William Easterling and Miss Charlotte Mims. May their lives together be as bright as their wedding day is the hope of the BANNER and their numerous friends.

The Surprise of All.

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Late Literary News.

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This same number of The Cosmopolitan has an article on" The Welldressed Woman" by Elsie de Wolfe, a contrast of the characters of Henry George and Charles A. Danna by John Brisben Walker. in another place" The Loves of Goeth" while Wells' story" The War of the Worlds" which has been so widely read, reaches its conclusion in an unexpected way.

LOST, strayed or stolen on the 24th day of September from near Welch's mill one small black cow with Jersey nose, and two heifer yearlings—one of them is solid red, and the other is white with red speckled head and neck and has on a little bell. None of them are marked. Were last seen near Stanton. Any information about them will be gladly received and rewarded by L. F. Hester at Welch's mill. My post office is Plantersville, care of Jackson Lumber company.

CORRESPONDENCE.

[We are willing to publish our subscribers views at any time, but it must be disfinctly understood we do not hold ourselves responsible for these opinions.—EDITOR.]

Jemison, Dec. 14, 1897

Editor BANNER: It is well known that congressmen from all over these United States have assembled at Washington city. For the purpose of what? They say it is to make laws and correct inuccuracies which concern about seventy million people. What a thought!

It is plain talk when we say that those honorable gentlemen cannot think of all the pressing necessities of all these millions. Under this consideration we think it a proper time for the tax burdened people, who prop universal business, to tell those assembled at Washington to attend to our business, and that there is need for an improved financial system. Tell them we need free coinage of all money metals. Tell them we need millions of paper money, or any material they can put Uncle Sam's signature on. What intrinsic value is there in a small piece of copper? Just put one hundred copper cents together and they pay for one dollar. See?

Now let all those who think of our condition and the causes, begin to get signatures on long paper. Let it be understood that every county work up this matter and send in the results to the probate judge, if he as a man in sympathy with the plan. Let him forward the signatures to the proper persons at Washington. If all the States would do something like this congress would feel itself seized with a righteous plea. It would feel that angels sanctioned a beneficent cause, a cause that fills every patriotic anxious bosom; a cause which has been cloaked and smothered under from the view of the masses; a cause in which the money power, with satanic influences, has combined with hypocracy to enslave the toiling millions and thus send out new recruits of ragged tramps to beg, and thus impoverish their more fortunate neighbor. The scheme of the enemy to prosperity is entailing untold misery and ignorance. Thousands of innocent, intelligent children are kept out of school and church, their father's being thrown out of employment, while the employed are underpaid, or not paid at all, for supplies they create. So it goes to greed.

Americans, wake up, with new energy placed in every step. Helpless women and children are hoping and asking for efforts to make them more comfortable as they pass on side by side with those who are too self-conceited to give the poor even a pleasant word. Facts are stubborn and will not be crowded out.

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Miss Minnie Williams, one of our most popular young ladies, is visiting relatives in Coosa county.

Love making and marrying goes on, notwithstanding hard times and the low price of cotton. But we are inclined to think there is too much of the former and not enough of the latter. We are open day and night for invitations to weddings, for we are getting hungry and tired too.

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Home-Bound Topics.

A last month's greeting to you, friends, and still it is this month. Has it occurred to you that the old year is dyeing and that but one more breath is left to it? A cold breath it is too, but what of that? And what if it is the last, for Christmas comes with it and all the world is glad at Christmas. Here's the merriest one of all to you, and as happy as a New Year.

Rev. Mr. Colwell filled his appointment here Sunday.

E. T. Connell, wife and son J. N. Connell spent Sunday with H. Kendrick.

Mrs. Beulah Johnson visited friends at Verbena last week.

Walter S. Rhodes and wife, of Montgomery, is with ur again.

Mr. Jeff Pinson who is at work at Pike Road, Ala., is up on a visit to his famly.

Mr. Newton Dennis, of Bozeman, has a nice new residence here which is nearing completion. He will move one day this week.

Messrs. Geo. Williams, of Bozeman and Edd George of Rollin's Switch, have lately moved into our community. We welcome them and hope they will be pleased.

E. L. Jones and family, and Miss Sallie Norris, visited relatives and friends at Bozeman Saturday and Sunday.

John Hammons and W. D. McKinney went to Montgomery on business last week.

F. A. Gulledge, of Verbena, was with us a while Sunday.

Mrs. Goss went over to Friendship Sunday.

This morning (Monday) the rain, Oh my! how it is poring, and small water courses are rising fast.

Once more, friends, let me wish you and all your friends the merriest Christmas you ever had, and plenty more to follow.

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Final Proof Notice.

Notice No. 19,358.

Land Office at Montgomery, Ala., December 2, 1897

Notice is hereby given that the following-named settler has filed notice of his intention to make final proof in support of his claim, and that said proof will be made before the Clerk of the Circuit Court at Clanton, Ala., on January 15, 1898, viz.: Johnson Ztmmerman, Homestead entry No. 26,622, for the n½ of sw ¼ section 2, tp 21, n of r 14 east.

He names the following witnesses to prove his continuous residence upon and cultivation of said land, viz.: J. R. Kemp, William Kemp, Henry Culver, A. C. Oats, all of Clanton, Ala.

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Notice to Confederate Soldiers.

The warrants for the Confederate Soldiers and Widows issued by the State, are now in my hands for delivery to the proper persons. Any person having such warrant will please call for same or send written order by someone authorizing them to sign receipt for warrant.

This Nov. 25. 1897.

R. M. HONEYCUTT,
Judge of Probate.

Notice of Letting Poor House.

The Commissionersof Chilton co. will meet at the County Poor House near Jemison, on Thursday, Dec. 16, 1897, for the purpose of making arrangements for taking care of the paupers in this county for the year 1898. Any person desiring to submit proposition for keeping such paupers will please meet the Commissioners at that time, when all propositions will have their consideration.

This Nov. 25, 1897.

R. M. HONEYCUTT,
Judge of Probate.

Final Proof Notice.

Notice No. 19,363.

Land Office at Montgomery, Ala., December 8, 1897

Notice is hereby given that the following-named settler has filed notice of his intention to make final proof in support of his claim, and that said proof will be made before the Clerk of the Circuit Court at Clanton, Ala., on January 15, 1898, viz.: Ellis Mims, Homestead entry No. 25,713, for the e ½ of nw ¼, section 36, Tp. 23, n of R 15 east.

He names the following witnesses to prove his continuous residence upon and cultivation of said land, viz: Jefferson Trawick, William Trawick, George Mims, William Mims, all of Clanton, Ala.

ROBERT BARBER, Register.

Mortgage Sale.

Under and by virtue of the powers contained in a mortgage executed by J. H. Gore and his wife Carrie Gore to W. M. Gore on the 16th day of January, 1894, which said mortgage is recorded in Volume 42, record of mortgages in the office of the Judge of Probate of Chilton county, Alabama, the undersigned will proceed to sell on

MONDAY, DECEMBER 20th, 1897.

during the legal hours of sale in front of the court house door in Clanton, Alabama, to the highest bidder for cash at auction, the following described track or parcel of land, to-wit:

The north-east quarter of the south east quarter (ne¼ of se¼) and the south-east quarter of the north-east quarter (se¼ of ne¼) of section six (6) township twenty-two (22) range fifteen (15) and lying and being situated in Chilton county, Alabama, and containing eighty acres more or less.

W. M. GORE, Mortgagee,
By Baldwin and Tadlock
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CLANTON, - ALABAMA.

Weyler has left Cuba, but the memory of his monstrous cruelty will never disappear from that unhappy island, exclaims the New York Mail and Express. He goes back to Spain red-handed with the blood of his helpless victims, with his honor besmirched, his name reeking with infamy and his reputation as a soldier forever lost. His departure is like the vanishing of a hideous pestilence.

"Dum-dum" is the curious name of a new bullet of which the British Government has been making a test. Experiments would seem to justify the title; for this small-arm missile produces a wound which is more fatal and terrible than the old bullet of slower velocity. A bullet that makes a larger exit than entrance, even after wreaking havoc within, would certainly strike a soldier dumb-dumb. In America has recently been invented, however, a secret solution by which leaden bullets may be coated so as to render them superior to steel-cased bullets. At a distance of thirty yards some of these coated balls pierced an ax blade and others bored through a flat-iron.

According to the New York Tribune, Mr. Lorrillard, the rich New Yorker who has been living in England some years, "seems to be talking at random. His assertion that Englishmen will not invest money in America even at twenty per cent. income is wild, and his prediction of a currency panic here is still wilder. Is he aware of the fact that gold in the Bank of England would be below the danger line to-day but for our leniency, and that foreigners will probably owe us on trade balance at the expiration of the year $500,000,000? Is he not aware that we sell to Europe what she must have, and buy from her nothing that we must have? Political economy is not taught on English race tracks."

Says Harper's Weekly: "While the English language is spreading over the face of the globe wherever liberty is possible, it is sad to mark the apparent incapacity of the noble German tongue to conquer new territory or even to maintain itself within its own legal limits. In Bohemia it is rapidly disappearing. In Hungary it has been exterminated within the last fifty years. The eastern provinces of Prussia have been in German hands more than 100 years, yet the people there are as little Prussian to-day as when Kosciusko laid down his life for personal liberty. The Danish provinces were conquered more than thirty years ago, yet the new generation speaks Danish and hates the very name of Prussia. In Alsace-Lorraine, men who were babies in 1870 have now served their time in the German army, and are nominally German subjects; yet the German language finds there a resistance insurmountable, even with the aid of a vast army of spies, gendarmes, officials and 60,000 troops. A large Massachusetts manufacturer passed through the province this summer, and had occasion to visit a machine shop at Muhlhausen, employing some 8000 workmen. As an American the manager treated him with frankness, and gave him an opportunity to convince himself that the workmen were French at heart in spite of the years that are past. The Baltic provinces of Russia were German in 1891, but since then Russification has set in with a thoroughness comparable only to the South African rinderpest, and before long German linguistic expansion on that frontier will be as effectually checked as it is in Bohemia, in Posen, in Alsace-Lorraine and on the borders of Denmark. Nor is the German language faring better in the German colonies, for the simple reason that German emigrants prefer almost any colonial flag to their own. The official press of Germany clamors for more warships, in order to protect alleged German colonists in far-away tropical swamps. Territorially, Germany has almost 1,000,000 square miles of colony, but land without population is like a harbor with no commerce."

Anthony Tucci, an Italian, at Philadelphia, was shot and probably fatally wounded by John Tompon, because of the rejection of his affection by Tompon's 19 year old daughter, Theresa. He also set fire to the clothing of Tompon's little son, Michael, and when an attempt was made to arrest him he successfully held a squad of policemen and firemen at bay until he had fired his revolver at them, slightly wounding Policeman Simpson, and a citizen named Zacharino.

William Blakely, the actor, is dead.

Slight earthquake shocks were distinctly felt in Kansas Thursday.

NEWS ITEMS OF THE WEEK

Carefully Collated in Brief and Pointed Paragraphs.

ATTEMPT ON THE LIFE OF THE SULTAN.

Wire Nail Trust in Course of Formation. Wheat Takes an Upward Jump—Monster Petition Presented Against Hawaiian Annexation.

Judge Asa W. Tenny, of the United States district court, died at his home in Brooklyn, N. Y., Friday.

The Mexican officials and private citizens will give Mr. Byran a hearty welcome to Mexico City.

A crowd of about five thousand people witnessed the hanging of Jim Glover and Sam Fields at Troy Friday.

Chairman H. H. Hanna, of the monetary commission, has sent to the bankers of the country 10,000 circular letters.

Mrs. John Harris, about 60 years of age, committed suicide near Rockbridge, Tenn., by hanging herself in the barn.

Senator Hoar presented a monster petition to congress, signed by 21,269 people. It was in opposition to the annexation of Hawaii.

It is estimated that $150,000,000 may be required by the government to meet the pension roll, or $32,000,000 more than the estimated receipts of customs.

Spanish soldiers found 500 boxes of ammunition in a creek bed in the Cuban brush. This was part of a lot landed in September by Joseph Capero and others.

At Chicago, amid considerable excitement, December wheat sold Thursday at $1.09, the highest price with one exception since the memorable "Old Hutch" corner in 1888.

A case of smallpox has developed in Rock Hill, S. C., where there are 450 young women from all over the state attending Winthrop college, and considerable anxiety is felt.

The indications are that the holiday recess of congress will extend from Saturday, December 18, to Monday or Tuesday, January 3 or 4. Speaker Reed, it is understood, favors these dates.

A meeting of manufacturers of wire nails held in New York may have important results. It was held in furtherance of a plan to consolidate the interests in the line named throughout the country. The interests involved are said to aggregate $50,000,000.

At San Francisco Thursday the supreme court dispelled the last hope of W. H. T. Durrant, the murderer of Blanche Lamont and Minnie Williams, by disposing in a summary manner of his appeal, remanding the case to the superior court with instructions to proceed according to law.

Monday last two soldiers in the imperial service at the Yildiz Klosk, the palace of the sultan, made an attempt on the life of the sultan. This was frustrated by the attendants of the sultan. The sultan had the men tortured in the hope of extorting the names of instigators, but both succumbed without revealing anything.

A sensational statement comes from Paris, the substance of which is that the Dreyfus agitation is the outcome of an international plot to divert France's attention from events abroad, adding that an international syndicate with this object in view, backed by foreign gold, commenced operations in Belgium and developed them in Germany.

Evidence of a startling nature, which indicates that a murder has been committed somewhere between Chicago and Denver, on the Chicago and Alton railway, was found Friday on top of the front trucks of a Pullman sleeping car shortly after its arrival in Chicago. It was a human foot, apparently that of a man, and a long, slender spike penetrated the large toe.

General Paul Vandervoort, one of the promoters of the G. A. R. colony in Texas, writes from Bemings Bridge, Tex., that he has closed a deal with John E. and "Shanghai" Pierce, the cattle kings, for land for a colony, and at least 1,000 colonists will move immediately after the beginning of the new year. The undertaking is fashioned after that of Fitzgerald, Ga.

The practice of young women marrying old soldiers to become eligible for widows' pensions after their death is condemned by the department, and a bill will be asked for prohibiting the payment of pension to any widow who marries a soldier after the passage of the proposed law, excepting soldiers now in service.

One of the largest blocks of marble ever quarried in the Knoxville, Tenn., district has just been gotten out at the quarry of John M. Ross, three miles southeast of that city. It has been several months since work was first begun on the job. The block weighs 53,650 pounds. It is to be used at Boston, Mass., for a monument.

John Brant, colored, for thirty years an expert quarryman, was blown to atoms today in the powder house of a quarry near Columbia, S. C., by the explosion of 125 pounds of dynamite.

At Amite City, La., Joseph A. Reed, Esq., was murdered by four assassins at Franklinton last Friday. Mr. Reed had just finished his argument in a case that had attracted much attention, and had left the court house and stepped from the building when two men opened fire on him, and were joined immediately by four others, and the fourth shot did the deed.

ALABAMA GLEANINGS.

Pertinent Paragraphs of the Late News of the State.

Madison Breaks a Record of Several Years

After a session of nearly four weeks the Madison county grand jury reported to the circuit court and adjourned Friday. The record of several years was broken, 205 true bills being returned.

Accidents to Employes.

The whole number of railroad employes in Alabama is 14,325. The injuries resulting in death to employes during the present year were 45, as against 34 the preceding year; and accidents not fatal were 781, against 706 last year—an increase of 11 deaths and 75 injuries.

Death of a Confederate Captain.

Rev. J. P. Nall died the past week in Birmingham of cancer, aged 65. The deceased was a native of South Alabama, and during the war was Captain of Company A, Thirty-ninth Alabama Regiment. He was a gallant soldier and lost an arm at the battle of Resaca May 15, 1864.

Masons Dedicate Temple.

The Alabama grand lodge of Masons, in session at Montgomery, placed, with impressive pomp and ceremony, the corner stone of their proposed imposing temple Friday. The temple will be an exceedingly handsome affair. It will be constructed of brick and stone and will cost when completed about $50,000.

Artificial Butter Question.

The Alabama Dairymen's association will meet in Montgomery in annual convention on December 16. It is expected that the session will be largely attended, as some matters of considerable importance, notably the report of the committee which has been investigating the artificial butter question, will be submitted.

Killed His Brother-in-Law.

John Easter shot and killed his brother-in-law, George Riddle, about eight miles from Athens Monday afternoon. Riddle was shot without a word of warning. The parties are brothers-in-law. It seems that Easter married against the wishes of the young lady's brothers, and ever since then an enmity has existed.

A Busy Town.

The Forshee Lumber Company at Hammac, near Brewton, has lately put in new planing mill machinery, the finest money could buy. They have also added an electric plant, for the purpose of lighting their mill. Hammac is a busy little town these days. The planing mill was burned some time since, but has been rebuilt and will be ready to start next week.

Railroad Construction.

The new mileage for Alabama reported to the Railroad Commissioners for this year amounts to 34.46 miles. The companies constructing the same were the LaFayette railway, from Opelika to LaFayette, 22 miles; the Tallahassee and Montgomery, from Milstead, on the Western Railway of Alabama, to Tallahassee, 7 miles; the Birmingham Mineral railroad extends a branch 1.69 miles.

Moonshiners in Shelby.

United States Deputy Collector W. C. Hanlin, assisted by Deputies A. B. Mitchell and R. R. Hooper, made a raid upon the moonshiners in Shelby county last week, and destroyed three illicit plants and captured three alleged moonshiners. The men arrested were Mack Connell, Jim Carney and Dave Curtis. The stills were all big concerns, and were located about six miles over the Shelby county line from Jefferson.

Attempt to Wreck L. & N. Train.

Some unscrupulous person tied a cow on the Louisville and Nashville track at the south end of the switch at Verbena Friday morning and a serious wreck came near resulting. The third section of northbound freight No. 28 came along and the engineer blew his whistle, but the cow did not move. It was discovered too late that the beast had been fastened to the rails. When the engine struck the animal the pony truck was derailed. The guard rail of the switch was struck, causing the switch to turn and the train went on the side track. The box cars on the siding were smashed, but the engineer remained at his post and stopped the train before any more serious damage was done.

Gen. Wheeler's Bills in Congress.

Gen. Wheeler has introduced the following bills in the house: For appointment of an additional judge to preside over United States courts in the northern district of Alabama; bill to locate a branch of the national prison at Florence, Ala.; bill designating time for convening congress; bill donating to Colbert, Jackson, Lauderdale, Lawrence, Limestone, Madison and Morgan counties in Alabama all public lands contained therein for the purpose of improving the school system in said counties, under such regulations as the secretary of the interior may prescribe; bill for the erection of a public building in Decatur, Ala.; bill giving a pension of $12 per month to all soldiers who served in the Florida war in 1836.

Topographical Survey Ended.

The topographical survey of the Warrior canal has been completed. The work was done under the general supervision of Assistant United States Engineer Joseph Ripley. He and his forces began work September 10, and the topographical survey was finishe within three days of the time predicted by Mr. Ripley. There is yet a precise level party, in charge of Captain Ferguson, working near Powers' Station, between Tuskaloosa and Meridian. The work of this party will not be completed before the middle of February, 1898.

The length of the line surveyed for the proposed canal measures sixty-three miles, while an air line would measure about thirty-five miles. The work of preparing a report embracing estimates of the cost of the construction of a canal will now be taken up.

FIFTY-FIFTH CONGRESS MEETS.

The Senate—Thursday.

In the senate today Mr. Hoar, of Massachusetts, presented a petition signed by 21,259 native Hawaiians, protesting against the annexation of Hawaii.... Mr. McBride, of Oregon, secured the passage of a resolution asking the secretary of war for such information concerning the needs of the Alaskan miners in the Yukon valley as he might have in his possession .... The senate began the consideration of private pension bills under the special order. During the hour allowed forty-five bills were passed, the majority of them being for increases to pensions now received.... The bill providing for the taking of the census of 1900 will be taken up Monday.... Adjourned till Monday.

The House.

The house today entered upon the consideration of pension appropriabills and stirred up a debate that promises to continue for several days. Private John Allen, of Mississippi, who lead the assault in a speech characteristic of his humor, attacked the system. It was admitted on both sides of the house that the $140,000,000 carried by the bill for pensions would not cover the expenditures.

The contest of Crowe against Representative Underwood, in the Ninth Alabama district, will be called for Dec. 15. The case of W. F. Aldrich, of the Fourth Alabama district, who has entered a contest for this seat, now held by T. S. Plowman, has been set for hearing before the elections committee No. 1 on Dec. 17.

The House—Friday.

At the opening of the session of the house today it was agreed that when the house adjourned today it be to meet on Monday.... On motion of Mr. Foss (rep., Ills.), Saturday, December 18, was set apart for paying tribute to the memory of the late E. D. Cooke of Illinois. The house then resumed the consideration of the pension appropriation bill which was debated yesterday, and after a spirited debate passed without amendment. The amendments offered by the democrats to correct alleged existing abuses were all ruled out on the point of order that they were new legislation. As passed, the bill carried $141,263,880.... Mr. Hitt, chairman of the committee on foreign affairs, asked unanimous consent for the passage of the bill reported by his committee to prohibit the killing of fur seals. He explained the necessity for the immediate passage of the act owing to the diplomatic negotiations now pending. The house then adjourned till Monday.

The Senate—Monday.

Mr. Lodge, of Massachusetts, made an effort in the senate today to secure an immediate vote on his immigration bill, which is practically the same measure passed by the Fifty-fourth congress and vetoed by President Cleveland.... Mr. Davis called up the bill prohibiting the killing of fur seals in the Northern Pacific ocean, but upon suggestion of Mr. Pettigrew who desired to make some amendments to it, the measure went over until tomorrow .... A bill was passed for a public building at Durham, N. C., to cost $125,000.... Mr. Pettigrew called up the bill to permit settlers the right to make second homestead entries. He made a brief explanation of the matter. He believed all persons who were not at the time owners of land acquired under the homestead law the right to make second homestead entries. Each person would be entitled to acquire 160 acres of land. The bill was passed.... Mr. Butler, of South Carolina, spoke at length on amendments he had offered to the bill, providing for a postal savings bank system.... The immigration bill was called up by Mr. Lodge, of Massachusetts, and a vote asked for immediately. Objection was offered for a speedy passage, and the time for a final vote was fixed for January 17.... A resolution calling for a statement from the civil service commission was presented and agreed to. The senate then adjourned.

The House.

Excepting the reporting of the legislative, executive and judicial appropriation bill, which is to be considered tomorrow, the house did no business today.... By unanimous consent a resolution was passed to print 2,000 copies of the testimony of the civil service commission before the appropriations committee for the use of the house .... Mr. Cannon, chairman of the committee on appropriations, secured unanimous consent for passing an urgent deficiency bill, which, he explained, carried but three items—$5,000 for the construction of a building at the naval academy, $30,000 for the payment of temporary employes of the house and senate, and $175,000 for the payment of the mileage of senators and representatives.

Prisoners Released.

The state department has been notified of the release of Rafael Fernandez and C. Manuel Fernandez, two Americans held prisoners in Cuba.

HEAVY BUSINESS EXPECTED.

Advance in Prices Generally Attributed to Manipulation.

MEETING OF CONGRESS HAD NO EFFECT.

Railroad Earnings Are Much Larger Than a Year Ago—Exports of Wheat and Corn Continue Enormous—Demand For Wool Improved.

R. G. Dun & Co.'s weekly review of trade says:

The opening of congress, with the annual message and reports, have not discouraged business, as some predicted, but all speculative markets are stronger than a week ago.

The productive industries, even in the season usually about the dullest of the year as to new orders, met a definite improvement in demand for products presumably the fruit of a prevailing conviction that new business will begin to crowd the works after the new year starts.

The sudden rise in December wheat at Chicago to $1.09 would do harm were it not based on avowed contracts to ship some millions of bushels to Europe. That fact, and the continued foreign demand in spite of such contracts, has helped a rise of 1½ cents here.

Western receipts for the week were 5,578,771 bushels, against 3,691,374 last year, and Atlantic exports (including flour) 4,312,137, against 2,975,651 last year, and so great is the foreign shortage that the outgo of corn last year, far greater than ever before, is again exceeded—5,313,086 for the week, against 3,088,357 a year ago, with the price nearly 1 cent higher for the week.

Cotton is a sixteenth stronger in spite of estimates ranging from 10,100,000 to 11,000,000 bales by well known authorities.

A strike in English mills is no longer threatened and the possibility of one at Fall River has little weight.

The demand for woolen goods has clearly improved. While some grades have been sold largely at prices lower than a month ago, quotations are generally maintained.

There is more demand for iron and steel products in preparation for railway work, bridges and buildings next year and on contracts call for 25,000 tons, and Chicago works are figuring on numerous contracts for 5,000 railway cars.

The formation of the American Steel and Wire company is expected to strengthen prices and cause much buying.

While Bessemer at $10 and Grey Forge at $9.15 are slightly lower at Pittsburg, prices are stronger at Chicago, and in all quarters heavy business is expected after the new year.

Failures for the week have been 312 in the United States, against 380 last year.

THE DEMOCRATS TO CAUCUS.

Will Have Four Important Matters to Discuss When It Meets.

Chairman Richardson, of the democratic caucus, Friday issued a call for a caucus of democratic members and delegates of the house of representatives on Tuesday evening next.

The caucus will consider the four subjects of Cuba, Hawaii, finance and bankruptcy, these subjects being specified in the call. As to the action on these a pretty general understanding has been reached among democratic leaders.

On the question of Cuba the sentiment is pretty unanimous for a resolution recognizing Cuban belligerency, and the caucus is likely to give expression to this sentiment.

On the subject of finance the caucus will probably take a position against the several plans of financial reforms reported by Secretary Gage.

There is no present purpose to consider the silver question, as that is not at issue in the scheme contemplated by the republican party. Opposition to the bankruptcy bill is also contemplated by the caucus.

On the question of Hawaiian annexation it is stated by those who have canvassed the feeling on the democratic side that it is generally against annexation either by treaty or legislation.

"It Was the Right Turn."

"The fact of the cordial feeling in Great Britain toward the United States of the desire to stand in the most amicable relations toward the people of the great Western Republic, does not forbid criticism of their fiscal system, or regret that our Transatlantic cousins should have once more so decidedly taken the wrong turn in tariff matters."—Northern Whig, Belfast, Ireland.

This is very kind indeed. We are very much obliged, we assure you. But then we look at our legislation from an American standpoint, and to us it seems we took the right turn in tariff matters. At any rate, Congress did what the people ordered.

Horseless vehicles are an accomplished fact. They are now being drawn by dogs and reindeer in the Klondike.

Young Mr. Tuthill of Greenport, L. I., eloped the other day with a charming young woman and her mother. Is this a new form of the mother-in-law joke?

Opinions never change the weather.

Honesty has never found a substitute.

BRIEFLY MENTIONED.

The stock show and race meeting at Selma, attracting great crowds of people.

Commissioner Culver, while leaving the train at Birmingham last Thursday, was relieved of his pocketbook, which contained $25, by a pickpocket.

The local clergymen and others of Montgomery, are making a war against the posting upon the streets of advertisements carrying nude and indecent pictures.

Isham Collier, aged 60, a prominent planter of the eastern part of Marion county, dropped dead Friday at Hope Hope. The cause of his death was heart failure.

Jesse Hunt, of Prattville, who died from an overdose of laudanum, died last week in all efforts to arouse him failing. Mr. Hunt had long suffered from acute rheumatism, and many think he took the laudanum with suicidal intent.

Levi Hays, of Dixon Beat, Randolph county, placed a rifle to his head and sent a bullet through his brain. The deed was done in the presence of his wife and children. The rash act was caused by drink and humiliation over his recent arrest.

OUTLAW KILLS THREE OFFICERS.

With Fatal Wounds in His Body he Again Gives Desperate Battle.

News has just been received of a desperate fight that occurred near the border of Arizona and Old Mexico. Three guards of the Mexican service and one desperado were killed. The latter was Frank C. Phallard, one of Black Jack's gang and an outlaw from Texas, whose two brothers were killed while members of Billy the Kid's gang.

The two forces met face to face at a turn in the railroad near Lordsburg Springs. There were eight outlaws against three officers, but the latter opened the attack with orders to "hands up." Two of the outlaws turned their horses for the hills, but Phallard dismounted, and drawing a winchester, opened fire and killed the three officers before he fell with a fatal wound in his side.

An Unique Invention.

A slab of quartz, with veins of gold prominently showing, will convey California's invitation to President McKinley to attend, on January 24, the golden jubilee of the discovery of gold. Chairman Parsons, of the executive committee, has promised to secure a suitable piece of the precious metal and will have engraved on its face a message which will bid the president to come to California to receive the miners' welcome.

Cuban Cattle Buyers in Texas.

Cuban buyers are everywhere in the section around San Antonio, Tex., perfecting arrangements for supplying their cattle trade, which will take from 15,000 to 20,000 head per month for a long time to come.

San Antonio will be made the purchasing center, and shipments will be via New Orleans, Galveston and Ingleside. Many of the cattle now being fed for the northern markets will be diverted to this trade.

Mrs. Nancy McKinley Dead.

Mrs. Nancy Allison McKinley, mother of President William McKinley, died at 2:30 o'clock Sunday morning from a stroke of paralysis received about ten days ago.

The authorities of San Francisco have decided to refuse permits for more prize fights. This disposes of the Griffo-Lavigne, Hawkins-Connolly and the Smith-Kelly matches.

CHATTANOOGA CONFEDERATES.

Belonging to Forest Camp, Resolve in Favor of Cuba.

At the meeting of the chamber of commerce of Chattanooga, Colonel Tomlinson Fort, commander of the N. B. Forrest Camp, Confederate veterans, offered a resolution asking congress to take steps to at once compel Spain to declare the war in Cuba at an end, and in the event Spain refuses to do so, to declare the republic of Cuba a free and independent nation of the world. The presentation of the resolution was greeted with terrific applause.

PROMINENT PEOPLE.

Rev. Dr. Charles H. Parkhurst returned from Europe after an absence of six months.

Secretary of State Sherman and Mrs. Sherman will celebrate their golden wedding in 1898.

Former President Cleveland has written the Texas Alumni Association that he will be in the class of 1915 or 1916 at Princeton.

Sir William L. Drinkwater, who has resigned the position of Deemster of the Isle of Man, occupied the office for 30 years.

Lafcadio Hearn, who has lived many years in Japan, says that the great pictures made by Japanese artists are said to him to be true.

Within six months the Pullman shops in Chicago, Ill., will be exerted to their most capacity. There are already 1,000 more men at work in the shops than at this time last year.

For the first time in seven years, it is said, the demand for labor is greater than the supply in many parts of Alabama, and there is not a strike or labor disturbance of any kind in the State.

Conductors and guards of the Manhattan Elevated Railway, New York City, are to be decorated with service stripes representing five years. The stripes will be blue for guards, gilt for conductors.

Chief Arthur and other representatives of unions of railroad employes are in Washington. They want Congress to appoint a National Labor Commission and will insist that a compulsory arbitration

St. Petersburg papers continue to fear the growth of German power in the far East, especially in Turkey, as a menace to Russia and France.

TEMPERANCE TOPICS.

NOTES OF INTEREST TO THE ANTI-LIQUOR LEAGUERS.

The Drunken Old Colonel—How He Became a Faithful Follower of Christ—Awful Act of a Drunken Man in a New York Village.

The Measure of Life.

EN years a gracious Heaven gives
To make a man conscious that he lives.

Then twenty years of ardor sweet,
And hopes that dance with winged feet.

Another score to strive and weep
And bind youth's dreams with gyves of sleep.

And last the harvest twenty come.
Sleep bind, and take the pathway home.
—James Buckham.

The Drunken Old Colonel.

A gentleman engaged in mission work tells the following story of the conquering power of love: One night when the meeting was over he saw, still sitting on one of the seats, an old man, who was the despair of every mission worker, and who for years had lived mainly by begging and imposition. He had formerly been a member of a fine family, and a colonel of cavalry, but in the army he had learned to drink. He had sunk so low that the clothes upon him were scarcely more than rags, and he would stand upon the streets begging until he would have enough to get more liquor. He would come to the mission and seem very penitent, in order that he might impose upon the generosity of the people. And after he had been helped again and again, the patience of this gentleman gave way, and this night he came to him very roughly and ordered him to leave the room.

"Colonel," he said, "I am out of patience with you; you are a miserable fraud, and you know it, and I want you to get right out of here and never come back;" and taking hold of him he put him out into the darkness.

As he turned back into the room the thought came to him that he had not been manifesting the spirit of Jesus, and he went back to the door and looked to see if he could see the colonel; but the old man had gone out of sight. He went upstairs with a sore heart, realizing that he had been untrue to his Master.

He was not able to pray at the family altar that night, and eagerly waited for the next evening, that he might see the colonel and ask his forgiveness for the rude way in which he had treated him. But neither the next evening nor the next, nor for three weeks did he see the colonel again. And all this time his own heart had been growing very heavy, and his one prayer had been that God would send the old man back to the mission.

At the end of the three weeks he attended a meeting of earnest Christian workers in that city and told them how he felt, and asked them if they would not pray with him that God would let the colonel come back under his influence again. They spent a large portion of the hour in joining in this prayer, and when my friend went back to his mission that afternoon there sat the colonel. He went up to him, and said:

"Oh, colonel, I am real glad to see you. I cannot tell you how glad I am! I would rather see you than any one else on earth."

"Why," said the colonel, "you don't mean that! You don't mean that!"

"Yes," he said, "I do, and I am going to treat you just the best I know how."

So he led the old man into another room, and took off his clothes and bathed him with his own hands. And he said that upon his body there was not a spot where you could put your hand that was not covered with sores or vermin. And then he clothed him in soft raiment and took him to the barber to get his beard shaved off and his hair cut. And when the old colonel saw himself in the mirror he said: "Who is that man?" and could scarcely believe that he was the same person. That night he came and knelt at the mercy seat in the mission and rose up a new man, and has since been a faithful follower of Christ.

Murdered His Brother.

Plattsburg, N. Y., Telegram: Wednesday afternoon Patrick Conway shot and killed his defenceless brother Charles in cold blood. Margaret Conway, an aged widow, has lived for some time with her son Patrick in a small house in a lonely section Rand Hill, about eight miles from Plattsburg, in the township of Beekmantown. Her son James has lived with his wife and child at the house of his father-in-law, W. J. Goss, a quarter of a mile further on. Patrick went home drunk Wednesday afternoon about 4 o'clock. James was sitting in the kitchen talking with his mother, who was getting supper ready. Patrick was in an ugly humor, and at once commenced to loudly abuse his mother, using obscene and uncalled for language. James expostulated with him, but this only made the drunken man more violent and abusive. He upset the supper table, smashing all the dishes, and then attempted to eject the brother from the house. James refused to go, and when Patrick tried to put him out the two brothers clinched, and Patrick was thrown to the floor. This infuriated him greatly, and he rushed into an adjoining room, and securing his 44-calibre revolver from a bureau drawer loaded it and returned to the kitchen, threatening to shoot his brother James unless he left the house. James, who was standing at the open door, refused to leave his mother alone under the circumstances, and dared Patrick to touch him. Thereupon they clinched again and Patrick pushed James out of the house and into the front garden, where he deliberately shot him, the heavy ball crashing through the left arm and down into the abdomen. Meantime the frantic mother rushed from the house and down the road to the home of her sister, a short distance away. James picked himself up and struggled along as far as the Goss house, where he fell in the road, his cries, however, attracting the attention of the family, who came to his assistance and carried him into the house, where he died in great agony just twenty hours later. Dr. Lyon of Plattsburg and Dr. Vaughan of Morrisonville were called and did what they could for the wounded man. Coroner Gilliland was called and took his ante-mortem statement yesterday morning. James Conway was about 35 years of age, and leaves a wife and child. The murderer, Patrick Conway, shortly after committing the crime, went to the home of his aunt and begged for more liquor, but he was refused admittance. He obtained liquor somewhere, however, and was seen drunk in the vicinity during the night and next morning. The officers were not notified of the crime until yesterday morning and Sheriff Vaughan and a policeman at once went to the scene of the crime. Houses and barns in the vicinity and the woods were thoroughly searched, but up to late last night no trace of the murderer had been found.

One Way.

A young man in company with several other gentlemen called upon a young lady. Her father was present to assist in entertaining the guests, and offered wine, but the young lady asked:

"Did you call upon me or upon papa?"

Gallantry, if nothing else, compelled them to answer, "We called on you."

"Then, you will please not drink wine. I have lemonade for my visitors."

The father urged the guests to drink, and they were undecided. The young lady added:

"Remember, if you called on me, then you drink lemonade; but if upon papa, why, in that case I have nothing to say."

The wine glasses were set down with their contents untasted. After leaving the house one of the party exclaimed, "That was the most effectual temperance lecture I have ever heard."

The young man from whom these facts were obtained broke off at once from the use of strong drink, and holds a grateful remembrance of the lady who gracefully and resolutely gave him to understand that her guests should not drink wine.

Temperance Notes.

When Queen Victoria ascended the throne there were not more than a hundred abstainers among the ministers of the various religious denominations in the United Kingdom, no bishops and only about a dozen members of the medical profession. Today there are, according to returns just issued, two archbishops, fourteen bishops of English dioceses, many thousand clergymen of every denomination, and eighteen hundred physicians who are total abstainers. Moreover, one man in every three in the army is a teetotaller.

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The use of intoxicating liquors brings no benefit whatever to him who uses it, but how much money is constantly spent for it by the workingman! I know the need he has for these dollars, and yet in the country at large the amount spent yearly is simply appalling. How many would be in comfortable circumstances but for this money spent in drink! Far better indeed did they burn the sums. The saloonkeeper is the hardest taskmaster. The moment people take the pledge they learn the value of money, and afterward learn to work for themselves, and not the saloonkeeper.—Archbishop Ireland.

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Without doubt men who drink no spirits hold out better and do their work better than those who drink. Armies made of men of the former class march better, hold up longer under fatigue, enjoy better health, can bear exposure better, and consequently are free from drunkenness suffer little from disease and crime. It lessens the power of resistance in exposure to great cold, and becomes dangerous to use it. It may excite for a time, but is always followed by great depression. This has been clearly demonstrated in Arctic explorations. In exposure to great heat the evidence is equally conclusive against its use. The array of testimony is indisputable.—Medical Brief.

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It is night now, and here is home. Gathered under the quiet roof elders and children lie alike at rest. In the midst of a great peace and calm the stars look out from the heavens. The silence is peopled with the past sorrowful, remorses for sins and shortcomings—memories of passionate joys and griefs rise out of their graves, both now alike calm and sad. Eyes, as I shut mine, look at me, that have long ceased to shine. The town and the fair landscape sleep under the starlight wreathed in the autumn mists. Twinkling among the houses a light keeps watch here and there, in what may be a sick chamber or two. The clock tolls sweetly in the silent air. Here is night and rest. An awful sense of thanks makes the heart swell, and the head bow as I pass to my room through the sleeping house, and feel as though a hushed blessing were upon it.—Thackeray.

BENJAMIN FRANKLIN.

WAS AN INFLATIONIST AND A FIATIST.

Therefore He Was Obnoxious to the Money Lords and Incipient Aristocrats of the Colony of Pennsylvania—Some of His Wise Writings.

America's great philosopher, Benjamin Franklin, understood the money question as well as he understood most other questions. In the colony of Pennsylvania the people had a fight on their hands (as in all periods) with the moneyed classes in regard to the volume of currency, and Ben Franklin led the people's fight.

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Dr. Franklin, in his Autobiography, Lippincott's edition, page 199, says:

"About this time (1729) there was a cry among the people for more paper money, only fifteen thousand pounds being extant in the province, and that soon to be sunk. The wealthy inhabitants opposed any addition, being against all paper currency (just as the bankers and wealthy people of today oppose the issue of paper money by the people), from the apprehension that it would depreciate to the prejudice of all creditors. We had discussed this point in our Junto, where I was on the side of an addition, being persuaded that the first small sum struck in 1723 had done much good by increasing the trade, employment and number of inhabitants in the province, since I now saw all those old buildings inhabited, and many new ones building. Where as I remembered well, that when I first walked the streets of Philadelphia, eating my roll, I saw most of the houses in Walnut street between Second and Front streets, with bills on their doors 'To be let,' and many likewise in Chestnut street, and other streets, which made me think that the inhabitants of the city were deserting it one after another.

"Our debates possessed me so fully of the subject, that I wrote an anonymous pamphlet on it, entitled 'The Nature and Necessity of a Paper Currency.' It was well received by the common people in general, but the rich men disliked it, for it increased and strengthened the clamor for more money, and as they happened to have no writer among them that was able to answer it, their opposition slackened and the point was carried by a majority in the house. The utility of the currency became by time and experience so evident as never to be much disputed; so that it grew soon to twenty-five thousand pounds, and in 1739 to eighty thousand pounds, since which it arose during the war to upwards of three hundred and fifty thousand pounds—trade, buildings and inhabitants all the while increasing."

In 1739 the Assembly of Pennsylvania authorized an issue of paper money—bills of credit—to the amount of £80,000. This money was to be put in circulation by loaning not more than £100 to any one person, upon real estate security of at least double the value of the loan, for a term of sixteen years at 5 per cent interest. One-sixteenth part of the loan and accrued interest was to be paid back yearly. The interest was to be applied to public improvements.

The British Parliament in 1751 prohibited the further issue of paper money by the American colonies.

Dr. Franklin visited England and protested against the act. He stated to the British authorities that before the issue of the paper money the colonies had neither silver nor gold, and that because of this scarcity of metallic money it was with difficulty that the trade could be carried on; but that the introduction of paper currency had given new life to business, and had promoted greatly the settlement and development of the country.

In 1753 began a struggle between the assembly—the representatives of the people—and the governor. The general need of a larger circulation was keenly felt and the assembly framed several acts for the further issue of bills of credit—paper money. The governor, holding himself bound, by the instruction of the British Lords of Trade, not to pass any bills without a clause suspending the operation until the pleasure of his majesty should be known, either refused to allow them to become laws or else returned them with amendments, which the assembly considered as an infringement on their liberties and refused to accept.

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Dr. Franklin, replying to the British Lords of Trade, said:

"However fit a particular thing may be for a particular purpose, whenever that thing is not to be had in sufficient quantities, it becomes necessary to use something else—the fittest that can be gotten in lieu of it."

The attention of Parliament being called to the matter of paper money in the American colonies, passed an act in 1764 prohibiting any bills of credit of the colonies being made a legal tender.

In 1764, while in England, Dr. Franklin, in defense of paper money, said:

"On the whole no method has hitherto been framed to establish a medium of trade, equal in all its advantages to bills of credit founded on sufficient taxes for discharging them, and made a general legal tender."

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At a later period, Dr. Franklin, speaking of the paper money issued by the colony of Pennsylvania, said:

"Between the years 1740 and 1775, while abundance reigned in Pennsylvania, and there was peace in all her borders, a more happy and prosperous population could not be found. In every home there was comfort. The people generally were highly moral, and knowledge was extensively diffused."

"I will venture to say," said Governor Prownell, "that there was never a wiser nor better measure, never one better calculated to serve the interests of an increasing country; and there was never a measure more steadily pursued or steadily executed, for forty years together, than the loan office in Pennsylvania, founded and administered by the assembly of that province."

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"The early notes of the colony," says Phillips' American Currency, "seem to have kept their credit well and had not the revolution intervened they would all have been redeemed at par, as ample funds were always provided by taxation or excise duty, in the same act that issued the bills, for their gradual but total extinction."

David Hume, the historian, says in substance: "In Pennsylvania the land itself is coined. A planter, immediately on the purchase of land, can go to a public loan office and receive notes to the amount of half the value of his land, which notes he employs in all his payments; and they circulate through the colony by convention. No more than a certain sum is issued to any one planter; and each must pay back into the public treasury, every year, one-tenth of his notes. When they are all paid back he can repeat the operation."

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Could there be higher authority for the belief that the increase of the volume of currency in proportion to the increase of business is beneficial to producers, and that any kind of money, in reasonable volume, will not depreciate so long as it is receivable for taxes? Both Franklin and Jefferson were not only bimetallists but they cite actual experiment in Pennsylvania and Virginia to prove that the treasury note, bottomed on taxes, is the best circulating medium.

When the World Is Free.

Far through the future shines the golden age,
Of brotherhood. A new humanity,
Foretold by poet, prophet, saint and sage,
Will work together, when the world is free.

Then science and religion will join hands
And follow nature to divinity.
Then strife will cease between united lands
And peace will prosper, when the world is free.

Then those who toil will be the ones who own,
The slave no longer then will bow the knee,
The king will then be driven from his throne,
The people regnant, when the world is free.

Then greed and poverty will pass away;
And all will share a true prosperity.
The god of Mammon, with his feet of clay,
Will be demolished, when the world is free.

Then will be little law—the Golden Rule
Will be enthroned—the law of equity.
The thief will vanish with his creed and school,
And truth will flourish, when the world is free.

Then will be happy homes, and happy men,
And happy women, raised from slavery,
And happy children. All the dark has-been
Will be forgotten, when the world is free.

Oh, when the world is free! Transcendent time!
The golden age of dream! The years to be!
From better unto better men will climb
Unto the highest, when the world is free.

—J. A. EDGERTON.

The Truth as to Kansas.

It is necessary to give the result of the recent elections in Kansas in detail again this year, to correct the misrepresentations of the Republican press. The following table shows the number of officers elected by the Republican party and its opponents, together with a statement of the number elected in 1893 and 1895:

Office.	1893.		1895.		1897.	
	Opposition.	Republican.	Opposition.	Republican.	Opposition.	Republican.
Clerks	30	75	39	66	42	63
Treasurers	33	72	36	69	43	62
Registers	28	77	36	69	38	67
Sheriffs	35	70	40	65	41	64
Coroners	36	69	32	73	41	64
Surveyors	34	71	31	74	41	64
Totals	196	434	214	416	246	384
Gain over previous off year	..	....	18	....	32	....

Sees Months of Talk Ahead.

Louisville Times: Julius Caesar Burrows makes the bloodcurdling prediction that congress will remain in session from December to August, and that a large part of the seven or eight months will be devoted to the currency discussion. But let us not dwell upon such a nightmare theme.

FROM SOLON CHASE.

THE HOMELY OLD PHILOSOPHER ON SILVER.

He Writes the Plutocratic Monetary Commission in Regard to Their Schemes for Robbing the Masses of the United States.

Solon Chase, of Maine, has written the following letter to Mr. Jules Guthridge, general secretary of the moneychangers' national monetary commission, Washington, D. C.:

Dear Sir:—I am in receipt of your letter of October 23, which I should have answered before if I had not been away from home.

Your questions ignore the great cause of all our currency confusions which is the appreciation of gold. The rise in gold, since gold alone became primary money in this country, shows that a currency kept at par with gold is very unstable. The effect of the single gold standard has been to disturb the equity of deferred payments and time contracts. The dollar that is now paid for interest on a fifteen-year-old bond has doubled in purchasing power since the bond was issued. The producer has paid his debts in rising money and sold his goods in a falling market until the savings of a lifetime have been wiped out from no fault of his own. Since gold alone was made primary money in this country the dollar invested in the mortgage has doubled in value and the dollar invested in the farm has diminished in value one-half. This is illustrated by the instance of the farmer who bought a farm ten years ago and paid half down, and paid the balance in equal annual payments. As the years roll by it takes more and more hogs and hay to pay $100 of mortgage, until it takes twice as much hogs and hay to pay the last mortgage note as it did to pay the first mortgage note. The man who holds the mortgage gets more hogs and hay than is his due, but the man who holds the plow don't get so much hogs and hay as is his due. If after ten years of hard work and strict economy the farmer is able to take up the last mortgage note, the farm is worth only half as much as when he bought it. What can be more unjust than a financial system that doubles the burden of the poor man's debts, whose farm is mortgaged?

If silver dollars are redeemed in gold it will intensify the strain on gold and still further increase the unearned increment that now goes to the money lender. I would swing wide open the doors of United States mints to both silver and gold at 16 to 1, regardless of what other nations may do. I am too much of an American to play second fiddle to old England or any other European nation. If after 16 to 1 gold should go to a premium, it becomes a commodity the same as paper, hogs and wheat, and would not disturb prices. A premium on gold when gold is a commodity is as harmless as "Mary's little lamb," but the appreciation of gold when gold alone is the standard of value is a wolf in sheep's clothing.

Your plan of redemption is not to redeem, and can only be a success when not enforced. Why promise what cannot be performed? The only honest specie basis is 16 to 1.

The greenback, that was our salvation in times of peril and a blessing in time of peace until disturbed by hostile law, is good enough for me. The greenback is as secure to the holder as the government bond. Both rest on the power and pleasure of the government.

Gold has appreciated so much that an elastic currency kept at par with gold is an impossibility. A currency cannot be elastic that is worth more to keep than to part with. The money lender demands two or three times as much property security for money that is now the equivalent of gold as he did in 1880 for money that was then the equivalent of gold. More credit or token money that appreciates along with gold would only add to the idle millions that are now seeking investment in bonds because the men who own the productive property of the country are not regarded as solvent borrowers. There is not a single gold standard country on the face of the earth that has an elastic currency. If gold payments were suspended in this country all our currency would become elastic in the twinkling of an eye. Very respectfully,

SOLON CHASE.

A National Receivership.

A receiver has been asked for Spring Valley, Ill. If the court grants the petition, the city affairs will be taken out of the hands of the people and vested in a trustee as absolutely as if he were a czar. Perhaps this will open the way to take the people's franchise from them, for they will have no power over their own affairs. In this way, the U. S. supreme court might settle all the national affairs by appointing a receiver if the republic could be made to default on some of its obligations, and the receiver could then operate the nation, and save the people the time and trouble of chewing the rag over the finance, tariff and other rags every campaign. I think this would be a capital idea. If it is right to consider a receivership for a city, it is right to consider one for a state or nation.—J. A. Wayland.

Time to Stop Dividing.

We don't believe in "dividing up," and therefore we demand that workers shall not be compelled to divide their earnings with idle and useless parasites.—Rev. Herbert N. Casson.

STAMPEDING FROM DAWSON.

Terrible News by Steamer From Dyea. Fighting Their Way Over Mountains.

By steamer Topeka, from Dyea, news is received that a thousand illy-provisioned men stampeded from Dawson during the past month, and, impelled by fears of famine, are madly fighting their way over the mountains.

The Indian mail carrier who brings this report left the Yukon fully ten days after the Dawson party. He says the vanguard of the terror-stricken army are following less than a week behind. He declares that fully 25 per cent of the stampeding army will never live to see the horrors of their flight north.

The only bright view of the situation is that the army creeping past Dyea and Skaguay has been greatly improved, and within a month will be in excellent condition. Dyea parties, headed by Governor Fulmer, propose to go to the relief of the hungry at Dawson. They will make the United States government an offer to deliver 50,000 pounds of provisions within fifty days after the time of starting for Dawson for the sum of $75,000. They already have 50,000 pounds of provisions cased at Lake Bennett, which they will take in over the Chilkoot pass this winter. Governor Fulmer will go south by the next steamer to lay his proposition before the secretary of war by wire. It is stated that material for the proposed railway over Takai pass has already been shipped from the east.

THEY FAILED TO RETURN.

Commissioners Sent to Negotiate With Insurgents Said to Have Been Hanged.

It is officially announced that the Spanish forces under the command of General Pando, in the province of Puerto Principe, have been pushing Insurgent General Maximo Gomez so closely that he was obliged with about 200 men of his escort to seek refuge in the works and mountains of Las Decas.

The commissioners sent by General Pando to several parts of the island with instructions to negotiate with insurgent leaders for their acceptance of the autonomous form of government proposed by Spain have not returned in a single case, which seems to confirm the reports that some of them have been hanged by the insurgents and others have elected to remain with the enemy.

It is reported that Juan Delgado, the insurgent leader, has hanged the two commissioners who were sent to him with peace propositions.

It is announced at Havana that Gen. Juan Sanguilly has written to Marshal Blanco tendering his services unconditionally.

Notices Posted of Wage Reduction.

The manufacturers committee, which has charge of the details of the pending situation of wages of mill operatives at Fall River, Mass., will recommend that the salaries of the treasurers be reduced in the same proportion as the wages of the employes, and each member of the committee has agreed to bring about this reduction in the administrative cost in his own mills. The committee has also decided that all overseers and others not usually included in such cut-downs should come under the rule.

The committee agreed that 10 per cent was as much of a cut as the operatives could bear, on account of the curtailment of the products of the Fall River mills during the past year. Notices were posted Tuesday of the reduction.

LATE NEWS ITEMS.

Wheat took a big tumble at Chicago Monday, December opening at $1.05 and closing at 97½.

Henry Sanders, was crushed to death at Birmingham Monday while attempting to cross the A. G. S. railroad tracks.

Gen. Wheeler Monday introduced a bill in the house to authorize Dale county, Ala., to construct a bridge across the Choctawatchee river.

Near Monroeville, Ala., a limb from a tree which he was chopping fell and struck Lonnie Smith, and he has been unconscious ever since. There is little hope for his recovery.

Rejected, He Commits Suicide.

James Neely, a prominent young man living at Ashville, Ala., committed suicide at his home Sunday. Despondency because his sweetheart had rejected him from the warning of her dead mother in a dream caused the deed.

The young lady was having her wedding gowns made. One night recently she saw the spirit of her mother in her dreams, and she told her under no circumstances to marry Neely. Acting on the advice she rejected her lover, and he killed himself.

Federation of Labor in Session.

The American Federation of Labor began its seventeenth annual session in Nashville Monday, with more than 100 delegates from different states in attendance. The report of the secretary during the past year states that 276 strikes had been officially noticed, involving 165,407 workers. Of these 189 were won, 31 compromised and 33 lost. During the year 217 charters were issued to national, state, central, local and federal labor unions.

Southern Base Ball League Organized.

The new Southern league of base ball for next season was practically organized Sunday at a meeting held in Atlanta, at which several Southern cities were represented. New Orleans, Mobile, Montgomery, Birmingham, Atlanta, Savannah, Charleston and Augusta will probably be the cities composing the membership of the new league.

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THE mother of President McKinley died last Sunday morning after an illness of ten days. The President and members of the family had been around the bedside all night knowing that the end was near. The sympathy of the nation is with the bereaved family.

THE election contest case of Aldrich vs. Plowman is set for hearing Dec. 17. Hon. Cecil Browne is in Washington representing Mr. Plowman, and Hon. Wm. Vaughan will look after the interest of Mr. Aldrich. We have no doubt but that when the committee has heard the case that Mr. Aldrich will take the seat to which he was elected. It is not expected that the case will be concluded until after the holidays.

The committee appointed at the Nashville conference will meet in St Louis Jan 12 to prepare the call for its national convention, which will be held in April. This will be the convention of the middle-of-the road populists, and they come thus early to the front because they desire to place their platform before the country at once to avoid possible fusion. It is stated that the main plank in the platform will be a demand for the referendum.

The members of the State Executive Committee of the People's Party of Alabama are called to assemble in Birmingham, Ala. at the Metropolitan Hotel, on Thursday, December 30th 1897, at noon, for the purpose of arranging the necessary preliminaries incident to the opening of the campaign for 1898. Representative men of the party in the state, and the chairman of the respective county committees, are requested to attend and confer with committee.

THE Populist representatives at Washington will hold a caucus to night to decide on the policy to be pursued during this session. In all probability they will come to the conclusion to oppose extending any further privileges to national banks and will also oppose the annexation of Hawaii. They will favor the recognition of Cuban independence and the repeal of the civil service law. While only a small band they are vigilant and trustworthy and will do their utmost on behalf of the people.

It will soon be time for Clanton to elect a mayor and councilmen for the ensuing year. So far we have not heard of any candidates. The present mayor and council have, under adverse circumstances, already accomplished much good to the town, and next year will be in better shape to do much more. Clanton is a growing town, and its affairs in the hands of competent men will be to its advantage. The citizens will do well to exercise the greatest care in electing the right men to administer their affairs. Let us hear from prospective candidates.

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Children at Christmas.

"If there is one day in the year which rightly belongs to the young, it is Christmas day," writes Edward W. Bok in The Ladies' Home Journal. "It should be given over to them, therefore, without stint or reservation, and I think sometimes that parents do not understand this. It is right and all essential that restrictions upon the amusements of the young should prevail in every home, but Christmas day is the one day when these barriers ought to be lifted and the young given free play. No wholesome liberty nor indulgence should be withheld from a boy or girl on that day.

"What of it, my dear friend, if such liberties do mean a tear here or a broken chair there? Suppose the boy is particularly noisy on Christmas. What of it? Tell me, if you can, a better sign of strong, young health than the noise from a boy's lungs. Suppose he does throw himself, or even jump or stand, on your best lounge and soil or rumple your pet tidy. Pass over it, don't notice it, but let the boy have his Christmas day, and if the little girl does insist upon putting her sticky candy fingers on your dress, what of it? Let her romp and tear all over the house. Give her the joy of feeling that for one day the house is hers in every nook and corner of it. Let her put her smutchy little hands on the white paint of door or wall.

"I know a home, my dear woman, where the marks of four little smutchy fingers may be seen any day on the white paint of a door, and they are treasured above the costliest ornaments in that house. Nothing could induce the mother of that home to wipe off those finger marks, and gayly would her heart sing if the little fingers that put them there could make others all over the doors and windows of that house.

"Let each one of us who can give freedom and zest to the dearest treasures of the Christmastide, the young barbarians of our homes. God bless them, I say."

Many Women Florists.

Every large city in the Union now has one or more women florists, and the business has proved to be a prosperous one for them. It is not usual for them to attend to the greenhouses, but the taste in the blending of color and arrangement of the flowers is work for which woman is well qualified.

Mrs. M. Heron of Philadelphia is a prosperous florist of the Quaker City. "I am not burdened with a greenhouse," she said, "but I buy the freshly cut flowers, and it is to my taste in the selection of stock that I owe my success. I pride myself on the arrangement of a bride's bouquet and my skill in putting up a box of roses."

The florist's hours are long, and the day's work is never over before 10 o'clock at night, but women claim that the duties are so pleasant that there are compensations for the long hours.—New York Tribune.

"It is natural for women to be physicians, to go into newspaper work and other kinds of interests which bring them into close relations with people," says a well known New York professional woman. "Women are natural biologists. The study of life has a fascination for them. I never in my life heard of a woman who was a mineralogist."

Peacock Eye Blue.

There is now a new shade in millinery, in walking costumes and in dinner dresses. The prune shade which was so fashionable is ceasing to please, for the simple reason that it is to be seen everywhere. So our elegantes have adopted the "peacock's eye," a lovely blue, something of the shade seen in old pastels. Only one or two of the very best houses on the Rue de la Paix have it, says a Paris fashion letter.

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Non-Resident Notice.

The State of Alabama)
Chilton County)

In Chancery at Clanton, Alabama, Seventh District, North-eastern Chancery Division.

Carrie Gore, by next friend, Complainant, vs. John Gore, Defendant.

In this cause it is made to appear to the Register, by the affidavit of J. W. Cox, that the Defendant John Gore is a non-resident of the State of Alabama, and that his post-office and residence are unknown to affiant and further, that in the belief of said affiant the Defendant is over the age of twenty-one years.

It is therefore ordered by the Register, that publication be made in The Banner, a newspaper published in Clanton, once a week for four consecutive weeks, requiring him, the said John Gore, to answer or demur to the same, within thirty days after the 10th day of January, 1898, and failing so to do a decree pro confesso will be taken against him in said cause.

Done at office in Clanton, Alabama, this 1st day of December, 1897.

W. E. STEWART,
Register in Chancery.

Political Pointers.

People's Press Bureau, St. Louis, Mo., Dec. 15, 1897.

The fifty-fifth congress is now well started on its annual grind. The opening session was without especial incident. The President's message was the feature of the day, but it failed to arouse unusual interest. Cuba, Hawaii, and the currency question were the principal topics of discussion. Contrary to expectations of many, the President failed to suggest any plan to benefit the laboring class by furnishing work for the army of unemployed.

At last report the Hawaiian treaty was likely to fail in the Senate. Even with the doubtful members voting for it there will hardly be a two-thirds majority. About the only hope of annexation is in the passage of a joint resolution by both houses.

Twenty one election contests are pending in the House of Representatives, some of which will require extended hearings, but it is not expected that any of them can be settled before the holidays.

Senator Allen, of Nebraska, has introduced a resolution in the Senate declaring it to be the sence of that body that congress should, with all convenient speed, acknoledge the political indepence of Cuba.

Premier Sogasta, of Spain, and his ministery, are delighted with the President's message. A cable from Madrid says: The friendliness of the message surpasses the most sanguine expectations of the Spanish government. Hannis Taylor, ex-United States Minister to Spain, characterizes the message as heartless, selfish and totally at variance with the sentiments of the American people. The session of the Illinois legislature for the purpose of gerrymandering the State in the interest of the republicans, promises to be of short duration. No difficulty will be encountered in accomplishing the result sought. The scheme of Chemist Hugo of Chicago, to manufacture Gold from Antimony, has been attracting considerable attention of late. There is little doubt but he has a formula for the production of gold, but it remains to be demonstrated whether his scheme can be operated with profit. If so, the goldbugs and the gold standard will go glimmering and the plutocracy will have to find something else for a basis for standard of value. Arrangements are being made for the establishment of an auxillery publishing house in St. Louis for the purpose of supplying ready printed paper to free silver publishers, at a reasonable price, without the usual advertising attachment furnished by the monopoly concerns. This will enable publishers to control their own space and furnish their readers with superior matter.

Write the People's Press Bureau, 916 Chemical Building, for fuather information. Eugene Moore, the republican ex-Auditor of Nebraska was recently convicted of embezzlement and sentenced to eight years in the penitentiary. We haven't heard of Populists embezzling anything in that state since the party came into power. The republican papers in speaking of McKinley's recomendations on the financial question, characterize it as Currency reform." If there is any reform in turning the country over to the National Banks, the people fail to understand the meaning of the term. The Indiana Democratic State Committee met recently and among other things, re-affirmed the Chicago platform.

The shadow of Tammany hasn't yet reached the very far west.

Chauncey I Filley, Chairman of the Missouri Republican State Committee, is publishing some unpleasant truths regarding the official brokerage business in the State, which shows up his party in no enviable light. The Inter-State Commerce Commission has granted an extension of two years time to the Railroad companies in which to equip freight cars with safety couplers.

The labor organizations were opposed to the extention but the corporations won, as usual. "Bub" Eckles, the retiring Comptroller of the Treasurery, recomends legislation favourable to National Banks. He says; the business of banking must be made attractive to capital."

Mr Eckler has accepted the Presidency of a Chicago bank. Comment is unnecessary. One Abe Steinberger of Kansas, who has been utterly repudiated by the Populists of that State, writes the republican Mayor of St Louis to send a committees to to confer with the two committees of the People's Party," soon to meet in St Louis for the purpose of bidding for the National Populist convention which Mr Steinberger assumes will be held next April, two and a half years before the presidential election. Col. Stein." represents no one but himself and his republican employers.

Gov. Griggs, of New Jersy, an especial pet of the Trusts and a foe to labor, has been offered the Attorney Generalship by President McKinley.

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After hearing some friends continually praising Chamberlain's Colic, Cholera and Diarrhoea Remedy, Curtis Fleck, of Anaheim, California, purchased a bottle of it for his own use and is now as enthusiastic over its wonderful work as anyone can be. The 25 and 50 cent sizes for sale by J. S. Johnson jr, Druggist.

EDUCATIONAL MASS MEETING

On December 18th at 2 o'clock p.m. there will be an educational mass meeting at the Mulberry Academy. All persons interested in education are invited to attend. The object of the meeting is to see about locating a practical high school somewhere in the county.

Col. A. B. Adams is in our county looking up a location for such a school and will be glad to meet all, both old and young, who would be interested in such a school.

HOW TO FIND OUT.

Fill a bottle or common glass with urine and let it stand twenty-four hours; a sediment or settling indicates an unhealthy condition of the kidneys. When urine stains linen it is positive evidence of kidney trouble. Too frequent desire to urinate or pain in the back, is also convincing proof that the kidneys and bladder are out of order.

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Final Proof Notice.

Notice No. 19264.

Land Office at Montgomery, Ala., Nov. 1, 1897.

Notice is hereby given that the following named settler has filed notice of his intention to make final proof in support of his claim, and that said proof will be made before the Clerk of the Circuit Court, at Clanton, Ala., on December 18, 1897, viz.: Evan B. Callaway, Homestead entry, No. 26,351, for the s½ of se¼, s½ of sw¼, section 32, tp 22 n r 16 e.

He names the following witnesses to prove his continuous residence upon and cultivation of said land, viz.: J. M. McKee, of Coopers, Ala., D. S. Robinson of Coopers, Ala., W. N. Jones, of Verbena, Ala., J. K. Driver, of Verbena, Ala.

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OYSTER SUPPER. There will be a grand oyster supper at the University school house on Christmas Eve Friday Dec. 24, for the benefit of the Methodist church. Everybody is invited, and all should come and take your extra nickels and dimes.

Born on Tuesday morning to Mr. and Mrs. W. T. Cullen a little girl. We hear smiles and look happy.

Mr W. H. Foshee went to Birmingham yesterday.

Good congregations attended the Methodist church Sunday morning and night, when Rev. W. K. Dennis of Kentucky preached. The services were highly appreciated.

Mr. G. A. Goodwin, of Fort Deposit, spent a few days with Mr. W. H. Taylor this week.

Mrs. G. H. Green and family left for Jasper last Thursday where Mr. Green will join them when he has wound up his business here.

Mr Evans Pinckard is a proud man. It's a little girl, arrived Monday morning.

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Mrs. Mitchell Bates, we are sorry to say, is very sick at the home of her daughter, Mrs. Sheriff Bailey.

Mr. W. H. Merritt went to Montgomery on business Monday.

Mr. W. H. Mullins made a business trip to the capital city Monday.

Mr. John Melton, of Stanton, was in town Wednesday.

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Marriage licenses have been issued this week by the Probate Judge to the following persons.

Barton Lucas and Miss Minnie Sims; Mr. William Eastling and Miss Charlotte Mims; Mr. H. Foshee and Miss Mattie Elam; Mr. Willie Creel and Miss Edna Lee; Mr. James W. Traywick and Miss Josephine Hesler; Mr. B. F. Barnett and Miss Jessie Apple-gate; Mr. O. F. Bates and Miss Ella Rucker.

Mr. Leroy Watts is paying a short visits to friends in South Clanton.

Mr. Collier is spending a few days in Birmingham.

Mr. R. H. Knox returned yesterday from Montgomery where he has been attending Federal court.

On Sunday last T. J. Arnold made an assignment for the benefit of his creditors.

Miss Collins who has been the family of Mrs. W. H. Taylor returned to her home at Selma Sunday.

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Mortgage Sale.

Under and by virtue of the power contained in a certain mortgage given by W. L. Parnell and K. J. Parnell to the 3rd of August, 1895, to the undersigned The Chilton Iron Co., which mortgage is recorded in the Mortgage Record 36 pages 145, 6, 7, and 8 the undersigned will proceed to sell at the Town of Stanton, Alabama, at public outcry for cash on

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 21, 1897,

the following described real estate and the timber rights thereon, to-wit.: The s½ of ne¼ n½ of the se qr, the sw qr of the se qr, the whole of the sw qr, the w½ of the nw qr, all lying and being in section thirty-six (36), township twenty-one (21), range eleven (11); also the n½ of the nw qr section one (1), township twenty (20), range eleven (11); also n½ of the ne qr, the sw qr of the ne qr, the e½ of e½ of the sw qr, the sw qr of se qr of the sw qr, the se qr of the sw qr of the sw qr, all in section two (2), township twenty (20), range eleven (11); and the timber only on the following described lands: the w1-2 of the se qr of the sw qr section two (2), township twenty (20) range eleven (11); also the timber on that portion of the s1-2 of the ne qr, and n1-2 of se qr, and the n1-2 of the sw qr section sixteen (16), township twenty (20), range twelve (12) which lies north of Keener Mill Creek being 80 acres more or less, all of the above described land lying in Chilton County, State of Alabama.

Said sale to be made for the purpose of satisfying the amount due on said mortgage as well as the cost, attorney's fee, and expense incurred on account of foreclosure of this mortgage.

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Their Attorneys.

Motice to Non-Resident.

The State of Alabama, Chilton county.

In Chancery at Clanton, Alabama, Seventh District, Northwestern Chancery Division. December 14, 1897.

W. M. Pylant, complainant, vs. Fannie Pylant, defendant.

In this cause it is made to appear to the Register, by the affidavit of A. C. Smith, Esq., that the Defendant, Fannie Pylant, is a non-resident of the state of Alabama, and that her post office address and residence are unknown to affiant and further, that is the belief of said affiant, the Defendant is over the age of twenty-one years.

It is therefore ordered by the Register that publication be made in the Banner, a newspaper published in Clanton, once a week for four consecutive weeks, requiring her, the said Fannie Pylant, to answer or demur to the same within forty days after the 17th day of January 1898, and failing so to do a decree pro confesso will be taken against her in said cause.

Done at office in Clanton, Alabama, this 14th day of December 1897.

W. E. STEWART,
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Kincheon	November	8
Pletcher's Mill 8 to 11 am	"	9
Clanton Ford 12 to 4 p m	"	9
Stanton	"	10
Dixie	"	11
Shoults	"	12
Maplesville	"	13
Benson	"	15
Maccona	"	16
Providence (Beat 2)	"	17
Smith's School House	"	18
Mineral Springs	"	19
Strasburg	"	20
James Maddox's Mill	"	22
Providence (Beat 5)	"	23
Coopers	"	24
Verbena	"	25 & 26
Davis & Rollins' Gin	"	27
Jemison	Dec'r	1 & 2
Clanton	"	3 & 4

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T. J. HUBBARD, Tax Collector.

I will also attend at Clanton from January 1 to January 31, 1898.

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THE SOUTH'S ADVANTAGES

For Cotton Manufacture Pointed Out by a New Englander.

RELATIVE CHEAPNESS OF SOUTHERN LABOR

Is the Key to the Serious Situation—The Southern Mills Have Every Natural Advantage, and Are Not Hampered by Legislation.

The action taken by men prominently connected with cotton manufacturing in the East, at a meeting held in Boston, Mass., the past week, shows how surely the South is taking the lead in the manufacture.

Although Boston is the center of the cotton mill business of New England, the men prominently connected with the trade would have little to say concerning the action of the Fall River manufacturers in voting to reduce the wages of 27,000 operatives, beginning January 1. The treasurer of one of the Fall River mills, who was willing to discuss the matter, said he regarded this cut as the beginning of a serious time, not only for the Fall River print mills, but for all the cotton mills in New England.

The key to the whole situation, he said, is the relative cheapness of Southern labor, which could not be better shown than by the fact that it costs a mill in Georgia or North Carolina 3½ cents to produce a pound of material and in New England 6 cents.

With this fact in mind it is evident that the cut of 10 per cent is not going to help matters much, and the only thing that will do any good at present will be a radical cut of, say 20 or 25 per cent. This would inevitably bring on a strike; but, with a cut of 10 or 11 per cent, he says, there would be little likelihood of a strike, as the operatives are well acquainted with the conditions and know that a reduction of some kind is necessary. Even this would still leave a difference of about 25 per cent in the cost of labor in favor of the Southern mill, too great a difference to struggle against successfully.

In the first place, says this treasurer, the southern mills have every natural advantage; they have cheaper cotton and less burdensome taxation. Some of the big mills in Fall River, for instance, had a yearly payment of $10,000, $15,000 and even $20,000 in taxes to make, whereas in Georgia and North Carolina the mills are in many instances exempted from taxation for ten or twelve years.

It is in labor, however, the great difference lies, according to the official quoted, for the labor in the south is as good as it is north, and taken as a whole, is about 33 per cent. cheaper. The southern laborers have had about ten years training in mills started by experienced cotton manufacturers, and attend as many machines and turn out just as good work as operatives in the best New England mills. Another great advantage the southern mills have is not being hampered by legislation. In Massachusetts the hours of laborers are limited to fifty-eight a week, while in the south they are unlimited.

The only hope for the New England mills, according to the speaker, is either in the improvement in the print cloth market, or in a general evening up of conditions between the north and south.

AN IMPORTANT BILL,

Looking to More Effective Quarantine, Offered in Congress.

Senator Caffery, of Louisiana, has introduced a bill for the revision of the quarantine laws, the distinctive feature of which is placing quarantine regulations exclusively in the hands of the national authorities.

The secretary of the treasury is asked to make regulations to prevent the introduction of infectious or contagious diseases into one State from another and such regulations to be enforced by the sanitary authorities of the States or of municipalities when these authorities will undertake to enforce them, but when they fail the President is given authority to execute and enforce them and to adopt "such legitimate measures as in his judgment shall be necessary to prevent the introduction or spread of such diseases."

Representative Hepburn, of Iowa, introduced a similar bill in the house,

Mother and Four Children Murdered.

One of the most atrocious and inhuman murders on record in the South was committed last week in the edge of Simpson county, Mississippi. Brown Smith, a farmer, left his family at his home in the country to go to town for shopping purposes. When he returned he found his wife and five children weltering in their blood and apparently all dead. The youngest child, 5 years old, regained consciousness and told the story of the horrible crime, and a posse immediately set out to capture the murderer.

Fierce Battle Expected.

A dispatch from Havana says: An important battle is expected hourly. The insurgents have planned the most formidable demonstration against Havana for a year. General Parrado has started from this city with strong columns of troops to meet the Cubans.

Treasury Condition.

Friday's statement of the condition of the treasury shows: Available cash balance, $227,966,492; gold reserve, $158,549,774.

There is one region in which people who dislike the bicycle habit can find a refuge from it. The Emperor of Morocco has tabooed the bicycle in his dominions.

SPAIN URGED TO ACTION.

Weyler Declares She Need Not Fear War With the United States.

Madrid, Spain.—The Imparcial publishes a strong article in which it asserts that Spain will not accept the right of President McKinley to intervene in Cuba in case the war is prolonged and demands that the government adopt the same energetic attitude towards the United States as Germany adopted towards Hayti, because President McKinley's message was equal to questioning the right of Spain's sovereignty in Cuba.

Continuing, the Imparcial says that Spain must prepare for all eventualities and augment her navy "by organizing a subpscription in which the whole nation, from the queen to the most humble subject, should participate."

Weyler Urges War.

Lieutenant-General Weyler has asked the government to submit to the chamber the correspondence exchanged with the United States in regard to President McKinley's message to congress. He declares that with the elements in Spain and the heroic conduct of her soldiers she need not fear war with the United States.

NICARAGUA CANAL.

Delegates to Go From Alabama to the Kansas City Convention.

The "Wahm Pussons club" is an organization iu Kansas City, which devotes itself to the development of trade relations between the west and the gulf. The club has called a convention to meet in Kansas City on January 17, for the express purpose of devising ways and means to push forward the building of the Nicaragua canal. The matter is pending in congress and the convention is designed to uphold the friends of the canal in that body. The club has asked Governor Johnston to appoint delegates and if any good citizen of Alabama wishes to go and assist in this most important work, the governor will be glad to hear from him.

City Grand Jury Report.

The report of the Montgomery city court grand jury has been given out. It shows that 265 cases were examined by the jury and 118 indictments were found. Many cases brought before the jury were ignored on account of the trifling nature of the charges.

The bonds of the Montgomery officers were declared to be insufficient, some or them having been weakened on account of the deaths of certain signers. C. A. Allen, clerk to the board of revenue; J. J. Hunter, county superintendent of education; B. B. Carter, notary public, and Thomas W. Donalson, constable.

The jail and poor house are reported to have been kept in good condition, but it is recommended that the inmates of the latter be restrained from begging on the streets.

The books of the board of revenue show the county to have on hand $30,348.39 in cash.

Germany Wins.

A special from Pekin says: The German-Chinese difficulty is practically settled. The Germans refuse to discuss the occupation of Kiao Chou bay. The governor of Shan Tung province has been removed from office, but will not be any further degraded. No monopoly of mines and railroads is conceded to Germany, but that country is given preference. Finally the area immediately surrounding Kiao Chou bay has been set apart exclusively for Germany. China yields on all other points.

To Assemble in Birmingham.

The members of the state executive committee of the people's party in Alabama are called to assemble in Birmingham, at the Metropolitan Hotel, on Thursday, December 30, at noon, for the purpose of arranging the necessary preliminaries incident to the opening of the state campaign of 1898. Representative men of the party in the state, and the chairmen of the respective county committees, have been requested to attend and confer with the committee.

They Must Leave the Country.

The three negroes arrested in the Monticello neighborhood, near Wesson, Miss., in conjunction with Charley Lewis, the negro lynched for the quintuple murder of the Smith family, were, after a long trial, declared not guilty, but given until Monday to leave the country.

Vast Solar Disturbance.

Professor William R. Brooks, of Smith observatory, Geneva, N. Y., reports the observation of a great group of sun spots approaching the center of the sun's disc. The group is visible to the naked eye through smoked glass and may be well defined with small telescopes. Measurements made by Professor Brooks show this vast solar disturbance to be 100,000 miles in length.

By the Hand of an Assassin.

At Amite City, La., Sunday evening, S. B. Mullen, of Harrisburg, Miss., was shot to death while standing on the hotel steps by unknown parties. Why he was killed is a mystery.

Haytian Ministry Resigns.

Advices from Port au Prince says: The entire Haytian ministry has resigned. As yet the composition of its successor has not been definitely settled, but several well-known names are mentioned that will command the confidence of Haytians and foreigners alike.

Sunday morning, after attending mass at Notre Dame, President Simon Sam made a circuit of the city on horseback, escorted by his staff of officers, but without special military display.

VETERANS URGED TO ORGANIZE.

Commander-in Chief Gordon Issues a General Order to the Above Effect.

By order of Gen. J. B. Gordon, commander in chief of the confederate veterans, Adjutant-General Geo. Moorman has issued a general order as follows:

"The general commanding announces that under the resolution passed at the Nashville re-union, and under the custom established by the association leaving the date of the next annual meeting and re-union, which is to be held in Atlanta, to the general commanding and the department commander, the next re-union will be held in Atlanta, upon the following dates: July 20, 21, 22 and 23, Wednesday, Thursday, Friday and Saturday, respectively. Our host especially urged the dates of July 20, 21 and 22, being anniversaries of the battles of Peach Tree Creek, Manassas and Atlanta, respectively.

"The rapid growth of the association has caused such an accumulation of business, which demands urgent attention at the hands of the society, that it is necessary to give ample time to dispose of all matters that face the delegates, therefore four days' limit will be given for this important session instead of three, as heretofore.

"With pride the general command ing also announces that 1,007 camps have now joined the association, and applications received at the headquarters for papers for at least 150 more. He urges veterans everywhere to send to the headquarters for organization papers for camps and join the association, so as to assist in carrying out and participating in its benevolent and praiseworthy objects."

THE GOVERNOR'S CLEMENCY

Exercised in a Number of Cases—Two Youthful Prisoners Among Them.

The following pardons and commutations were announced by Governor Johnston Saturday:

Wm. Dickerson, Barbour county, sentenced for thirteen months for grand larceny, paroled. He is 16 years old; was sentenced in May last. The parole is recommended by the judge and solicitor and other citizens.

Charles Russell, Tallapoosa county, convicted of burglary and sentenced to ten years in March, 1893. The endorsement on this pardon shows that Russell entered a house with another boy and stole sixty cents; that he has been in the penitentiary over four years; that the president of the convict board and other officials certify to his exemplary conduct; also that the judge by whom he was sentenced, the gentleman whose house he entered, together with many prominent citizens, recommended the pardon.

Edward McGehee, Jefferson county, convicted of grand larceny and sentenced to two years each in two cases, in October, 1896. On this pardon it is noted that the pardon is asked by the judge and solicitor trying the cases upon the ground of his youth.

CENTRAL AMERICAN REPUBLIC

In Danger of Disruption Through One Man's Resignation.

A special from Managua, Nicaragua, says: Senor Jacinto Castellanoas, president of the liet of the Greater Republic of Central America, appointed from Salvador, it is reported, has tendered his resignation. It is claimed that his resignation endangers the stability of the Greater Republic, encourages independent action to organize the people and will probably soon result in its disruption.

The financial condition is unimproved. There is much difficulty in getting laborers to gather the ripening coffee crop.

A revolution against Zelay's government is apprehended and a war between Nicaraugua and Costa Rica is imminent.

Selma Secures a Big Grist Mill.

The contract was let Saturday by the International Cotton Seed Oil company of Selma to the E. P. Allis company, of Milwaukee, for the erection and equipment of a three-story elevator, storage room and grist mill. The plant is to be completed by March 15, 1898, and is to cost $20,000.

The mill is to have a capacity of 2,000 bushels per day and the elevator for storing 30,000 bushels of corn and airing and drying it. Pearl grits, pearl meal and common meal will be turned out.

POSTAL RECEIPTS INCREASE.

Greatest for Any Number in History of the Service.

A statement prepared at the postoffice department shows that the gross postal receipts at fifty of the largest offices for November amounted to $2,327,868, an increase of $382,533, or 12 9-10 per cent over the corresponding month of last year. These receipts are greater than for any November in the history of the service.

Postmaster-General Gary expressed himself as very much gratified at the showing made, and said he regarded it as an accurate barometer of the improved business conditions of the country.

Damaged Half a Million.

A fire which broke out Saturday night in the building occupied by the carpet manufacturing firm of John and James Dobson, Philadelphia, did damage approximating $500,000. Establishments adjoining suffered a loss of $75,000. All the losses are covreed by insurance.

C. L. Little, a cotton buyer, whose home is in Wadesboro, N. C., was found dead in bed at his boarding house in Selma Saturday morning. His death is attributed to heart failure.

GOSSIP FOR THE FAIR SEX.

ITEMS OF INTEREST ON FEMININE TOPICS.

Masculine Attire for Women—The Russian Blouse Jacket—The Waterfall Coming In—She Wields a Plane.—Etc., Etc.

MASCULINE ATTIRE FOR WOMEN.

In the different lines of masculine attire women are affecting there are slippers made in exactly the style of those worn as an ordinary house slipper by men. The great charm of the slipper is that which makes much of the charm of other articles of feminine wearing apparel of a masculine cut. In the small sizes in which the slippers for women are made the mannish cut accentuates the femininity of the effect.

SHE WIELDS A PLANE.

Not content with being an artist in burnt wood—that is, an artist who with a poker and a board achieves beautiful results—Mrs. Minnette Slayback Carper has started upon a career as carpenter. She lives in St. Louis.

She is the first woman in the world to enter upon a course of manual training. She is now learning to be a carpenter and cabinetmaker under Professor Swofford at Washington University. Already she exhibits an aptitude which augurs well for a high degree of proficiency in both of those branches. She studied carpentry, as she considers a practical knowledge of it a necessary adjunct to her burnt-wood work.

THE RUSSIAN BLOUSE JACKET.

Of course the Russian blouse jacket, with or without basques, is for the time being the fashionable garment par excellence, but the belt, which is its indispensable accompaniment, unkindly makes the girth of the figure numbering inches beyond those reckoned graceful far too apparent. However, if the waist is not large, it can certainly be worn by women who cannot well be called slender of build, if the blouse is not too full front and back and fits closely at the sides. In black or dark blue serge, braid-trimmed on jacket and sleeves, with a gored skirt to match, a very neat, taut and serviceable Russian blouse costume is formed, that, if warmly lined, can be worn without any sort of wrap far into next season.—New York Post.

THE WATERFALL COMING IN.

One of those cheerful souls who delight in bearing ill-tidings tells us that the waterfall fashion of wearing the hair is coming in again. The waterfall was the way smart young women wore their silken tresses forty years ago, and old daguerreotypes of beauties of those days show them with a rose behind one ear and a huge mass of hair, tied up in a net, at the back of the head. The newest of the smart coiffures is, it must be admitted, not unlike the dreadful waterfall of the fifties. The hair is first waved all over the head. At the back it is drawn down on the neck and then coiled in a loose chignon. Over this a net is fastened, and from beneath the net two bewitching curls peep out. They are bobbing, energetic curls, and do not suggest the limp sentimentality of the old-fashioned waterfall curl. The front hair is a wavy, fluffy mass, and is parted in the newest manner possible—at the left side.—New York Commercial Advertiser.

NEW WRINKLES IN NEEDLE-WORK.

Honeycomb darning is a new wrinkle in needlework, which is easily and quickly executed and produces charming effects. The matelasse foundation upon which it is worked is a cotton fabric made in white or buff, and can be had in narrow or wide widths. When worked in the best tapestry crewel it has the advantage of being easily washed. The only stitches required are simple hem-stitch, which must be used in outlining the design, and a darning stitch, carried under the upper thread of the material, fills in the pattern. The right side of the material is somewhat like huckaback toweling, and the manner of working is by running the wool under each thread. The darning is only done on the surface, not through the foundation, while the outlining stem stitch is taken through the material. Effective designs for this work are conventionalized poppies, lilacs, etc., done in several tints. A beautiful bedspread of this work has a square of the material traced and worked in a bold design; the square is bordered with an insertion of Torchon lace, and a border of the matelasse is embroidered to match the centre design, the corners bevelled and the whole edged with Torchon lace.

GEMS TO MATCH THEIR EYES.

The very latest of all fads for the fair sex, according to one of the ultra-fashionable jewelers, is to match the eyes with some of the beautiful gems. Of course, the latitude allowed in this is not great, but when a lovely woman makes up her mind to follow out the color scheme many pretty stones which have been uncared and uncalled for will come into prominence.

The fair woman with blue eyes will wear the dainty turquoise, and to add to the beauty and match the brightness thereof they will be set with clear white diamonds.

The choice of the woman with bright hazel eyes will be the beautiful yellow topaz.

Sapphires belong now, as always, to the violet-orbed beauty, while the rich-looking rubies are to have their day once more, as the brown-eyed multitude of girls look fetching in the warm glint of that rosy stone.

The up-to-date woman will be on the look out for that odd little stone called cat's-eye, not expensive, but often as pretty as it is odd.

Diamonds belong most essentially to the deep, dark, black eyed beauty, but she cannot have the monopoly of this radiant jewel, for so many of her sister women have bright eyes that they will have the other stones set with the diamond, and thus add, not only to the beauty of the simpler stone, but to the luster of their own eyes.

As the tide of prosperity rises the craze for the beautiful and expensive colored diamonds, brown, rose, canary and even black, seems growing stronger, and fabulous prices are paid for these rare gems by women who want the rarest and best of everything in jewels in their caskets.—Chicago Times.

AN AGRICULTURAL COLLEGE FOR GIRLS.

The State School of Agriculture at Anthony Park opened recently.

Although sixty-nine of the boys registered yesterday and only four girls, the girls were the centre of interest. Boys at the school are an old story. But not until this year have the "co-eds" enjoyed the advantage of a full year's course. For not until this fall has there been a girls' dormatory. Heretofore, accordingly, the girls slipped in bashfully every spring after the boys had vanished, and skipped through a little school year of six weeks' duration. But yesterday they marched boldly up to their own dormitory, a fine three-story building of buff brick. It affords agreeable accommodations for sixty girls. Each couple of students has a parlor, from which extend two sleeping alcoves. Every six girls use in common a dressing-room and bathroom.

But although the new dormitory will lodge sixty girls, there will be more than sixty girls to be lodged. That number alone attended the girls' school last spring, and they will doubtless meet many new comrades this fall.

The opening of the girls' department brings several additional teachers into the faculty. Mrs. Eugenia Meredith, who has herself been a practical farmer and stock raiser in Indiana, and who has contributed learnedly to the agricultural journals, will be preceptress in many of the branches of agriculture to be studied by the girls. The girls are to take the same course of high school studies as the boys in the preparatory course of six months. Afterward the girls will do as much work as their brothers, and, perhaps, a little more. The feminine Cincinnati will take the full course in dairy work, in horticulture and in fruit culture. In general agriculture they will stop at the beginning of the chapter on "Stumps." But, as extraneous amusement, they will learn things in the laundry, which will be established in the former kitchen of the old "home" building. The person to teach these things has not yet been chosen. The girls will also be instructed in cooking by Miss Juanita Shepperd, late of the Boston Cooking School. The rolling-pin and the beaten biscuit club will be supplemented by the dumb-bells that are to be used under the guidance of Mrs. R. L. Jacobson of St. Anthony Park, teacher of physical culture.

Boys and girls will eat together, but with their backs to each other and in icy indifference, in the great dining-room.—St. Paul Pioneer-Press.

FASHION NOTES.

Bright blue cloth jackets, made after the Russian blouse model and trimmed with black braid, are worn with black skirts.

Sashes are once more in high favor, few smart gowns being seen without something of the kind. Black is most used in velvet taffeta or thin silk.

A beautiful skirt for evening is made of fine lawn hung over white silk and trimmed with two wide lace-frilled flounces set one over the other.

The full bell-shaped sleeves distinguish some of the new coats. They fall over another close-fitted sleeve to the elbow, are lined with satin and edged with fur.

Fish, grasshoppers and birds of various kinds are reproduced in jewelry this season, and, glittering with diamonds and colored gems, they are a new delight to the eye.

Dog collars of pearls and pearls and diamonds are to be worn more than ever with evening dress. The broad bands of black or colored velvet, decorated with diamond sticks, will also be seen.

A novelty in neck dressing is made of narrow strips of fur, set closely on a satin ruche. It is finished in front with a jabot of cream-colored lace, the upper ends of which are finished by two large velvet bows.

Heavy guipure lace is a feature of trimming on many of the new cloth gowns, where it covers the square neck, so fashionable with the new blouse waist, yokes, revers, epaulets and collars, with good effect.

Belted blouses with low square necks are noted on toilets for evening wear next season. These have three-quarter length mousquetaire sleeves, with frills as a finish. If preferred, however, triple frills may form short sleeves that do not reach the elbow.

Chenille toques and capotes promise to be favorites. Some of the new shapes have a bow under the crown, which gives a resemblance to the college mortar-board. Rembrandts are also popular; some of them show wonderful crowns of cornflower blue.

High collars are quite the correct thing on house gowns as well as coats, and they are sometimes made of fur. The Medici collar appears again, and so also does the Valois, which is simply a decoration, as it extends across the back only.

Narrow velvet ribbon still occupies a conspicuous position in the elaboration of many winter gowns. On imported models for promenade wear bands of narrow fur and [illegible] width in velvet ribbon form garniture from the hem to the [illegible]

Velvet is very largely used [illegible] woolen gowns. Collars, belts [illegible] are made of it, and the color [illegible] trimming in most cases matches [illegible] of the gown instead of being [illegible] brilliant color in cerise [illegible] and similar vivid contrasts were [illegible] ago.

TROTTING RACES IN MOSCOW

A Vivid Description of One of the Characteristic Russian Sports.

It is racing day in Moscow. The course is swept clear from snow and follows the wooded shores of a [illegible] painted railings on either side. On one side is a stand, with seating for several thousand people and a [illegible] box with tent hanging for the Governor-General, surmounted by a [illegible] peril eagle in gold. In front of the box, lower down, you see the [illegible] consisting of gold and silver vases and ornaments of [illegible] Russian style and taste.

The bell rings, the course is lined by mounted gendarmes, and the competitors in the [illegible] take places in front of the grand stand side by side, as they also are on the opposite sides of the course, which is also turned in opposite directions. Usual race course hum and noise betting men are heard, and increases in volume as the bell rings the time. They are off! and the [illegible] tion of rapid motion, open [illegible] strenuous exertion throws its [illegible] the assembly, high and low, [illegible] ting is certainly the most fa[illegible] and beloved sport in Russia. [illegible] not recognize people just p[illegible] green fur collars are raised [illegible] over the fur caps, leaving [illegible] tipped noses, beneath which [illegible] never-missing cigarettes. The [illegible] heads are almost entirely cove[illegible] woolen wraps, so here again [illegible] only guess who is who. To a[illegible] not investing his money in bad[illegible] opinion as to winners, the gam[illegible] seem monotonous enough. [illegible] horses do not finish side by side [illegible] the way they started. Yet the [illegible] think differently—and, besides, [illegible] not plenty of vodka and cavi[illegible] had between the races?

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History of Ivory.

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Raising Geese For Ma[illegible]

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How to Wash With Care.

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EMMA E. PARKER.

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To Cure a Cold in One Day.

[illegible] Laxative Bromo-Quinine Tablets. All
[illegible] refund money if it fails to cure. 25c.

Matches are brought from Topeka, Kan.,
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[illegible] Tobacco. The Best.
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Was Nervous

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[illegible] a year ago I was troubled with
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[illegible]parilla and am now well and strong.
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[illegible]ood's Pills are the favorite cathartic.

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Fowler, Box 55, Southington, Conn.

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[illegible] syrup. Tastes Good. Use
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Ayer's

For asthma, bronchitis, croup, or whooping cough, there is no remedy so sure and so safe as Ayer's Cherry Pectoral.

This standard remedy for coughs, colds, and all diseases of the throat and lungs, is now put up in half size bottles at half price, 50c.

Cherry Pectoral.

The origin of the term "blue blood" is most suggestive. After the black Moors were driven out of Spain the aristocracy of Spain was held to consist of those who traced their lineage back to the time before the Moorish conquest. These people were whiter than those who had been mixed with Moorish blood.

Their Peculiarity.

First Convict—Dese prison doctors are de queerest lot I ever see.

Second Convict—How?

First Convict—No matter what's de matter wid a man, dey never recommend a change of air—Puck.

The man who whistles seldom swears; it is the people who are compelled to listen to him that do the swearing.

Which Would We Believe.

The man who sets out to regulate his life by well established proverbs will find himself in a quandary when he considers that many of them have their "opposites."

Here are some instances.

Proverb: Marry in haste, and repent at leisure.

Opposite: Happy is the wooing that's not long a doing.

Proverb: Out of sight, out of mind.

Opposite: Absence makes the heart grow fonder.

Proverb: A rolling stone gathers no moss.

Opposite: A sitting hen gathers no feathers.

Proverb: A stitch in time saves nine.

Opposite: It's never too late to mend.

Proverb: There's honor among thieves.

Opposite: Set a thief to catch a thief.

Proverb: Discretion is the better part of valor.

Opposite: Nothing venture, nothing have.

Not Losing Time.

"Are the lawyers making any progress with that will case?"

One of the Heirs—Oh, yes. They've used up about half the money.—Life.

The only way to successfully argue with a woman is to keep silent.

MADE FLOUR FOR TROOPS.

Old Mill in Cumberland Gap Which Did Service in the Civil War.

There is standing at Cumberland Gap, just across the State line from Middlesboro, Ky., an historic old mill, which during the civil war ground the breadstuff for thousands of Confederate and Federal soldiers.

The mill is located at the foot of the famous Pinnacle mountain on the south side. It has an overshot wheel of the old fashioned kind about the same size and almost a duplicate of the noted waterwheel which attracts so much attention near the entrance to the Tennessee centennial. The mill was built by John Locke, who came from North Carolina about 1806. The stones which formed the foundation of the structure were hauled from the old north state at a cost of $150. Locke operated it successfully for many years, and after he had accumulated a small fortune he built a flour mill just above it. He also erected a carding factory and an upright sash sawmill. All the machinery was run by the famous cave spring of the Pinnacle mountain, which gushes out of King Solomon's cave 300 feet above the level of the valley.

It comes from the mountain side a veritable torrent, foaming, hissing, seething, carrying huge bowlders before it and cutting a channel through the everlasting rocks in its mad rush to the valley below. This torrent, according to the estimate of mechanical engineers, would furnish 100 horse power, and although old man Locke harnessed only a part of the turbulent stream to his wheels he secured sufficient power to operate the machinery for many years. At his death a few years prior to the war John C. Newly bought the plant and he owned it when the war broke out. He furnished the Confederacy with thousands of bushels of meal and hundreds of barrels of flour ground by these old mills, and when the Federal army took possession of the Gap the same burrs made breadstuff for Uncle Sam's men. When the Confederates began storming the Gap prior to the Federal forces evacuating Gen. George Morgan ordered the mills to be fired, as he did not wish them to remain in operation and give succor to the Confederacy. Accordingly a squad of men was detailed to do the work. They had just set fire to the flouring mill when the Confederate batteries from the adjacent mountains opened fire on the Federal works. The squad lost no time in getting under cover, and as the wind blew the flames away from the corn mill it was saved. It has not been in operation for several years and may never grind again.

EMINENT DIVINES' SERMONS

DR. TALMAGE DRAWS A LESSON FROM THE FROSTS.

The Fourth of the New York Herald's Competitive Sermons is on "Enthusiasm," and the Author is William G. Cassard, Chaplain at Fortress Monroe.

TEXT: "Whatsoever thy hand findeth to do, do it with thy might."—Eccles., ix., 10.

Solomon in this text gives us one very essential plank in the platform of success.

It is not enough that we should find work, but to this must be added the quality of intense enthusiasm in its performance.

Enthusiasm is at once the proof of sincerity and the advance guard of victory. There are two ways of working—as a hireling and as an enthusiast. The hireling gets through with his work and is glad he is done. So is his employer. The enthusiast does his work, finds happiness and profit and further and more remunerative employment. I sat at my window watching a boy shoveling coal into the cellar. His steps were toilsome and slow, his countenance dejected in the extreme; he appeared to be almost sick. I left the window to escape a painful sight.

An hour later I crossed a nearby vacant lot and found the street gamin engaged in a game of baseball. "Jones at the bat!" shouted the "umpire." Jones stepped out with lordly mien and seized the bat, eager for the fray. How he did bang the ball! How he did run the bases! I was quite astounded to discover in Jones, the hero of the ball field, my erstwhile martyr of the coal pile! At putting away coal he was a dismal failure; at playing baseball he was first choice on a scrub nine. At the one he was the hireling, at the other the enthusiast. The conqueror, the discoverer, the inventor, the great leader of men have all been enthusiasts. They have blazed the pathway of triumph along the march of ages and mellowerity has gleaned after them.

Enthusiasm is not permitted to work in isolation, but begets enthusiasm, compels a hearing, secures a constituency. A one-armed newsboy in Baltimore is an enthusiastic paper seller. He has the first morning edition and the last evening "extra." Workmen hurrying to their work buy papers as they return his cheery, business-like greeting, while the tired merchant on his homeward way at evening is a willing investor in the wares of this enthusiastic little newsagent. The spirit of that boy is the pledge of his future success.

Men do not need opportunity so much as opportunity needs men. An enthusiastic quest will discover countless opportunities. This continent waited through unknown centuries for Columbus. A material world with resources little more than dreamed of awaits the coming of countless enthusiastic searchers who will pre-empt their rich claims. The spiritual world awaits the coming of the enthusiastic church. The Divine teacher has shown the way. A life of righteousness, faith and sacrifice will win victories and receive a crown.

There is one point at which we must watch. Enthusiasm must not be confounded with the mere effervescence of spirit aroused by a passing novelty. Some really brilliant men waste all their energies in running after some new thing only to lose interest when the newness is gone.

True enthusiasm is a great purpose persistently, earnestly and intelligently adhered to, and as such has been and will continue to be a conquering force in whatever field its activities may be employed.

WILLIAM G. CASSARD,
Chaplain U. S. Navy, Fortress Monroe, Va.

GRANDEURS OF THE FROST.

Dr. Talmage Discourses of the Winters of the Bible.

TEXT: "By the breath of God frost is given."—Job xxxvii., 10.

Nothing is more embarrassing to an organist or pianist than to put his finger on a key of the instrument and have it make no response. Though all the other keys are in full play, that one silence destroys the music. So in the great cathedral of nature if one part fails to praise the Lord the harmony is halted and lost. While fire and hail, snow and vapor respond to the touch of inspiration, if the frost made no utterance the orchestral rendering would be hopelessly damaged and the harmony forever incomplete. I am more than glad that I can tell that the white key of the frost sounds forth as mightily as any of the other keys, and when David touches it in the Psalms it sounds forth the words: "He scattereth the hoar frost like ashes," and when Job touches it in my text, it resounds with the words: "By the breath of God frost is given."

In this course of Sabbath morning sermons on "God Everywhere" I have already addressed you on the astronomy of the Bible; or, God among the stars; the conchology of the Bible; or, God among the shells; the ornithology of the Bible; or, God among the birds; the pomology of the Bible; or, God among the orchards; and today I speak to you of the winters of the Bible; or, God among the frosts.

As no one seems disposed to discuss the mission of frost, depending upon Divine help, I undertake it. This is the first Sabbath of winter. The leaves are down. The warmth has gone out of the air. The birds have made their winged march southward. The landscape has been scarred by the autumnal equinox. The huskers have rifled the corn shocks. The night sky has shown the usual meteoric restlessness of November. Three seasons of the year are past, and the fourth and last has entered. Another element now comes in to bless and adorn and instruct the world. It is the frost. The palaces of this King are far up in the arctic. Their walls are glittering congelation. Windsor Castles and Tuileries and Winter Palaces and Kenilworths and Alhambras of ice. Temples with pendant chandeliers of ice. Thrones of iceberg, on which eternal silence reigns. Theatres on whose stage eternal cold dramatizes eternal winter. Pillars of ice. Arches of ice. Crowns of ice. Chariots of ice. Sepulchres of ice. Mountains of ice. Dominions of ice. Eternal frigidity. From these hard, white, burnished portals King Frost descends and waves his silvery scepter over our temperate zone. You will soon hear his heel on the skating pond. You already feel his breath in the night wind. By most considered an enemy coming here to benumb and hinder and slay, I shall show you that the frost is a friend, with benediction divinely pronounced and charged and surcharged with lessons potent, beneficent and tremendous. The Bible seven times alludes to the frost, and we must not ignore it. "By the breath of God frost is given."

I know that to many the season of frost is a season of suffering. I remember two rough wood cuts years ago, in a book or newspaper. They were called "A Winter Scene." The snow had begun to fall, and in the door of a comfortable home stood a healthy boy, with ruddy cheek, tippeted and mittened, shouting with glee: "It snows! It snows!" In the wood cut opposite stood a boy looking out of the broken window of a wretched tenement, himself wan and hungry and shivering with cold, and as he sees the white flakes begin to fall he cries out with apprehension and horror: "Oh, my God! It snows! It snows!" But while the frost means to some severe privation, we who have the comforts of this life ought to be able to take an intelligent and inspiring view of my intense text, "By the breath of God frost is given."

First, I think of Frost as a painter. He begins his work on the leaves and continues it on the window panes. With palette covered with all manner of colors in his left hand, and pencil of crystal in his right hand, he sits down before humblest bush in the latter part of September, and begins the sketching of the leaves. All are pencilled, one by one, but sometimes a whole forest in the course of a few days shows great velocity of work. Weenix, the Dutch painter, could make in a summer day three portraits of life size, but the frost in ten days can paint ten mountains in life size.

Michael Angelo put upon one ceiling his representation of the "Last Judgment," but the frost represents universal conflagration upon three thousand miles of stretched-out grandeur. Leonardo da Vinci put upon a few feet of canvas our Lord's "Last Supper" for all ages to admire, but the frost puts the gleaming chalices of the imperial glories of the last supper of the dying year on the heights and lengths and breadths of the Alleghanies.

You will soon waken on a cold morning and find that the windows of your home have during the night been adorned with curves, with coronets, with exquisiteness, with pomp, with almost supernatural spectacle. Then you will appreciate what my text says, as it declares, "By the breath of God frost is given." You will see on the window pane, traced there by the frost, whole gardens of beauty, ferns, orchids, daffodils, heliotropes, china asters, fountains, statues, hounds on the chase, roebucks plunging into the stream, battle scenes with dying and dead, catafalques of kings, triumphant processions, and as the morning sun breaks through you will see cities on fire and bombardment with bursting shell and illuminations as for some great victory, coronations and angels on the wing. All night long, while you were sleeping, the frost was working, and you ought not to let the warmth obliterate the scene until you have admired it, studied it, absorbed it, set it up in your memory for perpetual refreshment, and realize the force and magnitude and intensity of my text: "By the breath of God frost is given."

He is a stupid Christian who thinks so much of the printed and bound Bible that he neglects the Old Testament of the fields, nor reads the wisdom and kindness and beauty of God written in blossoms on the orchard, in sparkles on the lake, in stars in the sky, in frost on the meadows. The greatest jeweler of all the earth is the frost.

But I go a step further, and speak of the frost as an evangelist, and a text of Scripture is not of much use to me unless I can find the gospel in it. The Israelites in the wilderness breakfasted on something that looked like frozen dew. The manna fell on the dew as the dew evaporated and left a pulverized material, white and looking like frost; but it was manna, and of that they ate. So now, this morning, mixed with the frozen dew of my text, there is manna on which we may breakfast our souls. You say the frost kills. Yes, it kills some things, but we have already seen that it gives health and life to others. This gospel is the saver of life unto life, of death unto death. As the frost is mighty, the gospel is mighty. As the frost descends from heaven, the gospel descends from heaven. "By the breath of God frost is given. By the breath of God the gospel is given. As the frost purifies, so the grace of God purifies. As the frost vests the earth, so grace beglorifies the soul. As the frost prepares for food many things that otherwise would be ineffable, so the frost of trial ripens and prepares food for the soul.

Thank God for frosts. What helped make Milton the greatest of poets? The frost of blindness. What helped make Washington the greatest of generals? The frosts of Valley Forge. What make it appropriate for one passing John Bunyan's grave to exclaim, "Sleep on, thou prince of dreamers?" The frosts of imprisonment. The greatest college from which we can graduate is the College of Frosts. Especial trials fit for especial work. Just now watch, and you will see that trouble is preparative and educational. That is the grindstone on which battle axes are sharpened. Without complaint take the hard knocks. You will see that after a while, though you may not appreciate it now, that by the breath of God frost is given. Let the corners of your mouth, so long drawn down in complaint, be drawn up in smiles of content.

For years poets and essayists have celebrated the grace and swiftness of the Arabian horses. Do you know where these Arab horses get their fleetness and poetry of motion? Long centuries ago Mahommed, with 30,000 cavalry horses on the march, could find for them not a drop of water for three days. Coming to the top of a hill a river was in sight. With wild dash the 30,000 horses started for the stream. A minute after an armed host was seen advancing, and at Mohammed's command one hundred bugles blew for the horses to fall in line, but all the 30,000 continued the wild gallop to the river, except five, and they, almost dead with thirst, wheeled into line of battle. Nothing in human bravery and self-sacrifice excels that bravery and self-sacrifice of those five Arabian war horses. Those five splendid steeds Mohammed chose for his own use, and from those five came that race of Arabian horses, for ages the glory of the equestrian world. And let me say that, in this great war of truth against error, of holiness against sin, and heaven against hell, the best war horses are descended from those who, after pang and self-denial and trouble, answered the Gospel trumpet and wheeled into line. Out of great tribulation, out of great fires, out of great frosts they came. And let me say, it will not take long for God to make up to you in the next world for all you have suffered in this.

As you enter heaven God may say "Give this man one of those towered and colonnaded palaces on that ridge of gold overlooking the Sea of Glass. Give this woman a home among those amarathine blooms and between those fountains tossing in the everlasting sunlight. Give her a couch canopied with rainbows to pay her for all the fatigues of wifehood and motherhood and housekeeping, from which she had no rest for forty years. Cup-bearers of heaven, give these newly-arrived souls from the earth the costliest beverages and roll to their door the grandest chariots, and hang on their walls the sweetest harps that ever thummed to fingers seraphic. Give to them rapture on rapture, celebration on celebration, jubilee on jubilee, heaven on heaven. They had a hard time on earth earning a livelihood, or nursing sick children, or waiting on querulous old age, or battling falsehoods that were told about them, or were compelled to work after they got short-breathed and rheumatic and dim-sighted. Chamberlains of heaven! Keepers of the King's robes! Banqueters of eternal royalty! Make up to them a hundredfold, a thousandfold, a millionfold, for all they suffered from swaddling clothes to shroud, and let all those who, whether on the hills, or in the temples, or on the thrones, or on jasper wall, were helped and sanctified and prepared for this heavenly realm by the Mission of the Frosts stand up and wave their scepters!" And I looked, and, behold, nine-tenths of the ransomed rose to their feet, and nine-tenths of the scepters swayed to and fro in the light of the sun that never sets, and then I understood, far better than I ever did before, that trouble comes for beneficent purpose, and that on the coldest nights the Aurora is brightest in the Northern heavens, and that "by the breath of God frost is given."

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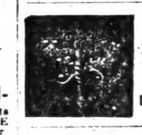

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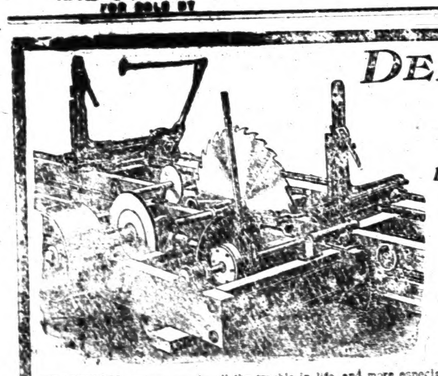

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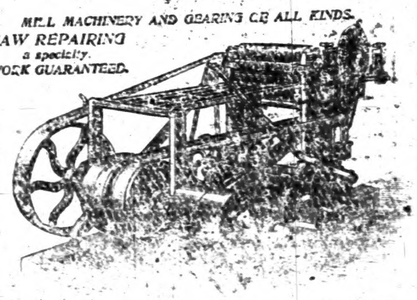

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Yours truly REV. L. VON WALD,
March 31, 1896. Millank, S. D.

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For twenty long years my wife suffered untold tortures from Sciatica and Neuralgia, and I thank God for the day that your heaven-sent remedy fell into my hands, for it completely cured her. I am a minister of the Gospel, and when I find any who suffer, cannot help but recommend "5 DROPS", for I know it will do more than you claim for it.

REV. F. M. COOPER, Washington Center, [illegible]

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DEAR SIRS: November, [illegible]

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AN INTERESTING LETTER.

In view of the reports of defalcations of county officers throughout the State, we have obtained possession of the following letter which explains itself) and proves conclusively that, even if some officers have been delinquent, on the part of the Examiners have by no means always made their reports in accordance with the facts, and naturally leads one to infer that where reports are inacurate in one it is not impossible they are inacurate in others.

Clanton, Ala., Oct. 8, 1897

Hon. W. S. White,
State Auditor,
Montgomery, Ala.

Dear Sir —Attached hereto I find you statements showing that certain items mentioned in the report of Jno. G. Cowan, Asst. Examiner of Public Accounts, and in the office of Governor on September 1st 1897 are not legitimate, in fact are not errors on the part of Circuit Clerk and that he should not be charged therewith. I most respectfully ask that you examine the statements hereto attached in connection with the report filed by the Examiner and the records in the office of State Treasurer and your own office, and that I be given credit for such items as in your opinion I may have been improperly charged with.

You will note from the Examiner's report that I am charged with the sum of $3.51 as due for Solicitors fees. The statement herewith filed you shows that I have overpaid the amount due and that there is no indebtedness to the Clerk on account of the State of 53 cents. The correctness of the statement will be borne out by the records in the State Treasurers office.

You will further note from the Examiner's report that I am charged with the sum of $7.45 as due the State for feed bills. An examination of the statement herewith submitted will show that the State has been overpaid and that there is no indebtedness on the part of the State of 21 cents.

You will note that in the statement hereto attached that I have retained the same items showing indebtedness as are adopted in the report of the Examiner.

You will also note from the report of the Examiner that I am charged with not having reported certain fees within the time prescribed by law, and that from a total of 148 cases that the Examiner selected 11 cases to show negligence on the part of the Clerk. You will note from the statement herewith handed you that all the fees were remitted within the time required by law except in four cases, and that on account of official duties are more fully shown in the statements, three of these were but four days late and one only five days late. The dates upon which the fees were recieved by the Clerk are taken from the Execution dockets in the office of the Clerk and the dates of payment could be had from the office of the State Treasurer. I beg to call your attention to the fact that the Examiner used the date of conviction instead of the date of receipt as the basis of time for this portion of his report.

A portion of the Examiners report charging back to this office fees of the witnesses before the Justices of the Peace and Magistrates in Penitentiary cases. I presume is unnecessary to refer to as your office has already rectified the same in the statement received.

The Clerk is charged with certain witness fees, as are more fully shown in the statements attached. The records show the charges to be correct, and in addition thereto I have procured the affidavits of the several witnesses and attached hereto copies, showing that they did receive the witness fees charged for them.

Under the same head the Clerk is charged with having charged defendants witnesses to the State. The two witnesses were for the State before the Grand jury and for the defendant before the Circuit Court as shown by the records in the Clerks office, and the affidavits of the witnesses, copies of which are hereto attached.

I have to day remitted to the office of the State Treasurer the sum of $8.37, being in payment of the amount coarged to Clerks, as follows:—

For Clerk.....$ .75
For Sheriff.....7.62

The amount remitted for the Sheriff is in fact not errors, but rather than ride over the Country, where it is scattered in small amounts, he permits it to be so reported.

If you should desire additional proof as to the correctness of the statements hereto attached, and will kindly advise me of that fact, I will at once furnish such additional evidence as you may require.

Most respectfully,
J. P. VAN DERVEER.
Circuit Clerk.

SUDDEN DEATH OF MRS. J. T. COOLEY.

Yesterday afternoon about two o'clock the town was shocked by the news that Mrs J. T. Cooley, the wife of our worthey Sheriff, had suddenly fallen down dead. The good lady was apparently in her health all the morning and had prepared dinner as usual. Almost without warning she breathed her last. While crossing the room she fell and beyond one little cry never uttered a word. Doctor Johnson was immediatly summoned and pronounced life extinct, the cause being heart disease. "In the midst of life we are in death" and in the midst of the preparations for the glad Christmas time the family of Sheriff Cooley are plunged in mourning. The Shersff for Silacauga yesterday morning to bring home his daughter for the holidays, and althongh he was telegraphed to he has not yet been able to return and will probably get back tonight. Arrangements have been made for the funeral at Mulberry to-morrow (Friday). The deepest sympathies of the county are with the bereaved Sheriff and family in their sorrow.

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Death of Mrs. Glaucus Moore.

On Monduy the 20th inst at 11 a.m. the spirit of Mrs G. H. Morse passed into happier lands. She was burried from the Baptist church on Tuesday, the Rev. Mr. Woods officiating. Her husband and children lament a loving wife ane mother, and her friends mourn her as one seperated from them for a short time. Mrs Moore died in the full hope of Christ and resurrection.

Consumption Positively Cured.

Mr. R. B. Greeve, merchant, of Chilhowie, Va; certifies that he had consumption, was given up to die, sought all medical treatment that money could procure, tried all cough remedies he could hear of, but got no relief; spant many nights sitting up in a chair; was induced to try Dr. King's New discoaery, and was cured by use of two bottles. For past three years has been attending to business and says Dr. King's New Discovery is the grandest remedy evea made, as it has done so much for him and also for others in his community. Dr. King's New Discovery is gauranteed for coughs, Colds and Consumption. It don't fail. Trial bottles free at Dr. J. S. Johnson's Drug Store.

CORRESPONDENCE.

[We are willing to publish our subscribers views at any time, but it must be distinctly understood we do not hold ourselves responsible for these opinions.—EDITOR.]

Jemison, Dec. 21, 1897

Editor BANNER:—I have just returnad home from the Alabama Baptist State convention which was held at East Lake, and I beleive that it was considered one of best, if not the best sessions held in many years. A discussion of about three hours was held over what is known as the Whitsit question, and both the majority and minority reports were laid on the table with a vote of 89 to 52. So the Baptists of the State are left to think and say what they please about the matter, and I rejoice that we are privilaged to think as we please, and some of us have never learned any detter than to say what we think. But I did not intend to write aletter. I only desire to announce that I will preach or lecture at Collins Chapel on Saturday (Christmas Day) and I hope to have a good large congregation. I intend to say somthing concerning the evil of intemperance and the abuse of Christmas day. Come and be with us. With many good wishes for the BANNER, and a merry Christmas for our people, I remain yours truly,

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South Chilton Dec 20, 1897

Editor BANNER:—

The prevalence of what is commonly called "hard times" for a few years past in this community has created a general demand for economy in all the departments of life. This brings forth the question of carfulness in expenditures as a topic of general interest and universal practical importance. In the South, especially, the idea has heretofore prevailed to some extent that systematic care to cut down expence was close kin to stinginess. This idea has gone so far in some cases that it has acttally developed into dishonesty. In order to be generous and unstinted in the matter of expenditures, people have sometimes lived beyond their income. This has made dishonesty necessary to bring the chasm between the amount of receipts and the sum total of expences. In such cases dishonesty sometimes took the form of promises to pay without any reasonable prospect of ability to do it. In other cases it asumed the most serious forms of embezzlement or gambling. It now seems probable that the commercial aud finantial fabric of the U.S is on a basis which will demand great care in handling of monty for several years to come, if not indefinately for the future. The days for a big boom and flush times are probabip over for a long time to come in this country. People will have to learn how to live with less money than they have usualy handled heretofore. This will reqtire more caution in buying and selling and greater care especially in the matter of contracting debts. In a word, we are feeling now, and will probably continue to feel, more and more for years to come the pressure of nstional if not universal, demand for economy. The old ideas and the old way of contracting big debts and paying out on lavish scale with a reckes disregard of consequense, will have to be abandond. The people who stick to those old ideas and ways will almost go beyond their depth in debr and come to some serious trouble if not absolute ruin in finances. The change is a necessity, and the sooner people take practical view of the situation and adopt te system of financiering in harmony with present environments the better it will be for them both individuallys anp as a nation. Best wishes to the BANNER, a happy new year to it's readers.

WALTER M.

Turn-Round Topics.

Cristmas will soon be here but i think it will be rather dull in these "piggins;" but notwithstanding the hard times I am glad to say some of us are able to get in some Xmas tricks.

W. F. Connell and G. W. Jones returned Sunday from a trip to Prattville and Montgomery. T. N. Taylor and family will make Coopers their future home.

H. Kendrick and family had a pleasant time Sunday entertaing their guests, among whom were B. J. Goss and family miss Eliza May of Prattville, Walter S. Rhodes and lovly wife of Montgomery, and Uncle Jack Mims.

Miss Eliza May, of Prattville will spend the hollidays with relatives here

Walter S. Rhodes and wife, leave one day this week for Rockford where they will spend the hollidays with relatives.

I. J. Mims, visited Bozeman last Monday.

Walter Kendrick and brother David and Pattillo Bro's attended a dance at Cross Roads Monday night.

Ha,ha! a crowd of young men, rail splitters and wood hauler-, were very much surprised to see three beautiful and accomplished young ladies marching through the woods toward them where they were at work. The boys were somewhat disappointed to find they wanted to see an old school trustee instead of them, and remarked when they were gone "I wish I were a trustee."

Rev. Mr. Colwell, will preach at Friendship, Christmas day at 11 a.m. Everybody go that can.

R. D. May of Prattville was up on a visit last week.

B. J. Goss returned Saturday from a trip to Prattville.

H. Kendrick and wife went to Verbena Monday and got in their Christmas supplies. THE ROYAL BUMPER.

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Jemison Jems.

On the night of the 15th instant another home was made sad by the death of Mrs. Minnie Ray. She had long been a sufferer, but with Christian resignation endured it calmly. We have lost a good neighbor and friend, while that precious spirit is renewing her acquaintance in her eternal abode of happiness. Mrs. Ray's friends can "look on high and believe she is there."

We offer a suggestion to which we alluded some time ago, and that is the propriety of establishing small manufactories for springs and weaving. A few spindles and looms, at small cost, but sufficient to employ many who are now out of a job—in other words any paying business. Let there be one in every county, if you please. Thus let the South assert its power and prove its ability by its works. Because great capitalists cannot agree on the location for immense layouts should be no reasonable excuse for thousands to be idle.

Now for an enterprising community to take shares, form their plans, and with cautious speed push on this beautiful industry, making up much of our cotton into goods at home. Let the people go to raising sheep instead of dogs, and in those little mills spin and weave our blankets, etc. Who will reply, giving reasons why the South should give way to more enterprising people?

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Clanton Locals.

Mr. J. A. Logan has sold his place and will remove to Pickens county. Joe has been a prominent man in Chilton county and will be missed socially and politically. We aae sorry to loose him and hope his future home will be brigat and prosperous.

Tax collector Hubbard and Assessor Mims are both in town this week for convenience of the tax payers.

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Clanton, Ala., Dec. 23, 1897.

Sheriff's Sale

Under and by virtue of an execution in my hands from the Justice Court of Beat Four in Chilton County, Alabama, in favor of Charles Stern & Co., a firm composed of Charles A. Stern and A. Krause, vs. T. J. Arnold, I will proceed to sell on

MONDAY, JANUARY 3, 1898

in front of the Court House door at Clanton, Ala., to the highest, best and last bidder, for cash, during the legal hours of sale, the following described personal property, as the personal property of the defendant, to wit:

Three tons of coal, the said property being in the county of Chilton, State of Alabama.

J. T. COOLEY, Sheriff.

Final Proof Notice.

Notice No. 19,358.

Land Office at Montgomery, Ala., December 2, 1897

Notice is hereby given that the following-named settler has filed notice of his intention to make final proof in support of his claim, and that said proof will be made before the Clerk of the Circuit Court at Clanton, Ala., on January 15, 1898, viz.: Johnson Ztmmerman, Homestead entry No. 26,622, for the n½ of sw ¼ section 2, tp 21, n of r 14 east.

He names the following witnesses to prove his continuous residence upon and cultivation of said land, viz: J. R. Kemp, William Kemp, Henry Culver, A. C. Oats, all of Clanton, Ala.

ROBERT BARBER, Register.

Final Proof Notice.

Notice No. 19,368.

Land Office at Montgomery, Ala., December 8, 1897

Notice is hereby given that the following-named settler has filed notice of his intention to make final proof in support of his claim, and that said proof will be made before the Clerk of the Circuit Court at Clanton, Ala., on January 15, 1898, viz.: Ellis Mims, Homestead entry No. 25,713, for the e ½ of nw ¼, section 36, Tp. 23, n of R 15 eas.

He names the following witnesses to prove his continuous residence upon and cultivation of said land, viz: Jefferson Trawick, William Trawick, George Mims, William Mims, all of Clanton, Ala.

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CLANTON, - ALABAMA.

A suggestion from Tennessee, that the body of General Sam. Houston be removed thither for reinterment, has aroused indignant and vehement protests in Texas.

A calamity has fallen upon Boston, and soon an appeal for pecuniary aid may be expected. The calamity is without precedent in that city, although it is common enough in some other places. There are 3000 children without a school in which to say their lessons, and all because the funds of the School Board have run out and necessary repairs cannot be made on the school buildings.

The wealth of Greater New York is almost beyond belief. Its real estate and personal property are assessed at the enormous, the almost inconceivable sum of $2,800,000,000. Compare this with the assessted value of all the property in the richest States of the Union, as follows: Massachusetts, $2,154,000,000; Pennsylvania, $2,660,000,000; Ohio, $1,778,000,000, and Illinois, $810,000,000.

The French War Department has begun a series of experiments with horseless carriages to test their value in time of war. A number of engineers are engaged in testing them in every way, going off the public roads into lanes and by-paths or across plowed fields. Very full notes are taken as to the consumption of oil or essence speed attained, and all the slight incidents of the route.

Speaking of the last achievement in India of the "gallant Gordons," Black and White says: "Not the least of the splendid anecdotes with which the Gordons have enriched military history comes to their fellow-countrymen this morning, and the name of the piper who, shot through both feet, sat and played his friends on to victory will long be a cherished memory. Let your boys hear that story; they will be the better for it."

"Build your own boat!" is the instruction given to Klondike explorers who would cross some of the waters that intervene between them and the gold fields. In one sense every man is obliged in this world not only to "paddle his own canoe," but also to build his own boat. There are some things that each human being must do for himself. Free transportation across life's difficult stretches cannot be expected to be always at hand. Individual enterprise is continually called for.

The Philadelphia Record says in regard to Thomas A. Edison's latest project that it is a discovery in the science of economics. Whether or not his particular operations at Edison, N. J., upon which he has expended a fortune of about $2,000,000 shall succeed or fall, enough is known of his work to enable us to predict that it will revolutionize future methods of blasting mountains, handling rock, concentrating low grade ore and producing a marketable product by automatic appliances, using nature's forces in the most economical fashion. Never before has a new experiment been undertaken upon such a gigantic scale, and the very nature of the problem compelled its treatment in this wholesale manner.

The Boston Herald thinks it is singular that in the search for a parallel to the death of Henry George the instance of Daniel Webster has not been mentioned. There is no perfect parallel to Mr. George's death. Some of our exchanges have gone so far as that of Horace Greeley to seek it, though Mr. Greeley died after the voting was all over. Daniel Webster died at the height of the campaign of 1852, when there was a ticket of electors in nomination for him in Massachusetts, to which he had assented, if not as a test of his strength, with a view to lessening the vote of the regular Whig candidate for the Presidency. He was not living when the vote was taken, but the ticket was kept in the field, and was supported by those who put it there, after his death.

Says the Illustrated American: Of the 89 United States Senators (there being one vacancy in the Senate at this time) 60 are members of the bar. Of the 358 men who now sit in the House (there being one vacancy at this time) 245 are members of the bar. The account in the two houses stands: Lawyers 305, all others 142. In other words, something over two-thirds of the membership of both houses are lawyers.

NEWS ITEMS OF THE WEEK

Carefully Collated in Brief and Pointed Paragraphs.

CELEBRATES HIS 107TH BIRTHDAY.

Syndicate Forming to Buy Mexican Gold Fields—A Former Canadian Premier Dead—Accidentally Shot Himself. Virginia Wants Foot Ball.

Alphonse Daudet, the novelist, died in Paris the past week.

President Frazer, of the State Industrial school at Columbus, Miss., has resigned.

The Park High school buiding at LaGrange, Ga., was destroyed by fire Friday night.

President Diaz, of Mexico, accorded William J. Bryan an audience daring the past week.

The anti-football bill was defeated in the state senate of Virginia Friday by a vote of 21 to 12.

Headed by Mrs. Hannah S. Gould, a party of fifty women left New York last week to invade the Klondike.

Congressman McMillin will make the United States senatorial race in Tennessee if the governor calls an extra session.

At Ottawa, Ont., the residence of Patrick Leahy was burned, and Leahy and five of his children, the eldest but 9 years of age, perished.

A wreck on the Chicago & Eastern Illinois railroad occurred near Clinton, Ind., Thursday, killing three employees and injuring several others.

Allen North, of Hardin county, Tenn., was instantly killed while out hunting. He did not know his gun was loaded and blew into the muzzle.

As a result of a boiler explosion at the mill of Stobaugh & Jennings at Choctaw, Ark., Thomas Treadaway and Joshua Huggins were instantly killed.

The famous Parisian model, Lucie Hagerland, has had her beauty destroyed by vitriol thrown at her by another model named Juiducelli in a fit of jealousy.

Lewis George Clarke, the original George Harris, of Harriet Beecher Stowe's famous novel, "Uncle Tom's Cabin" died at Lexington, Ky., Thursday, aged 68.

Judge F. B. Bonifay, of Florida, has been appointed general land commissioner of the Louisville & Nashville railroad, to succeed Hon. W. D. Chipley, deceased.

On the Monon railroad near LaFayette, Ind., eighteen freight cars plunged through a bridge, carrying the bridge with them. A brakeman was seriously crippled in jumping.

Another negro was lynched at Bankston Ferry, in Simpson county, Miss., on Wednesday, as an accomplice of Charlie Lewis, for the murder of the wife and four children of Brown Smith on Wednesday of last week.

Bud Brooks and Grady Reynolds were hanged last week at Jefferson, Ga. The crime for which Reynolds and Brooks were hanged was the murder of M. C. Hunt, a prominent merchant of Belton, Ga.

Twenty-five engineers and conductors of the Louisville and Nashville railroad have organized the Bessie Cox Gold and Prospecting Company at Birmingham, with a capital of $2,500, for the purpose of prospecting in the Klondike.

H. W. Reed, ex-president of the National Bank of Brunswick, Ga., and ex-chairman of the populist national finance committee, and William B. Gunby are forming a company to purchase a tract of land in Mexico upon which there are forty gold mines.

Hon. James Mitchell, solicitor-general in the New Brunswick cabinet and formerly premier of the province, died Friday. He resigned his premiership last summer owing to ill health, but retained his place in the cabinet. He was born in 1836.

Benjamin F. Allen, who resides near Grafton, W. Va., celebrated his 107th birthday last week. He is an Englishman and fought for Great Britain in the wars against Napoleon. Only recently he walked a distance of thirty miles. He is quite active and youthful-looking.

The Arapiles battalion, it was announced officially Friday, had surprised the insurgent forces under Napoles, in the province of Santa Clara. The insurgents, it is said, left twenty-five men killed on the field.

Minneapolis, Minn., was visited by a destructive fire last week. The Hotel Dakota, where nearly a thousand guests were housed, was completely destroyed. The fire department rescued a large number, and but for their assistance hundreds of persons would have been burned. The loss will aggregate $450,000 on stocks, furniture, etc., and $300,000 on buildings, totally destroyed, while other losses will probably reach $100,000 more.

England's Great Actor Assassinated.

William Terris, the well known actor, was assassinated, being stabbed with a knife, as he was entering the stage door of the Adelphi theater, London, Thursday night. The murderer rushed at the actor as he was stepping across the pavement from his cab and stabbed him just below the heart. As the actor fell his murderer was seized by people who were outside the theater. The wounded man expired in fifteen minutes. The name of the murderer is given as Archer.

SPANIARDS ANGRY.

Generals Engineering a Protest Against the President's Message.

A special from Biarree, France, says: Mail advices received from Madrid (telegrams and telephone messages on this subject being forbidden) say the Spanish military journals, especially the most important, the Correspondencia Militaire, declare that twenty generals have come to an agreement to engineer a protest against President McKinley's message to congress, which is considered insulting to the Spanish army. It is added that a certain marshal was asked to co-operate, but merely replied that he would consider the matter. General Weyler answered a similar request, saying he desired in the first place to learn the opinion of certain personages, the law not allowing military men to send a collective petition to the minister for war.

Political circles are much excited at rumors of a manifesto to the country, which is said to be in course of preparation.

GEORGIA LEGISLATURE.

Resume of Work Done by That Body During the Past Session.

The state legislature expired by limitation at midnight Thursday. The principal business during the session was to provide a new penal system to take the place of the old lease system.

While convicts will still be hired out under the new system, it looks ultimately to the entire breaking up of hiring convicts to civilians and to their employment by the state.

The passage of a resolution calling upon senators and congressmen to support an amendment making United States senators elective by the people at large was the principal expression in national issues.

The legislature also declared in favor of a national quarantine.

The anti-football bill was passed by the legislature, but fell through under gubernatorial veto.

Very little active legislation reached a final passage.

JAPAN'S HAWAIIAN POLICY.

No Objection to Annexation, But Will Protect Japanese Interests.

The steamer Doric, which arrived at San Francisco from Japan Friday morning, brought the following news:

It is reported that as the cabinet found that the absolute protest against Hawaiian annexation was of no avail, it concluded that it would be advisable to yield a point, and, while not objecting to annexation itself, to make an effort to insure the protection of Japanese interests. The United States government will be asked to guarantee that the annexation of Hawaii shall not interfere with the advantage hitherto possessed by Japan in the islands. This will constitute the scope of Japan's policy, even should congress approve of annexation.

FOUR MURDERED IN ARKANSAS.

An Aged Farmer, His Wife and Two Sons Killed by Robbers.

A special from Russellville, Ark., gives details of a terrible murder near Clinton, in Van Buren county. An aged farmer named Patterson lived on Culpepper mountain. With him lived his wife and six sons, one of whom was married and had a small family. While the entire household was seated at the supper table two white men, wearing masks and heavily armed, suddenly sprang into the dining room and leveling their weapons at the heads of the assembled family commanded them to remain quiet and commenced shooting, when a general fight ensued. When the desperate battle ended, it was found that the old farmer, his wife and two of the sons had been killed. Robbery was the intent of the murderers.

Big Gain in Exports and Imports.

The exports of domestic merchandise during November last amounted to $114,608,301, a gain of nearly $7,000,000, as compared with November, 1896.

The imports of merchandise were $52,352,331, of which over 50 per cent. was free of duty. The gain for the month in the imports of dutiable merchandise was over $5,300,000.

The exports of silver during November amounted to $4,979,277, and the imports $1,544,305. For the nine months the exports of silver amounted to $52,551,963 and the imports $11,017,012.

UNIVERSITY OF ALABAMA.

Furloughs for the Holidays—December 23 to January 2.

On requests from parents or guardians, students will receive leaves of absence from Thursday afternoon, December 23, through January 2 following. This will enable all who so desire to spend both Christmas and New Year a their homes.

January 3 will be a good time for new students to enter, as in many departments new subjects begin on that day. Such will receive a cordial welcome to the University.

For announcement with further particulars apply to

JAMES K. POWERS,
President University Alabama.

Asked to Co-Operate.

The Atlanta Clearing House Association held an important meeting Friday at which resolutions were adopted urging all chambers of commerce, clearing houses and bankers' associations of the southern states to take prompt action looking to carrying out the plans recently proposed at the bankers' convention held in Atlanta, to send a delegation to Washington to cooperate with those who are seeking a reformation of the currency and banking system.

EXPORTS ARE VERY HEAVY.

All Records Probably Surpassed by This Year's Figures.

WHEAT THE BACKBONE OF FOREIGN TRADE.

Bleached Cotton Goods Are Selling at the Lowest Point Ever Reached—Imports Show a Falling Off—Failures for the Past Week.

R. G. Dun & Co.'s weekly review of trade says: Close to its annual holiday and halt the business of the year is surprisingly large. Payments through banks are 2.5 per cent larger than in 1892, heretofore the year of greatest prosperity; the production of iron and woolens, boots and shoes is larger than ever before; shoes eclipse all past records, and failures for two weeks have been the smallest for corresponding weeks in five years. The most weighty news of the week is the excess of merchandise exports over imports by $116,630,200 in November, the excess or exports in four months being $229,212,401, while in half of December exports are nearly as large and imports $2,500,000 smaller than last year, when the excess of exports was $58,205,366.

The output of pig iron December 1 was the greatest ever known, 226,024 tons, against 213,159 November 1, 1896, and 217,306 in November, 1895, the highest point heretofore. Unsold stocks also decreased in November 29,352 tons, indicating consumption of nearly 250,000 tons during the month. Bessemer declined in the face of such production 10 cents and grey forge 25 cents at Pittsburg.

Wheat is just now the back bone of foreign relations, and Atlantic exports in two weeks have been, flour included, 7,880,942 bushels, against 5,453,677 last year, while receipts rose to 12,060,122 bushels, against 6,625,382 last year. The price gained a fraction in spite of the speculative demand in Chicago.

The cotton manufacture is in difficulty, due to production last year far in excess of demand and to partial transfer of the demand to southern mills. While domestic and export sales have been large they are behind a production exceeding that of the best previous years, northern and southern included, and the effort to straighten things by a reduction of wages, presumably involves a strike and reduction of output. Goods are generally weak, and the range of prices are the lowest ever known, the reduction in bleached goods, prints and wide sheetings having caused considerable demands.

The demand for woolen goods is increasing and some mills are in the market providing for a greater production.

The wool market is generally dull, sales at three chief points being 15,307,100 pounds, against 18,100,100 last year.

Failures for the week have been 329 in the United States, against 387 last year, and 28 in Canada, against 41 last year.

TO CARE FOR SOUTH'S GRAVES.

Gov. Taylor Makes Several Suggestions to the Veterans.

In an interview at Tullahoma, Tenn., Gov. Robert L. Taylor suggested that there should be organized for the whole south a confederate cemetery association to raise funds and supervise the care of confederate cemeteries, many of which are reported to be neglected.

Gov. Taylor suggests further that a branch of the association should be formed in each southern state, and that general headquarters for the association be established at some city centrally located. Gov. Taylor pledged himself to place his services at the disposal of such an association and would deliver a number of lectures for its benefit.

The plan will be presented to the annual reunion of confederates at Atlanta next year.

For the Fourth Time.

At San Francisco, Theodore Durrant has been sentenced to hang on January 7 next for the murder of Blanche Lamont. This is the fourth time he has been sentenced.

Sheriff's Election.

In the special election held for a sheriff of Lowndes county, Miss., to fill the vacancy caused by the death of Capt J. H. Hearon, Capt. E. S. Donnell defeated M. J. Battle Bell by a very small majority.

Samuel Gompers.

Samuel Gompers was re-elected president of the American Federation of Labor, which has just closed its annual meeting at Nashville, Tenn.

The Sheffield city council has raised liquor licenses from $300 to $500.

Oxford has received nearly 10,000 bales of cotton this season.

New Railroad Company Organized.

The Columbus, Fulton and Northern railroad was organized at Columbus, Miss., Thursday by electing a board of directors. The intention of the company is to build a line from Columbus to Nashville, Tenn., via Fulton, Miss., and Pittsburg Landing, Tenn.

Mississippi Boat Sinks.

The steamboat Pargoud sank in the Mississippi river just below the mouth of Red river. The boat and cargo are in bad shape and the loss will be heavy.

BRIEFLY MENTIONED.

A new railroad is to be built from Dogwood to the Montevallo coal mines.

Twice the usual amount of wheat has been sown in the neighborhood of Guntersville.

The city council of Gurley has raised the license for saloons to $2,000. Gurley will be dry hereafter.

The Hot Blast claims that the population of Anniston has increased more than 2,000 in two months.

The trial of Sheriff Carson, at Florence, charged with habitual drunkenness, has been set for January 11.

The Montgomery, Hayneville and Camden railroad is considered a certainty, and in a short time work will be begun.

M. S. McRae, a young farmer of Lowndes county, shot and killed a negro Friday who had attacked him with a knife.

The first Chautauqua ever arranged for by the negroes of the South will meet in Birmingham December 30 to January 3, inclusive.

Col. Warren S. Reese Dead.

Col. Warren S. Reese, twice mayor of Montgomery, and one of that city's most popular, most enterprising and most valuable citizens, died Thursday night from the effects of heart failure. He had been in excellent health until the previous day, when he was taken sick. He drove to his home in his carriage, and Thursday morning appeared to be improved in condition, but after nightfall a relapse set in and the end came.

Colonel Reese was the nominee of the populists for United States senator against John T. Morgan, and contested the seat. He was colonel of the Twelfth Alabama cavalry during the war.

Thieves Secured $900.

One of the boldest and most sensational robberies that every occurred in that section took place eight miles below Abbeville Thursday night. At about 1 o'clock a man called at the house of Westley Bodiford and claimed that his mule had run away and severely injured his companion, and asked for some one to assist him. Oscar Etheridge, a young man living with Mr. Bodiford, responded to the call and followed the man. When about three hundred yards below the house the first one dropped behind and another man sprang out of the bushes and told him to hold Etheridge up. One placed a pistol in Etheridge's face and the other tied his hands. They then led him back to the house, and, waking old man Bodiford, told him that they wanted the money in his safe. The safe was opened and the men secured $900.

Cotton Growers' Convention.

The governor has appointed the following named gentlemen delegates to the Southern Cotton Growers' Convention at Memphis next week:

Messrs. W. H. Lawson, M. C. Scott, Joel Barnett, Jess Adams, Montgomery; Major Thomas W. Oliver, Mitylene; T. P. Hudmon, Opelika; Colonel N. N. Clements, Tuskaloosa; J. R. McLendon, Naftel; J. C. Killebrew, Newton; C. A. B. Edwards, Crittenden Mills; John Minge, Faunsdale; W. P. Campbell, Florence; Isaac O. Mason, Columbiana; William M. Hammond, Gadsden; Captain C. C. Swope, Courtland; M. B. Hampton, Leighton; W. R. Prior, Quid Nunc; Dr. Henry McDonald, General Samuel H. Moore, Huntsville; Henry Warton, Athens; J. C. Hanes, Sheffield.

DR. CURRY'S REPORT.

Recognizes the Ability of One of Alabama's Educational Lights.

In his annual report to the trustees of the Peabody educational fund, Dr. J. L. M. Curry, the general agent, wrote under date of October 1, 1897, in part, as follows:

"The Florence Normal College has lost its vigorous and able president, James K. Powers, LL. D., who has been transferred to the State University. Under his administration the college has had a remarkable growth, and now numbers 310 pupils. In a letter to the governor, Dr. Mayo says:

"'I can honestly say that, in all my experience in the south, I have seen no state normal which seems to me to have more completely grasped the true idea of that style of school, or more completely carried it out, than the one at Florence. I have never seen in any state as much good work done for so small a sum of money as I see here at the state normal.'"

The Florence Times, speaking of Dr. Powers, says: "In his success at Florence there is promise, very great promise, of success at the University under Dr. J. K. Powers. The Normal College succeeded by doing what it was intended to do. It did not attempt to turn out Bachelors or Masters or Doctors. It trained teachers. To that end all of its energies and resources were devoted. Its teachers were selected with special reference to the work they were to do. They were specialists. Again, none of the funds were wasted. Every dollar was made to bring the best possible return, either in outfit or service. To do all this required great industry and patient attention to detail.

It is confidently expected that the same qualities will command like success at the University. It may require time, it will, to accomplish all that is desired. And when the ideals of the present are accomplished facts, there will doubtless be others in advance to aim for. This is the condition of all development. Just as a Normal was developed here to meet the conditions in Alabama, an University may be expected to adapt itself to meet the conditions incident to its environment.

HECTOR D. LANE

President of American Cotton Growers' Protective Association.

HE EXPLAINS OBJECT OF THE CONVENTION

A Strong Plea Made at Memphis for President for a Reduction of the Cotton Acreage—Overproduction Injurious.

Hon. Hector D. Lane, of Alabama, was chosen president of the American Cotton Growers' Protective Association, which convened in Memphis the past week, and Richard Cheatham, editor of the Cotton Planters' Journal of Memphis, was elected secretary.

Immediately after Mr. Lane's election to the presidency he addressed the association in which he explained the convention had been called.

"Cotton today is selling at less than 5 cents and this means the insignificant sum of 10 cents a day for the labor of a man, who is distinctively the cotton grower," he said. "I make this statement deliberately and defy successful contradiction."

President Lane made a strong plea for a reduction of the cotton acreage, saying that overproduction defeats manipulation. By destroying the annual surplus the law of supply and demand will prevail; competition will intervene and the cost of the production of this commodity, which is the standard of its value, will be the measure of its price mark.

"Under prevailing conditions the product of our soil is no longer adequate to our subsistence. Prices are below the cost of production. With a surplus of several million annually, which is an able co-adjutor of the cotton 'bear,' the law of supply and demand has been displaced and in its stead interposes the method maintained by the commercial fakirs and sham artists.

"Statistics show that there has been a great falling off in speculative gambling in cotton futures in the several years consequent upon small crops, for, as the visible supply diminished, the power of manipulation decreased."

The aim of the association is to teach American cotton growers:

First, to reduce the cost of production of cotton.

Second, to practice the principles of thrift and economy, which shall enable him to escape debt and make his cotton a real "money crop."

Third, to make all his own supplies at home, to the end that his crop produced may be all his own.

Fourth, to hold his crop off the market until he can sell it to the best advantage.

Fifth, to build factories for manufacturing cotton goods near the cotton fields, so that he may receive the highest returns from each and all of his crop.

Sixth, that home markets should be built up by home products.

OPPOSITION TO AUTONOMY

Cuban Officers Reiterate Allegiance to the Cause.

Copies of a statement signed by officers of the Fourth corps of the Cuban revolution army, operating in the department of Las Villas, reiterating allegiance to the Cubans and forswearing autonomy, were received in New York Monday. This action of the Las Villas corps makes the opposition to autonomy practically unanimous among Cuban officers.

The statement, in part, is as follows:

"We conceive that the promulgation of Cuban reforms is an evidence of weakness on the part of Spain, and in itself a triumph for our arms. We fighting attitude will continue until it is until our unfortunate country is made free. We will accept no other settlement than that based upon absolute independence, which we have agreed to with our government, the assembly of the republic."

Among the signers are Juan Pareda, brigadier-general of the division, and Calixto, adjutant.

A 10 Per Cent Cut.

Notices have been posted at the China, Pembroke & Woosted mills, makers of print cloths, at Cook, N. H., announcing a reduction of wages of about 10 per cent on January 1. The cut will affect superintendents and overseers and employes, including nearly 1,000 operatives.

TELLS THE SENATE HE IS RIGHT

Secretary Gage Shows Cause for the Use of Revenue Cutters.

Secretary Gage has sent to the senate his reply to Senator Cannon's resolution inquiring about the use of revenue cutters to prevent filibustering expeditions.

The McLane, Winona, Colfax and Forward have been used for this purpose on the Florida coast and the report shows that the rule adopted by the treasury department was in compliance with President Cleveland's proclamation and the numerous sections of the revised statutes which Secretary Gage quotes.

China Gives Way to Germany.

A special dispatch from Berlin asserts that China will acquiesce in Germany's retention of Kiao Chau. Russia and France are blamed for Germany's precipitancy in so prematurely disclosing her plans. England and Japan in a minor degree, says the dispatch, to defeat Russia in view.

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...SSES IN FARMING.

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Although the state of New York gave ...ty 300,000 majority for the gold ...dard in 1896, the farmers of that ...te could have reversed the result had ...y been so disposed. But the farm... in that region stood by Wall street. ...Bimetallism has never made much ...headway in the interior of New York, ...and all the agricultural countries gave ...majorities for McKinley. Hence one ...would suppose that New York farmers ...had been prospering with Wall street ...under the gold standard; but what are ...the facts?

Bolton Hall writes as follows: Find... New York City so crowded by able ...bodied men out of employment, not a ...few of whom were apparently willing ...to labor in the country districts if situations could be found for them, the ...Association for Improving the Condition of the Poor determined to make inquiry into the relation between the ...congested population in cities and the ...reported existence of deserted farms.

...Having been furnished by special ...contribution with sufficient funds to ...conduct a limited investigation, the ...committee secured the services of a Mr. ...Kjelgarrd, an intelligent Pennsylvania ...farmer, to travel through such of the ...agricultural districts of New York state ...as he could reach during the summer ...months, with the purpose of gathering ...information by personal inquiry and ...observation.

At the same time, Mr. George T. ...Powell, an agricultural expert, of ...West Dutchess county, N. Y., under...took, at the committee's request, to ...conduct by correspondence the same ...inquiry. He showed, conclusively, that ...the farms are falling into disuse.

"From 1790 to 1880, the population ...of the country increased twelve times, ...while that of the cities of 8,000 inhabitants and over increased eighty-six ...times. In 1790, one-thirtieth of the ...population of the United States lived in ...cities, and in 1880, nearly one-fourth. ...In the past one hundred years, the population of New York state has multiplied itself more than seventeen times, ...and that of the city about forty-six ...times. During the same period, the ...city of Albany has increased twenty-seven times."

The reason is evident. Mr. Kjelgaard reports that 75 per cent of the New York state farmers are not making a living, and 5 per cent on the estimated value of their farm property; 40 per cent are running behind every year. The farmers are not paying more than 6 per cent interest for their money, and 64 per cent report no knowledge of accounts being kept. These observations are substantially confirmed by Mr. Powell.

The reasons assigned by the farmers for their lack of prosperity, while taking many forms, usually are equivalent to the simple statement that prices for farm products are too low. Yet the farmers of New York voted for a monetary policy that will avowedly keep prices low, and voted against free silver coinage, which the New York Wall street organs constantly proclaim would double prices. But Senator Chandler of New Hampshire says they will vote differently next time. Let us hope so.

Mr. Hall comments: "One can hardly avoid the conclusion that the true cause of the evil has hardly yet been touched. Is not this a principal cause? The land for miles around our cities, the very land which ought to supply abundant crops, being near the sources of manure—the land which is near the market for its product—the land upon which the farmer could work and still enjoy the blessings of society and human intercourse, is taken out of use by speculation. It is generally either unused or badly cultivated, on account of the uncertain tenure of the cultivator. So the farmer is forced out to regions "Way Back," to "Back Woods" or to "Lonesytown."

Mr. Kjelgaard incidentally reports the farmers as saying: "The farmers are getting tired of this struggle. For want of social conditions, churches and schools the boys won't stay on the farm, and the old folks cannot get competent help to work them." "The better educational and social facilities are offered by the town, and the natural desire of men is to live in communities." "The best farm laborers leave the country for cities to obtain yearly work, which most farmers do not furnish in late years, also to perform less hours of labor."

Speculation in land, the source of all production, is doubtless one of the prime reasons why men cannot find work in the cities and cannot make a living if they resort to farming. Another cause is the single gold standard. Never, in all history, has property been known in an era of falling prices. Another cause is the monopoly of railroads. Fundamental finance, and transportation reform is essential, and the farmers and working men have the power to bring it about.

PERCY PEPOON.

Both Feet in the Trough.

The list of employes in the treasury department at Washington discloses the fact that Ohio has 149 appointments or three more than allowed by the apportionment of states.

CURRENT NOTES.

Evidently it will require some adroit—not to say crooked—financiering on the part of Secretary Gage to avoid another bond issue before next fall's Congressional elections; but it must be done, as a bond sale would certainly sacrifice the salaries of two-thirds of the Republican Congressmen and state officials.

The New York World's Honolulu correspondent reports that there is a "secret but perfect understanding between some of the largest land owners and commercial monopolists here and certain United States senators to get Hawaii into the union as quickly as possible. Some of them hope to see it done before Christmas." President Dole admits that the Hawaiian republic can not survive unless it is annexed to this country. Hawaiian annexation is plainly a scheme of the thieves who have stolen all of the land and wealth of the islands to be insured in the safe possession of their plunder.

Puck thinks it can arrest the doom of the monopolistic class by printing jokes like this:

Farmer (to the mule he is riding)—"Git up, Populist!"

City Traveler—"That is a funny name to give a mule; why do you call him Populist?"

Farmer—"Because he is a chronic kicker."

Joseph C. Sibley, who was elected to Congress from a strongly Republican district of Pennsylvania, and who made a national reputation by his terrific arraignment of President Cleveland, has been nominated for vice president by Champ Clark, of Missouri. Mr. Sibley intimates that he will make the race if Populists and Democrats can co-operate on Bryan and Sibley at the ticket.

There will be no legislation this winter except such as is approved by Wall street. Speaker Reed has already vetoed the postal savings bank proposition.

WORDS OF WISDOM.

An injury done to one is a threat held out to hundreds.—Publius Syrus.

A fool in revolt is infinitely wiser than a philosopher forging a learned apology for his chains.—Kossuth.

For moralists to talk of altering morals without altering environment is no wiser than for a doctor to apply a poultice to a wooden leg.—Ben Tillett.

It is never too late to give up our prejudices. No way of thinking or doing, however ancient, can be trusted without proof. What everybody echoes or in silence passes by as true today may turn out to be falsehood tomorrow, mere smoke of opinion which some had trusted for a cloud that would sprinkle fertilizing rains on their fields. What old people say you can not do, you try and find out that you can. Old deeds for old people, and new deeds for the new.—Henry D. Thoreau.

We boast of having liberated 4,000,000 of slaves. True, we have stricken the shackles from the former bondsmen and brought all laborers to a common level, but not so much by elevating the former slaves as by practically reducing the whole working population to a state of serfdom. While boasting of our noble deeds we are careful to conceal the ugly fact that by our iniquitous monetary system we have nationalized a system of oppression more refined, but none the less cruel, than the old system of chattel slavery.—Horace Greeley.

Jefferson's Maxims.

The legal equality of human beings.

The people to be the only source of power.

No taxation beyond actual public needs.

No national banks, nor bonds.

No costly splendor or administration.

No interference with freedom of thought or discussion.

The civil authority superior to the military.

No favored classes; no monopolies.

Free and fair elections; universal suffrage.

No public money spent without warrant of law.

No mysteries in government hidden from the public eye.

Representatives bound by the instructions of their constituents.

The Constitution of the United States a special grant of powers, limited and definite.

Freedom, sovereignty and independence of the respective states.

Absolute severance of church and state.

The Union a compact—not a consolidation nor a centralization.

Moderate salaries, economy and strict accountability.

Gold and silver currency, supplemented by treasury notes bottomed on taxes.

Canada's Position Stated.

Montreal Star: The position of Canada can hardly be misunderstood. We are ready for a fair and mutually profitable measure of reciprocity with the United States, but we expect very little from congress. The McKinley tariff and the Dingley tariff have spurred us on to strenuous efforts to cultivate the British market, and we are succeeding to our vast encouragement. The American market is consequently growing less and less valuable to us, and the price we are willing to pay for it is naturally declining at the same rate.

TAKE NO AGGRESSIVE ACTION

House Will Not Carry Out Declaration in Regard to Cuba.

CAUCUS TO SHOW THE POLICY OF MINORITY

New Ministers and Consuls—Men Who Will Represent Uncle Sam in the Courts Abroad—Treasury Statement—Other Capitol Notes.

Leading democratic members of the house of representatives say no aggressive action is anticipated to carry out the declarations of the recent democratic house caucus on Cuba, finance and bankruptcy. The caucus will be allowed to stand as showing the policy of the minority. It is said, however, that it would be useless to force the Cuban question before the house, as the rules would not permit the minority to bring the question to a vote. The senate Cuban resolution, which was indorsed by the caucus, reposes in the committee on foreign affairs and there is no power under the rules to get it from that committee.

Representative Livingston, of Georgia, has suggested that a resolution be presented directing the foreign committee to report the Cuban resolution at once. But this procedure would be ineffective, as the resolution directing an immediate report would be referred to the committee on rules. It is not doubted that this body, representing the majority, would not act favorably on a motion of this character. All parliamentarians on the democratic side concede that it will be impossible for the minority to force an issue on Cuba. They are more hopeful of giving expression to the caucus action on finance. The majority will doubtless bring forward financial measures on the lines suggested by the president and Secretary Gage, and the democratic caucus policy will be given effect by the casting of the solid democratic vote, numbering 125, against the measure.

On the bankruptcy question, it is expected, that the minority will frame a bankruptcy bill calculated to meet the caucus declaration for a "wise and just" measure of this character. The bill when framed will be offered as a substitute to the one to be urged by the committee on judiciary after the holidays.

NEW MINISTERS AND CONSULS.

Names of Men Who Will Serve Their Country Abroad.

The president has sent the following nominations to the senate:

State—Wm. W. Thomas, Jr., of Maine, to be envoy extraordinary and minister plenipotentiary of the United States to Sweden and Norway; Hamilton King, of Michigan, to be minister resident and consul general of the United States to Siam; James C. McNally, of Pennsylvania, to be secretary of legation and consul general of the United States at Bogota, Colombia; Edgar O. Achorn, of Massachusetts, to be secretary of the legation of the United States at St. Petersburg, Russia.

To be consuls of the United States—Geo. M. Moulton, of Colorado, at Demerara, British Guiana; Robert P. Dooley, of New York, at St. Helena; Louis H. Ayme, of Illinois, at Gaudaloupe, West Indies; W. Stanley Hollis, of Massachusetts, at Loureco Marquez, Africa; Levi S. Wilcox, of Illinois, at Hankow, China; Chester Donaldson, of New York, at Managua, Nicaragua; Robert P. Skinner, of Ohio, at Marseilles, France; Frank W. Mahin, of Iowa, at Reichenberg, Bohemia; Marshal Halstead, of New York, at Birmingham, England; Harlan W. Brush, of New York, at Clifton, Ont.; Charles W. Merriman, of Wisconsin, at Brockville, Ont.; Daniel E. Ginley, of Wisconsin, at Athens, Greece; Lemuel W. Livingston, of Florida, at Cape Haytien, Hayti; John C. Billheimer, of Indiana, at Zanzibar, Zanzibar; John K. Pollard, of Ohio, to be consul general of the United States at Monterey, Mexico; Lewis Dexter, of Rhode Island, to be consul of the United States at Leeds, England.

Treasury Statement.

Thursday's stafement of the condition of the treasury: Available cash balances, $228,181,551; gold reserve, $159,367,692.

Carolina Convict Problem.

While the legislatures of several of the Southern states have been wrestling with the convict question, the South Carolina board of directors of the penitentiary has just ordered the sale of 1,100 bales of cotton on hand. The expectation is that the penitentiary will have 2,500 bales to offer before the season closes. All of this cotton was made on the several state farms with convict labor. The farms will this year turn in at least $10,000 to the state treasury.

Treaty Ratified.

The sultan has ratified the treaty of peace between Turkey and Greece.

The United Confederate Veterans, Louisiana division, through their chief of staff, General Gilmore, have invited Dr. George B. Eager, pastor of the First Baptist church of Montgomery, to attend a memorial meeting to be held in Tulane hall, New Orleans, on December 19, in honor of their late chaplain, Rev. D. I. Purser, D. D., who died in that city in October of yellow fever, and to deliver the memorial address. Dr. Eager has accepted the invitation and has engaged to perform the service of love requested of him.

PROCEEDINGS OF CONGRESS.

The Senate—Thursday.

Mr. Allen's resolution calling on the president for information about the instructions given to the international monetary commission and the report made to him by the commission came up, to which Mr. Wolcott, chairman of the commission, replied that he would soon make a detailed statement of the commission. The resolution went over until January 15.... Mr. Pritchard, chairman of the committee on civil service, delivered a speech concerning the general features of the law.... Mr. Frye, of the commerce committee, favorably reported and the senate passed a bill directing the secretary of the treasury to purchase or construct a suitable vessel for revenue cutter service on the Yukon river, Alaska, to cost not to exceed $40,000.... Mr. Allison reported favorably the house joint resolution providing for a recess of congress from December 18, 1897, to January 5, 1898. The resolution was adopted.... Mr. Hawley reported the resolution of Mr. McBride, for the relief of American miners and other sufferers in the Yukon valley, Alaska. The committee structk out all but the enacting clause and amended the resolution by appropriating $250,000, which is to be used by the secretary of war for the purchase of subsistence and supplies, and for their transportation and distribution. The resolution was adopted.... A resolution was passed directing the secretary of the treasury to furnish the senate the names of the revenue cutters employed on the coast of Florida to prevent filibustering; how many such expeditions were thwarted; what vessels were captured; what armed expeditions were taken, and by what authority of law the secretary of the treasury acted in the matter. The bill went over to a future date. Adjourned.

The House.

The house today passed a bill appropriating $175,000 for the relief of the people of the Yukon river country, and also the bill passed by the senate yesterday to prohibit pelagic sealing by American citizens. In the course of the debate over the latter bill there was some exceedingly caustic criticisms of the course of our Behring sea negotiations, past and present. After further debate, the bill was passed, yeas 148, nays 78. At 5 o'clock the house adjourned.

The Senate—Friday.

A spirited debate was precipitated in the senate today by the submission by Mr. Platt, of Connecticut, of the report of the special joint committee of the senate and house of representatives, appointed to investigate the use of alcohol in the arts. It developed that a wide divergence of opinion exists among senators as to the practicability from the point of view of government revenue, of reducing the present tax upon alcohol used in the arts. Mr. Hoar, of Massachusetts, who favors such a reduction, expressed the opinion that if congress would lay aside political considerations and deal with the liquor question courageously and honestly by the imposition of an additional tax of a dollar a barrel on liquor and beer the government revenue would take care of itself. Mr. Vest, of Missouri, strenuously opposed any additional tax on beer.... Under a special order eighteen private pension bills were passed.... At the suggestion of Mr. Hawley, chairman of the military affairs committee, the bill passed by the house for the relief of the miners in the Klondike was taken up at once. The senate bill was substituted for that of the house and a conference ordered, with Senators Hawley, Carter and Cockrell as conferees.... After the debate on alcohol used in the arts had run some time, Mr. Allison deprecated any attempt to raise the question at present.... At 4:25 p. m. the senate adjourned until tomorrow.

The House.

The house today completed the consideration of the legislative, executive and judicial appropriation bill, excepting the paragraph relating the civil service. By agreement, the debate on this latter paragraph will go over until after the holidays. The bill as reported abolishes the assay office at New Orleans. The house then went into committee of the whole and resumed the consideration of the legislative, executive and judicial bill. On Mr. Cannon's motion, the senate amendment to the bill for the relief of the miners on the Upper Yukon was disagreed to and its committees agreed to a conference. Messrs. Cannon, of Illinois; Northway, of Ohio, and Sayers, of Texas, were appointed conferees.... The debate drifted into a financial discussion. Mr. Cox, of Tennessee, submitted that Secretary Gage's testimony, given before the house banking committee, was a frank statement of the position of the government. He had voted his adherence to the gold standard as against bimetallism, and his whole bill was designed to uphold and perpetuate that standard. Adjourned.

The Senate—Saturday.

Today's open session of the senate was brief, the time being consumed in the introduction of bills and resolutions, several of the latter calling for information from various departments being passed.... A joint resolution was passed providing for the expenditure of $10,000 more than originally intended upon the government building at the Trans-Mississippi exposition at Omaha, Neb.; that $2,500 be appropriated for a building at the expedition for a display of the life-saving service and that the cost of the government display be reduced from $150,000 to $137,500, the entire cost of the government buildings at the exposition to $62,500.... Mr. Platt, of Connecticut, secured the adoption of a resolution, calling upon the secretary of the interior to report to the senate the present status in the Choctaw and Chickasaw nations in the Indian Territory.... The senate, at 12:40 p. m., went into executive session. After the executive session the conference report upon the bill providing relief for the Klondike miners was received and adopted. The bill appropriates $100,000 to be expended under the direction of the secretary of war to relieve the suffering people in the Yukon valley and gold-bearing regions of Alaska, providing the consent of the Canadian government can be obtained to the transportation of such supplies through Canadian territory. At 2 p. m. the senate adjourned until Wednesday, January 5, 1898.

The House.

The conference report to the emergency relief measure for the Klondike country was presented and agreed to. It compromises the amount of the relief fund at $200,000; provides securing the consent of Canada to extending the relief to the Canadian side, and authorizes the use of the army to carry out the relief measures. It also provides that the supplies must be purchased instead of being donated.... A house bill was passed confirming certain cash entries of public lands.... At 12:30 Mr. Boutelle, of Illinois, offered resolutions of profound regret on the death of Mr. Cooke, of Illinois, and eulogies were begun. Those who paid tribute to the deceased member were Messrs. Boutelle, Foss, Henderson, Belknap, Boyce, Mann, Hopkins, Dinsmore, Graff, Moody, Prince and Peters.

At 2:10 the house adjourned to January 5.

ALABAMA'S PRIDE.

The Girls' Industrial School at Montevallo Doing a Great Work.

The Girls' Industrial School at Montevallo, under the guidance of Capt. H. C. Reynolds, is doing the greatest work of any school in the South. Pupils in the dress-making department are actually making money, besides carrying on their studies. Over 325 pupils are enrolled and there is still room for a few more. We learn fifty-eight dollars pays all expenses from the 1st of January. This is one of the few state institutions where the people get the direct benefit from appropriations. The rich, the poor, the high and the low, all patronize it and are satisfied. Captain Reynolds has just returned from Washington, where he has been for some time working in the interest of a land appropriation for the school.

SPANISH REVOLUTION.

Menacing Attitude of the Populace Indicates Trouble Ahead for the Dons.

According to the St. James Gazette private letters received from Madrid say that General Weyler's reception there was most significant, and that the government is so alarmed by the menacing attitude of the populace that artillery has been stationed at concealed points commanding the main thoroughfares. The gunners, however, can be relied upon.

The wildest rumors are current, says the letter in question, with reports that preparations are making for the flight of the royal family to France at the first sign of a revolution.

A Four-Year-Old Missionary.

On a recent Sunday a child's gold ring was found in the contribution basket at the Baptist Church. It seems a special collection had been taken that morning, and little Helen Church, aged four years, having deposited her contribution at the first collection, had nothing left when the basket appeared the second time but her penny for Sunday-school.

The little one asked her mother to let her contribute the penny, but was told she must keep that for Sunday-school, whereupon the generous little girl, not wishing to be disobedient, yet feeling the missionary spirit strong within her, quietly slipped off her ring and dropped it in, unbeknown to her mother.—Birmingham (Mich.) Eccentric.

Oysters a la Poulette—Put three or four dozen medium-sized salt-water oysters in a saucepan in their own juice and let them come to a boil. Strain the oysters off and skim the juice and add to it a half pound of butter; add thickening until you have a gravy a trifle thicker than cream. Then strain it over the oysters through a fine sieve and add a little lemon juice. Season with salt, cayenne pepper and mace and serve immediately.

Scalloped Oysters a la Creole—Take two dozen large salt-water oysters. Put them in a pan in their own juice and place on the fire until they boil, then drain. Take five ounces of best table butter, one large tablespoon of flour; mix and let it simmer for a half minute without getting brown. Then take half of the oyster juice and add an equal portion of cream, and let it cook to thick sauce; mix it with the oysters and flour and butter. Season with salt, a little cayenne pepper, a soupcon of nutmeg and a little Worcestershire sauce. Wash and clean thoroughly a dozen large, deep oyster shells, then put about six oysters in a shell; sprinkle with parmesan cheese, bread crumbs and a little fresh butter. Bake for ten minutes in a brisk oven and serve immediately.

Currie of Oysters—One dozen large salt-water oysters. Stew in a chafing dish in their own juice until they boil, then strain; add one teaspoonful of currie to the juice and make a little thickening by adding one teaspoonful of flour and a piece of butter as large as a nut. Season with salt and flour over the oysters. Serve immediately in chafing dish.

ALABAMA NEWS ITEMS.

Happenings of a Week Throughout Our Commonwealth.

Oakman's Election.

The municipal election took place Monday and T. W. Sardin was elected mayor over W. W. Worthington, by 21 votes.

Reported Killing.

A report has reached Montgomery that William Hall, overseer, shot Bolling Holt across the river Saturday. Both are white.

Large Assignment.

J. H. Martin, a merchant of Harpersville, has made an assignment. His assets are placed at $60,000 and his liabilities at $30,000.

A Uniformed Burglar.

At the instigation of Night Captain Weir, of the Birmingham police force, Officer Thomas Rollo has been arrested, charged with burglary and grand larceny.

Joseph A. Brinsley, formerly a clerk in the postoffice at Opelika, was convicted at Montgomery of embezzlement. It was shown that he abstracted money from letters passing through the office.

Taken by Force.

The body of Joseph Lake, shipped to Heflin, from Butte, Mont., was held at the former place for transportation charges. The family of the deceased finally took the remains by force and later on arranged matters.

Prosperous Baldwin.

Prominent people are buying land in Baldwin county. Judge Tuttle, of Chicago, who presided at the Luetgert trial and Opie P. Reed the, humorist, have purchased farms near Loxley. They will build shortly.

Seized by Revenue Officers.

H. LeGrand, tinner and hardware dealer at Athens, had his entire stock seized by United States revenue officers this week. He has been making worms for "wild cats" and other distilleries without license. The entire proceeds, it is thought, will scarcely pay the enormous license, penalty and costs.

Arrested for Embezzlement.

Albert Grimble, the well known white mail carrier of Montgomery, has been arrested, charged with embezzlement. Of late a suspiciously large number of letters and packages have been lost on Grimble's route, and Postmaster Buckley reported the fact. Inspectors Rosson and Barney were put to work on the case and decoy letters did the work.

Three Killed and Many Injured.

Late Saturday afternoon the boiler of the pole-road engine of the Bar Creek Mill company, in Monroe county, exploded, killing Jack Clipper, Monroe Sullivan and an unknown man and wounding fourteen others, one of whom has since died.

The cause of the explosion cannot be definitely determined, but it is supposed the water became low in the boiler.

A Rich Haul.

One of the richest hauls ever made by revenue officers in Madison county was made last week by Deputy Collector John L. Logwood, Deputy United States Marshals Lanier and McIntire and two special deputies. Three large stills, 18,000 gallons of beer and many other things going to complete distilling outfits were captured and destroyed near Plevne, twenty miles north of Huntsville.

Will Talk Quarantine.

A conference was held at Mobile at the call of Gov. Johnston looking to the holding of a quarantine convention of South Atlantic and Gulf states, for the better protection of the people from the invasion of disease and from the spread of the same. The meeting was suggested by State Health Officer Saunders, and was attended by representatives of several states. Representation was fixed at five members, appointed by the governor of each state, one delegate from each municipality and one from each railway system and water transportation company in the states are to be invited. They will meet in the near future and ask congress to hold off legislation until the question can be discussed.

Preparing for the Agricultural Convention

Major Culver, commissioner of agriculture, is devoting a good deal of his time to the success of the state convention of farmers, which is to assemble at Montgomery during next month. The commissioner feels very confident that the assembly can be a great service to those who attend, as well as to the farming interests of the state generally. He believes it will have a material effect in reducing the cotton acreage of the state. He expects that at the meeting a farmers' state association will be organized, which will ramify into branch county and neighborhood associations, and in this way all of the farmers will be reached.

For Sensible Farming.

The farmers in Dallas county have never been so busy in the winter months as now. The largest oat crop in years has been sown and is up and looking splendidly. Some of the farmers on the stiff lands are making preparations to get in the best possible shape in the spring a large corn crop. There is evidently a determination on the part of the farmers of Dallas to make the cotton crop of next year altogether of secondary consideration and the spirit is rapidly spreading over this section of the South.

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WE are pleased to announce that the services of Rev. W. B. Dennis are again secured to the Methodist church for another year. Bro. Dennis deing reappointed at the recent conference of the M. E. Church South.

THE State Executive Committee at its meeting next Thursday in Birmingham will develop the program for the State campaign, and is being anxiously anticipated by all Populists, to say nothing of the opposition.

THE begining of 1898 will usher in the great campaign to be waged that year. In several counties candidates have already announced them selves, and once the ball is fairly rolling it will continue to gather speed until the election in August finaly stops its career.

A GOOD deal of speculation is being made as to which is the best course to pursue in our county politics to determine as to whom shall be our standard bearers. No doubt the county Executive committee will soon be called together, and it would be well for members of the Peoples Party to speak right out and say which they prefer. Shall it be a primary or a convention.

THE Democratic press dispatches are sometimes very funny. A few days ago they positively stated that Hon. W. F. Aldrich had been deposed as dispenser of Federal patronage in the fourth district of Alabama, and the next day announced that Mr. Aldrich had had several appointments made in the district.

UNDER the charter of the town of Clanton we believe there should be a municipal election some time next month. As no notices have appeared and nothing is being said on the subject, possibly in the rush of business this holiday time the powers that be have overlooked it. It is to be hoped someone will stir in the matter.

THE Alabama Monitor, which may properly be considered the organ of the Populist party in the State, should be in the home of every lover of reform. Its editor, Frank Baltzell, is acknowledged to be one of the best writers in Alabama, and all the articles in the Monitor are piquant and interesting. We would like to see every Populist in Chilton county become subscribers, and to this end, for the next thirty days we will accept $1.25 as payment in full for one year's subscription to The Banner and The Monitor. This offer is limited strictly to the time specified and cannot be extended.

Fatal Accident to Mrs Arnold.

When Mrs. Arnold, who had been paying a visit to her son, Mr. T. J. Arnold at Clanton, was returning to her home in Coosa county last week, she was met at Sylacauga by her son-in-law, Mr. Dan Dyson, with a horse and buggy. Some time after leaving the depot the horse became f g tened, and springing forwarn threw the aged lady over the front of the buggy, and before the horse could be stopped she had received several severe injuries which in a few days resulted in death. We sympathise with Mr. Arnold in his affliction.

A QUIET WEDDING

Wednesday 15th inst., at the home of Trs Gilchrist, the brides mother, Mr Burl Burnett and Miss Jessie Applewhite, were uninted in the holy bonds of matrimony by the Rev J. M. Alexander in the presence of a few of their most intimate friends.

The bride, dressed in a charming costume of grey albatross and carrying a boquet of white chrysanthemums, came in leaning on the grooms arm. After a few words of solem ceremony the youthful couple was made man and wife until death them should part. Immediatly after the ceremony Mr. and Mrs. Burnett left for Strasburg the home of the groom amid the congratulations of their assembled friends. May their honeymoon last for ever never broken or disturbed.

The grading on the Atlanta and Alabama Air Line has now progressed about eight miles from Selma, and is moving steadily ahead. The corps of enginers under Captian Barksdale is now some distance in Autauga county. John earson, who has the contract for fifty miles of the road, has sublet a portion of his contract to Mr. Hurd, who has recently been a contractor on the Montgomery, Tuscaloosa and Memphis road. Mr. Hurd will work about fifteen teama in addition to those now employed.

Everybody Says So.

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An important feature of the American Monthly Review of Reviews for December is the book department, which occupies 23 pages, with numerous illustrations and deals with the publications of the season Dr. Albert Shaw writes on "Some American Novels and Novelists." Another chapter is devoted to "Books for Children and Young People;" and a third to "Other Books of the Season," fotlowed by classified lists of titles.

How to Look Good.

Good looks are really mone than skin deep, depending entirely on a healthy condition of all the vital organs. If the liver be inactive, you have a bilious look; if your stomake be disordered, you have a dyspeptic look: if your kidneys be affected, you have a pinched look. Secure good health, and you will surely have good looks. "Electric Bitters" is a good Alterative and Tonic. Acts directly on the stomach, liver and kidneys. Purifies the blood, cures pimples, blotches and boils and gives a good complexion. Every bottle guaranteed. Sold at all Drug Stores

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Women In Modern Industry.

Mrs. Alice Rogers Moore of Cambridge, Mass., read a paper on "Women In Modern Industry" before the Boston Business Woman's league recently. In closing Mrs. Moore said: "From the last report of the labor bulletin of the United States, in which is shown the rapid invasion of women into all the more intellectual pursuits, it is easily seen that it will not be long before all of these questions which today are the sources of so much annoyance on account of their sex will soon be a thing of the past, and women will be able to elect the most congenial pursuits for which their training and intelligence have fitted them. Moreover, their compensation will be in proportion to the faithfulness and excellence with which they fulfill their tasks, simply because it is justice."

Political Pointers.

People's Press Bureau, St. Louis, Mo., Dec. 22, 1897.

George F. Washburn, of Boston, the well known Populist is out with a newspaper article denouncing Mr. L. C. Bateman, of Maine. Mr. Washburn challenges Bateman's attitude as to a very early convention and the proposed nomination of Wharton Barker of Philadelphia, for president on the people's Party ticket. He accuses Bateman of trying to be the Mark Hanna of the People's party and stigmatizes his plans as "superficial and assinine." He warns the southern Populist against falling in with Bateman's plans and closes by saying: "Let me warn you, my Southern friends, to go slowly in the direction this mischievous man leads He is a suspicious charnacter. We have made some disastrous mistakes in the past. Let us look next time before we leap. I believe Mr. Bateman is ambitious and unsafe and his plans would lead us to destruction. These words are well weighed, and if true Populists desire to know from me on what ground I base my statements, I will gladly furnish the evidence."

Senator Marion Butler recently offered some amendments to the Postal Savings Bank Bill which he introduced during the last session, He spoke at some length, dwelling on the benifit to the working people that woulp be assured by the establishing of such banks, helping them to acquire habits of thrift and economy rnd save something for old age and illness. Further he dwelt upon the fact that it would give men of small means an opportunity to increase thair capital, would place a greater auount of money in circulation and would by its influence, do away with the necessity in future of any issue of government bonds.

Comptroler of the currency, Jas. H. Eckles, is traveling around the country making speeches to the bankers and richer sort of merchants on the currency question. After a good deal of circumlocution and some apologetic remarks as to the present depressed condition of business he sums up the whole matter by stating that the government should issue no paper money of any sort, urging as a substitute that the banks alone should be trusted with the important task of deciding what volume of money is needed for the business of the country and providing the same. He pretends to see any further issue of money by the government a most dangerous condition.

The success of the administration seems to be in jeopardy by the fact that Speaker Reed has plans that do not include any endorsement or support of McKinley. It has been pretty generaly understood that the man from Maine had not entirely forgiven the loss of the presidential nomination that was brought about by Hanna, and all lovers of sport will rejoice in a fight between him and the administration party.

As time goes on the prospect of Hanna's re-election to the Senate becomes more uncertain. There is a good deal of bad blood among the republicans of the State that even the plethoric Hanna barrel may not be able to suppress.

After refusing to resign to please Grover Cleveland, Chief Justice Field now steps down and gives Mc Kinley the pleasure of putting some nrust fed favorite on the Supreme bench.

W. J. Bryan is in Mexico where he has been received with the same enthusiasm that has marked his travels in this country. He is the guest of President Dias during his stay, which will be devoted to study of the condition of the working people in a silver country. When visiting the Chamber of Deputies Mr Bryan was called upon for a speech and responded with an address that was greatly applauded.

The Populists in the Illinois Legislature have so far worked and voted with the Democrats against the proposed gerymandering of the State in the interests of the Republican party.

The cotton growers of the South, seeing the necessity of protecting themselves from the buyers, manufacturers and the trsut that owns the new ginning and baling prosess and have all the machinery patented, met at Atlanta, Georgia, December 14, to organize. This step has, of course, been bitterli opposed by the buyers and trusts.

Hon Ignatius Donnely, of Minnesota, is making a collection through his paper, The Representative," for Mrs. Mary Ellen Lease, whom he regards as destitute and deserving of help from her fellow partisans. One congressional district in Minnesota offered the lady a homestead on a quarter section of land if she would agree to live there, but she refused on the ground that the health of her young daughter, whom she is educating in New York, woulp not permit of her going to so severe a climate.

The great coal strike is at an end the railroads are estimating that it cost them in the millions. So far we have not heard what it cost the miners.

A. R.

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If congress provides for a system of postal savings blanks at the coming session of congress it will benefit the whole country, but no part of it more than the south, where savings blanks or any other institutions in which saving can be deposited are few. The south, therefore, is most deeply interested in the passage of this bill.—New Orleans Times-Democrat.

HOW TO FIND OUT.

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LOST, strayed or stolen on the 24th day of September from near Welch's mill one small black cow with Jersey nose, and two heifer yearlings—one of them is solid red, and the other is white with red speckled head and neck and has on a little bell. None of them are marked. Were last seen near Stanton. Any information about them will be gladly received and rewarded by L. F. Hester at Welch's mill. My post office is Plantersville, care of Jackson Lumber company.

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OYSTER SUPPER. There will be a grand oyster supper at the University school house on Christmas Eve, Friday Dec. 24, for the benefit of the Methodist church. Everybody is invited, and all should go and take your extra nickle and dimes.

Xmas tree at the Methodist church on Friday evening at 5 o'clock Dec. 24 1897. Oyster supper at the Institute as soon as Xmas tree is over.

Junior Epworth League sacred concert on the evening of Dec. 30, at the Baptist church, beginning at 7 o'clock. Everybody invited.

Senior Epworth League sacred concert on the evening of Dec. 31, at the Methodist church, beginning at 7 o'clock. Everybody invited.

A concert will be given on Wednesday night, Dec 29, 1897, at the Presbyterian church, one and a half miles east of Clanton for the benefit of the Presbyterian church. Admission 15 cents for adults and 10 cents for children. Everyone invited.

Mrs. Dr. Dawson of Verbena was in town Monday.

Mr. Alex Glascock was a visitor here Monday.

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Rev. W. B. Dennis attended the conference of the M E church south at Union Springs.

Mr. Moses Robinson was in town Tuesday.

Mr. J. F. Mc Kee went to the capitol city yesterday.

Prof J. A. Caddell of Pleasant Grove gave us a pleasant call Saturday.

The following pupils of the University School have answered to every roll call of the prtsent session to date: Wiley Logan, Renfroe Williams, O. Middleton, Arthur Johnson, Katie Aldrige, Arthur Johnson. Belle Logan has missed one roll call.

Miss Kate Rourke left for her home at Marion to spend the holidays.

Miss Minnie Hester, who has been residing at Nashville for some time past, is at home for the holidays, much to the delight of her many friends.

Miss Mattie Bender, the popular assistant at the University School left Friday for her home at Furman, Ala., to spend the holidays.

Mr. O. A. Duke has removed his family to Verbena.

Mr. Lipton Mullins has returned from a professional trip to Autauga county.

Col. W. A. Collier is passing the holidays at Birmingham.

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Marriage licenses have been issued this week by the Probate Judge to the following persons.

Mr. O. F. Bates and Miss M. E. Carter, Mr. Walter J. Crim and Miss Ada A. Busby, Mr. J. R. Walker and Miss Mary Latham, Mr. Robert J. Jones and Miss Ida Walker, Mr. John H. Logan and Miss Eva Gray, Mr. Wm. Walker and Miss Ida Gore, Mr. J. W. Brown and Miss Martha Scott, Mr. J. W. Mims and Miss Scott, Mr. Geo. J. Crosby and Miss Priscilla Gibson, Mr. John Brown and Miss Sallie Virginia Moore, Mr Mc Rutiff and Miss Charlie Warden, Mr J. T. Barnet and Miss Amanda Wilson, Mr. Thomas Laterling and Miss Tabitha Robinson, Mr Andrew Eastling and Miss Sallie Mims.

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Non-Resident Notice.

The State of Alabama }
Chilton County }

In Chancery at Clanton, Alabama. Seventh District, North-eastern Chancery Division.

Carrie Gore, by next friend, Complainant, vs. John Gore, Defendant

In this cause it is made to appear to the Register, by the affidavit of J. W. Cox, that the Defendant John Gore is a non-resident of the State of Alabama, and that his post-office and residence are unknown to affiant and further, that in the belief of said affiant the Defendant is over the age of twenty-one years.

It is therefore ordered by the Register, that publication be made in The Banner, a newspaper publiseed in Clanton, once a week for four consecutive weeks, requiring hiM, the said John Gore, to answer or demur to the same, within thirty days after the 10th day of January, 1898, and failing so to do a decree pro confesso will be taken against him in said cause.

Done at office in Clanton, Alabama, this 1st day of December, 1897.

W. E. STEWART,
Register in Chancery.

Notice to Non-Resident.

The State of Alabama, Chilton county.

In Chancery at Clanton, Alabama, Seventh District, North-eastern Chancery Division. December 14, 1897.

W. M. Pylant, complainant, vs. Fannie Pylant, defendant.

In this cause it is made to appear to the Register, by the affidavit of A. C. Smith, Esq., that the Defendant, Fannie Pylant, is a non-resident of the State of Alabama, and that her post office address and residence are unknown to affiant, and further, that in the belief of said affiant, the Defendant is over the age of twenty-one years.

It is therefore ordered by the Register that publication be made in the Banner, a newspaper published in Clanton, once a week for four consecutive weeks, requiring her, the said Fannie Pylant, to answer or demur to the same within thirty days after the 17th day of January 1898, and failing so to do a decree pro confesso will be taken against her in said cause.

Done at office in Clanton, Alabama, this 14th day of December, 1897.

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		1897
Kincheon	November	8
Pletcher's Mill 8 to 11 am	"	9
Clanton Ford 12 to 4 p m	"	9
Stanton	"	10
Dixie	"	11
Shoults	"	12
Maplesville	"	13
Benson	"	15
Macedonia	"	16
Providence (Beat 2)	"	17
Smith's School House	"	18
Mineral Springs	"	19
Strasburg	"	20
James Maddox's Mill	"	22
Providence (Beat 5)	"	23
Coopers	"	24
Verbena	25 &	26
Davis & Rollins' Gin	"	27
Jemison	Dec'r 1 &	2
Clanton	" 3 &	4

A. C. MIMS, Tax Assessor.
T. J. HUBBARD, Tax Collector.

I will also attend at Clanton from January 1 to January 31, 1898.

A. C. MIMS, Tax Assessor.

I will also attend at Clanton from December 21 to Dec. 31, 1897.

T. J. HUBBARD, Tax Collector.

THE CROSS AND CROWN

Is the title of a treatise on the doctrine of perfection or sanctification, by A. L. Pattillo, of Verbena, now in the press. It is written in a plain, homely fashion by one deeply impressed with the necessity of Christians living a perfect life, who desires to see all professing religion imbued with the same spirit. The Author, who is also a poet, has written several poems, all on religious subjects. The whole when complete will make a book of over 200 pages, bound in a stiff board cover, which at the small charge of 50 cents, should speedily exhaust the edition.

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Oh Christmas chimes! O Christmas times!
The sweetest and the brightest;
When hearts beat high and pulses fly,
And childhood's steps are lightest!
When ruddy cheeks are ruddiest,
And red lips like a cherry,
Christmas near! O Christmas here!
So sparkling and so merry!

Old Santa Claus—with ample cause,
For children all adore him—
While they're asleep, takes many a peep
At trundle-beds before him;
And then he laughs—not in his sleeve,
For that is full, believe it,
Of Christmas toys, for girls and boys,
And could not well receive it.

The good old man will plot and plan
Like any great commander,
Or swim deep seas—the young to please—
As did the brave Leander.
Not only packs of jumping-jacks
Adorn his ample shoulders,
But hats and boots and stylish suits
Astonish all beholders.

O Christmas bells, your music tells
A tale of joy and gladness—
Of fireside peace, of sweet increase—
And not a tale of sadness;
For even Poverty lifts up
Her thousand, thousand voices,
And for this time, this one bright time
Of goodly cheer, rejoices!

—Mrs. M. A. Kidder.

SMALL PERTATERS' CHRISTMAS PARTY.

By MARGARET EYTINGE.

IT was about nine o'clock on Christmas Eve. Small Pertaters was standing on one leg, with the other twisted around it, looking into one of the windows of Purcell's large bakery. He could smell the mince pies, that, fresh from the oven a short time before, had just been placed in it.

"They smells bully good," he said, giving a great sniff. "I wished I had one."

But he might as well, poor little fellow, have wished for the moon (he would have stood as good a chance of getting it), for not one cent was there, either in the ragged pockets of his ragged trousers, or the ragged pockets of his ragged coat. (This coat had once been the spring overcoat of some one twice as big as Small Pertaters, and it was worn to a fringe all around the bottom from trailing on the ground.)

"I'd ruther," said Small Pertaters, "have one of them nor any thin' else. They's meat an' wegetables an' candy an' cake all to wunst, they is. An' how brown their kivers is. I never seen sich werry brown kivers on a pie afore."

At this moment a gentleman and a lovely fair-haired little girl, followed by a small white dog, went into the shop, stayed there a short time, and coming out again, hastened up the avenue. Small Pertaters gazed after them.

"Her hair was jist like shiny gole," he said. "S'pect she has mince pie every day of her life. But it's no use me standin' here. It makes me hungrer an' hungrer lookin' at them pies. I'll go home an' eat my supper; an' 'tain't every boy what's got a soupbone, with a lot of marrer in it an' a hunk of gristle an' meat a-hangin' to it, an' a fresh biscuit, an' a cole biled pertater, in his coat tail pocket."

And, turning quickly from the window, he spied the small white dog which had been following the gentleman and the golden haired child sniffing at the same coat-tail pocket.

"Jimmy Jinks!" said Small Pertaters; "if that hog of a dog ain't a-tryin' to hook my bone. An' I sp'ect he has more soup bones nor what he knows what to do with where he lives, for he's a nobby dog, he is. Git out, you swell pup."

And the "swell pup," starting to get out, discovered that he had lost his master and mistress, and ran to and fro, with nose to the snow-covered pavement, eagerly seeking a trail of them, for five or ten minutes. Then, giving up in despair, he seated himself before the boy, who stood watching him, and shaking his muddy little paws, looked up into his face in the most beseeching manner.

"It's too bad," said Small Pertaters, patting his head with a very dirty hand. "Guess they must have got on to a car, ole feller; an' the best thing you kin do is to come home with me, an' we'll look for 'em to-morey."

"'THEY SMELLS BULLY GOOD,' HE SAID."

And, as though he understood his new friend perfectly, the dog trotted after him as he went a few blocks down the avenue, and turned, first into Thirteenth street, and then into Gansevoort street. Here the boy strode quickly along, whistling cheerily, his hands in what was left of his trousers pockets, until he stumbled over something that was lying on the sidewalk. Stooping to see what it was, he found a brown hen, with her legs sticking up straight and stiff.

"It's got shut out of its lodgin's'" said he, "an' it's froze. But p'r'ps 'tain't a hull goner. I'll git it loose an' take it home with me, anyhow."

So he searched about until he found a stone, with which he broke the ice around the hen, and, setting it free, with the loss of a few feathers, he went on again, carrying it with him, the dog still following. But he had only gone a block farther, when he heard a pitiful mewing come from an ash-barrel that stood before a tenement house, and, peeping in, he saw a black and white kitten sitting on the ashes.

"'Pears to me I'm boun' to have a party ter-night," said Small Pertaters. "Here's another young friend a-waitin' to come home with me. All right, pussy; here goes." And he lifted her out of the barrel, and stowed her away inside of his big coat. "There's nothin' mean 'bout me, 'specially roun' Christmas times."

And in another minute or two he and his three guests had arrived at the end of the street, and the end of their journey. They had reached Small Pertaters' home—"sweet, sweet home," indeed, in one sense of the word; for what do you think it was? An old molasses cask lying upon its side on the wharf, near the river. Getting down on his hands and knees, Small Pertaters, by the aid of a street lamp that stood near by, took a survey of the inside of the cask, and finding no intruder there, crawled in, laid down the hen and kitten, and then went back for the dog, who lingered at the entrance.

"Come in, ole feller," said he coaxingly.

But the dog suddenly turned tail, and was making off, when Small Pertaters sprung out and flourished the bone before his nose. The temptation was too much. Master Dog joined the party in the molasses cask; and, when the supper was served, Small Pertaters gave him the larger part of the meat and gristle, and, spreading the marrow as well as he could—for it was hard and cold—on the biscuit, he fed half of it to the kitten, keeping the other half and the cold potato for himself. As for the hen, she lay on her back as stiff as ever.

"Guess she must be froze all through," said Small Pertaters; and then, with a sigh, he murmured: "I ain't so werry full as I might be. Wished—I—had—one—of—them—mince—" and fell fast asleep, the cat and dog snuggled up, one each side of him.

Bright and early Christmas morning a gentleman and a lovely little girl called upon the owner of the bakery into the window of which Small Pertaters had been looking the night before.

"Did you see anything of a little white dog, after we left your shop last night?" they both asked, in the same breath.

"No; I did not, I am sorry to say," was the answer.

The tears started to the child's eyes.

"Don't cry, dear," said her papa. "We haven't half looked for him yet. We'll find the policeman who was on this beat at the time we lost him, and very likely he can tell us something about him. If he can't, I'll advertise in all the papers to-morrow."

But, fortunately, the policenan, whom they soon found, remembered seeing a small white dog trotting after a boy, between 9 and 10 o'clock the night before.

"The boy was Small Pertaters," he said, "and that's the reason I didn't ask anything about the dog. He's an honest, good-hearted little chap, though he is a reg'lar street-boy, with no friends except such as he makes in the street. They call him 'Small Pertaters' 'cause he's no bigger than a boy of 6 or 7, though he must be 9 or 10. But, small as he is, he can beat and boy I ever saw at climbing and jumping. And, as I was saying, when I saw the dog with him I didn't give it a second thought."

"Where does he live?" asked the child, eagerly.

"Most anywhere, I guess, Miss," answered the policeman. "He ain't got any reg'lar home."

"And you can't tell us where to find him?" said the gentleman. "My little girl's Christmas won't be a very merry one unless she gets some tidings of her pet."

"Well, sir, you might make a try for it. Go along the north side of Gansevoort street till you come to the river; Small Pertaters has a sleeping place somewhere in that neighborhood, and maybe you'll meet him coming over to the avenue a-looking for his breakfast."

So, leaving many thanks and a silver dollar for the officer's baby son behind them, the child and her father started off again, and, reaching Gansevoort street, turned into it, walking slowly along and watching both sides of the way, when, just as they arrived at the last corner, they met another policeman.

"Small Pertaters?" said he, in answer to a question of Mr. Mitchell's (that was the name of the little girl's father). "I guess you'll find him at home."

"And is his home near?" asked Dolly (that was the name of the little girl herself).

"Right over there," replied the policeman. But, as there was no house where he pointed, the gentleman began to laugh. "Do you see that molasses cask?" said he. "Well, that's Small Pertaters' home."

"What a queer home!" said Dolly; and, running across the street, she stooped and looked into the cask. There lay the poor boy, a piece of carpet wrapped around him, fast asleep. On his breast sat the kitten washing her face, and from his side, with a joyful bark, bounded a little white dog to greet his beloved mistress. The bark awoke the sleeping boy. He rubbed his eyes with his knuckles, opened them, saw a lovely face looking in at him, heard a sweet voice call "Merry Christmas, Small Pertaters," and scrambled, winking and blinking, out into the sunlight.

"Jiminy Jinks! if I didn't think you was one of them Christmas angels, fust," he said, with a curious mixture of shyness and boldness. "Then I 'membered 'twas you I seen last night comin' out of a mince pie—I mean a baker shop. An' I foun' your little dorg, an' I picked up a kitten an' a froze chicking. Jiminy Jenks! if she ain't melted," he exclaimed, as the hen came slowly walking out of the cask. "An' I went halves with my supper an' had a regular Christmas party."

"I'm ever so much obliged to you," said Dolly; "and we'd like to have you come to our house and have a Christmas dinner. Wouldn't we, papa?" she added, turning to her father, who now stood beside her.

"Indeed we would, replied the father.

"I don't look good enough," stammered Small Pertaters, glancing at his ragged clothes.

"But you are good enough, all the same," said Dolly. "Any boy that'll take home a lost dog and cat and chicken, when his home's nothing but a big barrel, and give them their supper, when he don't know where he'll get his breakfast next morning, is good enough to go anywhere. And you can bring your company with you."

And off they all started—the little girl carrying the chicken in her arms, the dog running gayly by her side, Small Pertaters following with the struggling hen hugged close to his breast. And after they reached the gentleman's house it wasn't long before the unexpected visitor had had a warm bath and a warm breakfast, and only a little longer before he found himself dressed in new clothes from head to foot.

And the next day a bright-faced, neat-looking lad tacked a paper, on which was printed the words "To Let," on the big molasses cask that lay on the wharf, and then, stepping backward a few steps, he made a flying leap over it, and ran away from his old street life forever.

"MERRY CHRISTMAS, SMALL PERTATERS."

Leather Unlucky at Christmas.

Christmas being the period in which gifts are numerous it seems rather curious that it should be thought unlucky to bring shoes or leather articles into the house at this period, but such things are forbidden in an English county. In another it is counted unlucky to bring any holly into the house before Christmas Eve, and in London it must all be burned on Twelfth Day morning.

TEMPERANCE TOPICS.

NOTES OF INTEREST TO THE ANTI-LIQUOR LEADERS.

Liquor Has No Value as a Tonic—Were It Not for the Traffic Three-Fourths of Our Jails and Penal Institutions Would Have No Tenants.

Respectable.

WANTED—To sell—a first-class saloon—respectable trade—suitable for young people.

Advertisement in a local paper.

Respectable! No, sir, I say it ain't in it.
I'll tell you what is, though; just listen a minute,
'Taint a long story; no, I can't say it's jest news.

Though the whole country side knows I ain't partic'lur. Call it that if you choose.
The old elm tree a-swayin', roof tumblin' in, but that ain't jest all.
There's something beside, sir; an aged mother sits there,
She never smiles, how can she—the woman with faded gray hair?

Why? 'Cause they took her boy—her peart little Bill—
And ground him up fine; yes, siree, in the devil's trade-mill.
No likelier boy nor Bill to be found—a peart little kid—
Freckled face, curls all of a tangle where the sunshine lay hid.

Lovin', too, she'll tell you, poor soul, what her boy used to say:
"Mother, when I'm a man, I'll work for you some day."
And she smoothed back the tangle, as mothers will do, you know,
And hugged him a dozen times, afore she'd let him go.

But the trade did the "job;" yes, mister, that's what.
Bye and bye Bill was a bum—first-class—loafer and sot,
Not all to wonce, though, for at first she fretted a bit 'bout her Bill,
Though she whispered "God love the boy; boys will be boys, they will."

But after a bit, it's so, sir, she sat up nights with tears drippin' fast
And a stab at her heart when the gate clicked at last.
Something froze at her heart as she stood at the wide open door,
What was that on the shutter? Her lips parted then, but no more.

Did she dream? Was it her boy, a-lyin' there so quiet-lika and still,
Her curly-headed, freckled-face lad—her own little Bill?
She didn't cry out, 'twa'nt her way, but her lips turned so white
When the rough men blubbered, in whispers, somethin' 'bout a street fight.

Now she'll sit at the gate way long after dark, and often and often she'll sigh,
A-watchin' for Bill, and whisperin', "God love the lad, he'll come home bye and bye."
Respectable! No, sir, I say it ain't in it.
I ain't much at givin' advice, but, mister, don't ever—don't ever begin it.

No Value as a Tonic.

As a tonic I found it of no value. While the patients took it, for the first few days or nights (generally not more than a week) the anaesthetic effect diminished their feeling of weakness; but there lies the great delusion. One of the curiosities in alcohol is the delusion it has upon the world. The Bible does not say in vain, that wine is a mocker, strong drink is raging, and whosoever is deceived thereby is not wise! When a little alcohol is given, just such as would be considered a tonic, what does it do? Just like ether or chloroform, or any other anaesthetic, it dulls the cerebral hemispheres, and so removes for the time being the consciousness of aches, and pains, and weariness, and leaves the individual at ease. A little further and it diminishes these sensations still more, and the body begins to feel light, and hardly conscious of its own weight. In this stage there frequently comes the disposition to dance and sing and the tongue gets loose. (The world calls that excitement evidence of stimulus, but, instead of accepting that verdict, analyze it, and it is exactly parallel with every other anaesthetic. The patient goes through exactly the same stages with chloroform. But where is the surgeon who supposes that stimulates or invigorates his patient?) It is only the transition from the beginning of diminished consciousness, next he begins to lose his sense of propriety, and talks as he would not talk were he free from that influence.—Dr. N. S. Davis, Chicago.

Condemn the License System.

The Presbyterian synod of Illinois, in session at Galesburg October 21, passed the following resolutions:

"Resolved, That this synod believes it to be one of the most urgent duties of the hour to combine and concentrate the efforts, prayers and votes of all Christian people and all enemies of the saloon for the speedy destruction of the liquor traffic and the vicious license system which legalizes it and protects it.

"Resolved, That this synod disapproves and condemns the use of wines at the late Princeton banquet as an outrage, and the signing of petitions for a saloon license for the Princeton bar by professors of the university as an act unworthy of Christian men and a standing reproach to the institution. The synod repeats its declarations of sympathy and approval with the American Anti-Saloon League, Citizens' League and all other organizations and efforts that have for their object the overthrow of the great shame and crime of the legalized liquor traffic.

"Resolved, That the fourth Sabbath of November be observed as temperance day by recommendation of the general assembly."

A Dreadful Evil.

A dreadful evil is upon the people. It is the immoderate use of alcoholic beverages. This demon shoots in all directions its poison-laden arrows. It obtains dominion among all classes of society. The poor man's garret, the marble palace of the rich man open alike to it their doors. Prince and peasant, merchant and laborer, man and woman, in turn are stricken down. It casts over brightest minds its stygian shades. It debases and degrades. It scatters along its pathway disease and death. Poverty and want are its retinue. It demolishes homes, blasts the happiness of wife and child, laughs at the purest and most sacred affections, delights in the ruin of innocence and virtue. It fills gaols and asylums, carts victims to morgues and gibbets. It gnaws away the foundations of civil society, and defiles strong governments, whose hands it paralyzes. Yea, it transmits beyond the grave its fatal curse. Having mocked and racked its victim in this life, it casts him, deprived of reason, sin-laden and unshriven, before the tribunal of eternal justice.—Cardinal Manning.

Evils of Moderate Doses.

The uselessness, if not harmfulness, of even moderate doses of alcohol, rests on better evidence than scientific deductions and experiments. In connection with the sanitation of armies, thousands of experiments upon large bodies of men have been made, and have led to the result that in peace and war, in every climate, in heat and cold, and rain, soldiers are better able to endure the fatigue of the most exhausting marches when they are not allowed any alcohol at all. A similar result is observed in the case of the navies and in thousands of commercial vessels belonging to Great Britain and the United States, which put to sea without a drop of alcohol. Most whalers are manned by total abstainers. The mental exertions of all kinds are better undergone by most people who have made the trial. Alcohol, then, makes no one stronger; it only deadens the feeling of fatigue.—Dr. G. Bunge, professor of physiological chemistry, University of Basle, Switzerland.

True Enough.

Judge after judge tells us that but for drink we might shut three-fourths of our gaols. Our chief physicians say that this luxury is perfectly needless for health, and in most cases injurious to it. The hospitals report that it is the cause of nine-tenths of the accidents and three-fourths of the disease. From the work houses, police courts, lunatic asylums, homes for idiots, comes the same monotonous, hideous tale. The most experienced judge of our courts says that seventy-five per cent. of divorces are due to drink.—Canon Farrar.

A Prayer.

O Lord, the hard-won miles
Have worn my stumbling feet;
Oh, soothe me with thy smiles,
And make my life complete.

The thorns were thick and keen
Where'er I trembling trod;
The way was long between
My wounded feet and God.

Where healing waters flow
Do thou my footsteps lead,
My heart is aching so;
The gracious balm I need.

Temperance Notes.

All the liquor licenses have expired at Cape May, N. J., and the council has refused to consider applications.

There were 140 gallons of whisky, brandy, wine and gin recently seized at Seattle, Wash., by customs inspectors on the steamship Alta, due to sail to Alaska.

The National Council of the Knights of Columbus, in session in New Haven, Conn., voted to admit no more liquor dealers into the order and to request the withdrawal of those of that class who are already members.

The fifteen months old child of Mr. and Mrs. Henry Panpert of Chicago drank a part of the contents of a small bottle of whisky, carelessly left in a closet, and died in convulsions before medical aid could be summoned.

The national convention of missionary societies of the Christian church, in session at Indianapolis, Ind., adopted a resolution declaring unalterable hostility to the liquor traffic, and denouncing the saloon as a disgrace to American civilization.

The Presbyterian synod of New Jersey, in session at Plainfield, passed the following resolution: "The synod finds occasion to reiterate the judgment that the renting of property for saloon purposes and signing of liquor licenses is not consistent with Christianity, and that the attention of all presbyteries, sessions, pastors and teachers be brought to bear upon this matter."

The Church of Temperance Society (Episcopal) of New York city, has recently put into operation a small coffee cart, which will go about the city for the special benefit of workmen engaged in constructing new buildings. During the past summer this society conducted a summer ice water charity on the same plan. The cost for supplying ice and keeping the several fountains in operation was about $600.

The New York synod of the United Presbyterian church, in session at Jersey City, adopted the report of the committee on reform, which says: "The conditions of society are now more threatening than ever and cannot be ignored much longer. With what astonishment and humility was the fact learned that a drinking bar, legalized through the signing of a petition by professors, has been established in old Princeton college. We cannot do less than enter our emphatic protest against the appearance of this old monster under the sanction of professors in American Protestant institutions of education."

"What is unconventional, Uncle Jim?"

"Unconventional? Well, it is being too good natured to get vexed with people who haven't any manners."

RAM'S HORN BLASTS.

Warning Notes Calling the Wicked to Repentance.

WHAT H... midnight? ... ery strike ... the clock ... morning ... Our prayers ... guidance will ... be heard ... we are willing ... be led.

This is a ... world, and if ... don't work, ... surely freeze ... death.

No right thing is impossible.

The pig would rather have swill than roses.

A cat's heaven would have to be full of mice.

Marrying for money is an expensive investment.

The man who has a hobby will never lack for exercise.

The world takes off its hat to the man going up the ladder.

What the fox lacks in legs he has to make up in cunning.

A large head may be as empty as last year's bird's nest.

Why be troubled about the trouble that may never happen?

The devil roars with laughter when professed Christians fly at each other's throats.

The only thing in the world so great as the death of a Christian is the life of a Christian.

It was because Job devoted all his time to walking uprightly that he succeeded so well.

There are multitudes of people in our churches who, if knocked off their "spiritual standing," would not fall far enough to break any bones.

A DERVISH MIMIC.

Wonderful Piece of Pantomime and Imitation.

Among the men who now leaped off the railway trucks and hurried off to their breakfasts was one black dervish worthy of mention, says the London Times. This was Somid, the Soudanese jester of the camp, who never failed to always raise a roar of laughter in the working gangs, and is of distinct service, keeping up the men's spirits, as he does, by clever mimicry and quaint tricks. A bugler in Hicks Pasha's ill-fated army, he was captured by the dervishes and taken to the Mahdi's camp at Omdurman. There he discovered that he could make his life easier by playing the buffoon, and he became the jester of Wad el Bishara, the famous emir who commanded the dervish forces that were opposed to us last year. He used to be called up to amuse his master's friends by giving imitations of the British officers with whom he had been brought into contact.

Recaptured by us last year at the battle of Hafir, he now, when not employed in rail-laying, keeps the camp in a roar by his close imitations of his former master Bishara and other English notables. Seeing strangers in camp he approached us with a comical waddle, and then proceeded, surrounded by a crowd of his appreciative countrymen, to favor us with what was mainly a very extraordinary entertainment. First he impersonated the great Emir Yunes; sword over shoulder, he swaggered up and down as through the dervish camp, boasting of his power and declaring that he would destroy the enemies of God and drive the British into the sea. Then he suddenly became Ward el Bishara, the true soldier, with graver mien than before; speaking calmly and deliberately, he walked with slow dignity a leader of men, giving orders to his officers in jerky terms. The different characters of the two emirs were so clearly brought out by this close observer and marvellous mimic that one felt one would always be able to recognize the two men with certainty if ever one met them. From the grave he passed to the ludicrous and took off the mannerisms of a native clerk on the railway works, of an impatient bimbashi carrying on a conversation through the telephone with an indistinct but imperturbable Egyptian at the other end of the wire. Next, with a most ghastly realism, he gave a representation of a hanging man, which was true to life and to death, for he must have witnessed many an execution by hanging in the dervish camp.

Then he became Wad el Bishara again at the battle of Hafir, encouraging his men and laughing scornfully at the shells which burst around him, the sound of which Somid faithfully reproduced. A variety of other tricks were performed by this versatile black. In the day we came across him at work on the railway. He had laid down a rail, and, seeing us, proceeded to imitate the action of a man sketching a portrait. In a moment we recognized every turn of the head and hand, the pose, even the expression of face of one of the war artists with us. It was a wonderful piece of pantomime and mimicry.

Cost of Saluting the Sun.

The United States has not a particularly large military establishment; in fact, it is regarded as meager for an extensive territory—neither has it many posts from which the sun is saluted at morning and evening. It costs the Government $20,000 annually for ammunition for the morning and evening gun, which figures out the expense at $54.79 for each of the days in the year.

Anything for a Quiet Life.

Aunt—Well, Bobby, what do you want to be when you grow up?

Bobby (suffering from parental discipline)—An orphan.—Tid-Bits.

Sin may be ugly but it encourages the art of beauty culture.

HORN BLASTS.

Calling the Wicked to Repentance.

WHAT if it be midnight? Every stroke of the clock brings morning nearer.

Our prayers for guidance will not be heard unless we are willing to be led.

This is a cold world, and if you don't work, you'll surely freeze to death.

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Piece of Pantomime and Imitation.

...e men who now leaped on ... trucks and hurried off to ...fasts was one black ex...ethy of mention, says the ...ws. This was Somid, the ...ster of the camp, who ca... a roar of laughter in the ...gs, and is of distinct ser... up the men's spirits, as he ...clever mimicry and que... ...ngler in Hicks Pasha's ... he was captured by the ...nd taken to the Mahdi ...durman. There he disco... could make his life easi... he buffoon, and he became ...f Wad el Bishara, the ... who commanded the devis... were opposed to us la... ...ed to be called up to amu... friends by giving imit... British officers with whom ... brought into contact.

...d by us last year at the ...dfir, he now, when not e... ...ntal laying, keeps the ca... ...y his close imitations of his ...ster Bishara and other der... Seeing strangers in cam... ...ed us with a comical wa... ...hen proceeded, surround... of his appreciative count... ...or us with what was c... ...ry extraordinary enterta... ...t he impersonated the gre... ..., sword over shoulder, ...tip and down as through ...tup, boasting of his prowe... ...ring that he would destr... ...s of God and drive the Eg... ...e sea. Then he suddenly ... ...el Bishara, the true soldi... ...r union than before; speak... ...d deliberately, he walk... ...dignity a leader of men, ... to his officers in prec... ...e different characters of t... were so clearly brought ... ...ose observed and marvel... ...t one felt one would alm... recognize the two men ... ...f ever one met them. F... ...he passed to the ludicrous; ...he mannerisms of a na... ...he railway works, of an ... ...hbash carrying on a con... ...ough the telephone with ... ...but imperturbable Egyp... ...r end of the wire. Next, ...astly realism, he gave ... ...tion of a hanging man, ...o life and to death, for So... ...e witnessed many an ex... ...nging in the dervish cam... ...e became Wad el Bish... ...he battle of Hafir, encou... ...en and laughing scornful... ...which burst around him, ...which Sonid faithfully re... ...variety of other tricks ... ...by this versatile black. I... ...we came across him a... ...n the railway. He had ... ...a rail, and, seeing us, ...imitate the action of ... ...a portrait. In a moment ...d every turn of the head ...pose, even the expressi... ...ne of the war artists wit... ...wonderful piece of panto... ...ery.

...st of Saluting the Sun.

...nited States has not a pa... ...ge military establishme... ...s regarded as meager for ...ve territory—neither ha... ...ts from which the sun ... ...morning and evening. S... ...Government $20,000 a... ...nition for the morning ... ...gun, which figures out t... ...$54 79 for each of the 36... ...ar.

...ything for a Quiet Life.

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...ay be ugly But it undoe... ...of beauty culture.

Strange Death of Three Brothers. At Clomerac, in France, three brothers named Mose, all over 80 years old, have just died on alternate days in a very strange manner. The first was found Monday in a cellar half eaten by rats. The second was found Wednesday in a stable under a heap of potatoes, and the eldest, living at Flaviac, was discovered two days later dead under his bed.

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EMINENT DIVINES' SERMONS

DR. TALMAGE ON THE ICHTHYOLOGY OF THE BIBLE.

"Self-Heroism" is the Title of the Fifth of the New York Herald's Competitive Sermons—By a New Jersey Minister—Talmage on "God Among the Fishes."

"Be strong, and quit yourselves like men."—I. Samuel, iv., 9.

Reputation is what a person seems to be; character is what he is. A man's real self is within, not without; and any permanent progress must proceed from the centre toward the circumference of his life. What is on him or around him cannot determine his value. The aristocracy of character includes the members of the real nobility of earth. Such are they who fight the bravest battles and win the most valiant victories.

Real glory
Springs from the silent conquest of ourselves,
And without that the conqueror is naught
But the first slave.

My sermon is dedicated to these victors, and my subject is their namesake, "Self-Heroism"—the heroism of self-examination, the heroism of self-preparation, the heroism of self-concentration, the heroism of self-perpetuation.

I.—The Heroism of Self-Examination.

Nothing is insignificant. There is a divine meaning in the existence of everything. No life can infringe upon another's right of way in living; for the legitimate property of no two lives lies along exactly the same track. Each life is a monopoly in itself; for to each has been given the sole permission to exercise certain exclusive powers. The author of my being has made a mistake or my life is of tremendous significance. Introspection partakes of the heroic. Ignorance of self-knowledge is the reef upon which many of the conquerors of the world have been wrecked. They knew others, but did not know themselves. They guided others, but failed to guide themselves. They mastered others, but could not master themselves. The fields upon which they were victors lay beyond themselves; the fields upon which they were victims lay within themselves. If self-examination were an applied science, I venture the opinion that some who are now in the pulpit would be behind the plough; some who are at the bar would be in the blacksmith shop; some who are in Congress would be in the cornfield; some who sit in faculties would be in fossil beds, and others would awake to their native right and riches and put honor upon lives divinely gifted. Whoever you are, wherever you are, be brave enough, be honest enough to get intimately and accurately acquainted with yourself, and with Jean Paul Richter be enabled to say: "I have made as much out of myself as could be made of the stuff, and no one can require more."

II.—The Heroism of Self-Preparation.

Gibbon tells us that every one has two educations—one which he receives from others and one which he gives to himself. The popular idea of education seems to be the art of allowing others to do as much for us as we have the capacity of receiving. "He is not capable of receiving an education" is a suggestive expression. True education is self-preparation. It must find something within you, or it brings nothing out of you. It converts your possibilities into practical powers. The richer a nature the harder and slower its self-preparation and development. To-day the noblest figure in Europe stands erect under the snows of more than fourscore winters, and because of his rigid, righteous self-preparation through all these years the "Grand Old Man" is the freshest in thought and maturest in wisdom of all who meet in the councils of men. Patient preparation is permanent power. In an age that lacks composure men are apt to mature too quickly and decay too soon. Reserve power should be greater than spent power. By self-preparation deposit each day for future drafts, and then you are not apt to overcheck your account.

III.—The Heroism of Self-Concentration.

A life often fails to make a lasting impression because of its diffusion. What we call genius is frequently only the child of application. To attempt any thing and to accomplish nothing is a fatal folly. While we are striving to know something about everything we must zealously try to know everything about something. The higher and more unselfish the end toward which we direct our lives the greater is the demand for intense and ceaseless concentration of our noblest powers. Focus your best powers upon the details of your life work. These may seem to be trifles; but remember the wise words of the painstaking artist: "Trifles make perfection, and perfection is no trifle." Like the fabled bird in the Oriental legend which slept on the wing, learn to rest in your labor, but never rest from your labor. Contemplate! Concentrate! Consecrate!

IV.—The Heroism of Self-Perpetuation.

Great and good men are not half living when they are alive. Their best and truest life on earth comes after they walk no longer on earth. In their day Moses and Paul were not near so influential as they are to-day. Truth, like a seed, does not bear its fruit in a day, and the richer the truth and more precious the seed the longer the full fruition is delayed. Great principles and great lives, like great bodies, move slowly. A man's self becomes a part of the truth to which his life is wedded, and as this truth passes beyond the limit of his visible existence and takes its endless course through the ages the best part of the man is perpetuated. Each life is a contribution to history; but few lives have their historians. Heroic lives are oftentimes written anonymously upon the tablets of time, and coming ages never recall by name their greatest benefactors. Some men are dead while they are living; others are living while they are dead. Think much of your post-mortem life among men. Maintain an uncompromising enmity toward the false; an invincible friendship toward the true. Cultivate a practical faith in the living God. Accept Christ as your Ideal and Redeemer. This is the hidden spring of self-heroism. It crowns man's life with the truest success; and when the veil is lifted he shall stand erect in the light of a glorified manhood.

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FINDS GOD IN THE FISHES.

Rev. Dr. Talmage Discourses on the Ichthyology of the Bible.

TEXT: "And God said, Let the waters bring forth abundantly the moving creatures that hath life."—Genesis i., 20.

Is it not strange that the Bible imagery is so unwrought from the fisheries, when the Holy Land is, for the most part, an inland region?

The world's geography has changed. Lake Galilee was larger and deeper and better stocked than now, and, no doubt, the rivers were deeper and the fisheries were of far more importance than now. Besides that, there was the Mediterranean Sea only thirty-five miles away, and the fish were salted or dried and brought inland, and so much of that article of food was sold in Jerusalem that a fish market gave the name to one of the gates of Jerusalem nearby, and it was called the Fish Gate.

So important was the fish that the God Dagon, worshipped by the Philistines, was made half fish and half man, and that is the meaning of the Lord's indignation when in 1st Samuel we read that this Dagon, the fish god, stood beside the ark of the Lord, and Dagon was by invisible hands dashed to pieces, because the Philistines had dared to make the fish a god.

Layard and Wilkinson found the fish an object of idolatry all through Assyria and Egypt. The Nile was full of fish, and that explains the horrors of the plague that slaughtered the finny tribe all up and down that river, which has been and is now the main artery of Egypt's life. The fish has priority of residence over every living thing. It preceded the bird, the quadruped, the human race. The next thing done after God had kindled for our world the golden chandelier of the sun, and the silver chandelier of the moon, was to make the fish. The first motion of the principle of life, a principle that all the thousands of years since have not been able to define or analyze, the very first stir of life was in the fish to confound the scientists. It does not take the universe to prove a God. A fish does it. No wonder that Linnaeus and Cuvier and Agassiz and the greatest minds of all the centuries sat enraptured before its anatomy. Oh, its beauty, and the adaptedness.

The Lord, by placing the fish in the second course of the menu in paradise, making it precede beast and bird, indicated to the world the importance of the fish as an article of human food. We mix up a fantastic food that kills the most of us before thirty years of age. Custards and whipped syllabubs and Roman punches and chicken salads at midnight are a gauntlet that few have strength to run. We put on many a tombstone epitaphs saying that the one beneath died of patriotic service, or from exhaustion in religious work, when nothing killed the poor fellow but lobster eating at a party four hours after he ought to have been sound asleep in bed.

No man or woman ever amounted to anything who was brought up on floating island or angel cake. The world must turn back to paradisaic diet if it is to get paradisaic morals and paradisaic health. The human race to-day needs more phosphorus, and the fish is charged and surcharged with phosphorus. Phosphorus that which shines in the dark without burning! What made the twelve Apostles such stalwart men that they could endure anything and achieve everything? Next to divine inspiration, it was because they were nearly all fishermen and lived on fish and a few plain condiments. Paul, though not brought up to swing the net and throw the lash, must of necessity have adopted the diet of the population among whom he lived, and you see the phosphorus in his daring plea before Felix, and the phosphorus in his boldest of all utterances before the wiseacres on Mars Hill, and the phosphorus as he went without fright to his beheading, and the phosphorus you see in the lives of all the apostles, who moved right on undaunted to certain martyrdom, whether to be decapitated or flung off precipices or hung in crucifixion. Phosphorus, shining in the dark without burning! No man or woman that ever lived was independent of questions of diet. Napoleon lost one of his great battles through an attack of indigestion. The cook in kitchen, or encampment, has decided many of the great battles.

The fools who become infidels because they cannot understand the engulfment of the recreant Jonah in a sea monster might have saved their souls by studying a little natural history. "Oh," says some one, "that story of Jonah was only a fable." Say others, "It was interpolated by some writer of later times." Others say, "It was a reproduction of the story of Hercules devoured and then restored from the monster." But my reply is that history tells us that there were monsters large enough to whelm ships. The extinct ichthyosaurus of other ages was thirty feet long, and as late as the sixth century of the Christian era, up and down the Mediterranean, there floated monsters compared with which a modern whale was a sardine or a herring. The shark has again and again been found to have swallowed a man entire. A fisherman on the coast of Turkey found a sea monster which contained a woman and a purse of gold. I have seen in museums sea monsters large enough to take down a prophet. But I have a better reason for believing the Old Testament account, and that is that Christ said it was true and a type of His own resurrection, and I suppose He ought to know. In Matthew xii., 40, Jesus Christ says: "For as Jonas was three days and three nights in the whale's belly, so shall the Son of Man be three days and three nights in the heart of the earth." And that settles it for me and for any man who does not believe Christ a dupe and an imposter.

God help us amid the Gospel Fisheries, whether we employ hook or net, for the day cometh when we shall see how much depended on our fidelity. Christ himself declared: "The kingdom of heaven is like unto a net that was cast into the sea and gathered of every kind, which, when it was full, they drew to shore, and sat down and gathered the good in the vessels, but cast the bad away; so shall it be at the end of the world, the angels shall come forth and separate the wicked from the just." Yes, the fishermen think it best to keep the useful and worthless of the haul in the same net until it is drawn upon the beach, and then the division takes place, and if it is on Long Island coast, the moss-bunkers are thrown out and the bluefish and shad preserved; or, if it is on the shore of Galilee, the fish classified as silurids are hurled back into the water or thrown up the bank as unclean, while the perch and the carp and the barbel are put in pails to be carried home for use. So in the church on earth, and the saints and the hypocrits, the generous and the mean, the chaste and the unclean, are kept in the same membership, but at death the division will be made, and the good will be gathered into heaven and the bad, however many holy communions they may have celebrated, and how many rhetorical prayers they may have offered, and however many years their names may have been on the church rolls, will be cast away. God forbid that any of us should be among the "cast away." But may we do our work, whether small or great, as thoroughly as did that renowned fisherman, Rev. Dr. George W. Bethune, who spent his summer rest angling in the waters around the Thousand Islands, and beating at their own craft those who plied it all the year, and who, the rest of his time, gloriously preached Christ to the people of Philadelphia or Brooklyn, and ordering for his own obsequies: "Lay me out in my pulpit gown and bands, with my own pocket Bible in my right hand. Bury me with my mother, my father and my grandmother, Isabella Graham." Sing also the hymn I composed years ago:

Jesus, Thou Prince of Life,
Thy chosen cannot die.
Like Thee they conquer in the strife,
To reign with Thee on high."

CHEAP TYPEWRITERS IN SIGHT.

The Patents on Essential Improvements Have Expired.

The Typewriter Trust is in danger. As the patents on all of the essential improvements in the typewriter run out from ago, it is now possible to duplicate almost any machine in the market.

The matter having thus been reduced to a question of factory cost, which is alleged to be about $15, the time is regarded by many as having arrived for a bold stroke to gain the supremacy in the market. It is believed that the $100 machine will go now, as the high price maintained by the Trust permits rival concerns to live, and the opposition companies are making a larger allowance for a second hand machine of trust make than would be allowed for it by the combination itself. This amounts to a cut in the price.

Increase in Postal Receipts.

A statement prepared at the Postoffice Department shows that the gross postal receipts at fifty of the largest offices for November amount to $3,527,864, an increase of $385,383, or 12 9-12 per cent. over the corresponding month of last year. These receipts are greater than for any November in the history of the service. Postmaster General Gary expressed himself as very much gratified at this showing made, and said he regarded it as a accurate barometer of the improved business condition of the country.

THE SABBATH SCHOOL.

INTERNATIONAL LESSON COMMENTS FOR DECEMBER 25.

Lesson Text: "God's Love in the Gift of His Son," I John iv., 9-16 (Christmas Lesson)—Read Luke ii., 1-20.—Commentary by the Rev. D. M. Stearns.

The lesson committee having given the choice of this as a Christmas lesson instead of the quarterly review, doubtless the majority will prefer this to the review, and as the quarter has taken us over the last stages of Paul's sojourn in the mortal body and given us his oft repeated testimony that he was ready to die for Christ it is not aside from the main thought of the review to turn to Him who died for us all and was born in Bethlehem that He might die on Calvary, the just for the unjust.

9. "In this was manifested the love of God toward us, because that God sent His only begotten Son into the world that we might live through Him." In chapter iii., 16, it is written, "Hereby perceive we the love of God, because He laid down His life for us, and we ought to lay down our lives for the brethren." In Rom. v., 8, it is, "God commendeth His love toward us in that while we were yet sinners Christ died for us." At the Christmas time, when all are merry and send gifts to each other as they talk and sing of Him who was born in Bethlehem, do we stop to consider what it cost Him to leave His home in glory and become a helpless babe in Mary's arms or what it cost His Father, God, to give Him up to this humiliation unheard of before in the history of all worlds as far as we know?

10. "Herein is love, not that we loved God, but that He loved us and sent His Son to be the propitiation for our sins." Oh, the depth of meaning in that phrase, "propitiation for our sins!" See Him in Gethsemane sweating, as it were, great drops of blood. Hear Him on Calvary cry out, "My God, my God, why hast Thou forsaken Me?" and talk not of Livingstone for Africa, or Lincoln for America, or a mother for her child as an analogy or in any way illustrating His sufferings for us. It is next to blasphemy so to do. His sufferings for our sins as far exceeded all suffering earth ever saw as heaven is higher than earth and God's thoughts higher than ours. He who knew no sin was made sin for us. The Lord laid upon Him the iniquity of us all. It pleased the Lord to bruise Him. He was wounded for our transgressions. Who can measure the significance of such statements?

11. "Beloved, if God so loved us, we ought also to love one another." How often we have read and heard "God so loved us," and we are glad that He so loved as to provide eternal redemption freely for us even at such a cost. But what do we know about loving one another and laying down our lives for the brethren? Do we not often know more about hating one another, or at least disliking one another? I speak of Christians so called. And as to loving the heathen in Africa or China or Japan or India, or the islands of the sea, or the poor Eskimos for Christ's sake—what do we know of it?

12. "No man hath seen God at any time. If we love one another, God dwelleth in us, and His love is perfected in us." It is also written in John i., 18: "No man hath seen God at any time. The only begotton Son which is in the bosom of the Father, He hath declared Him." We cannot know God except as we know Him in Christ. When Philip said to Him, "Lord, show us the Father," He answered, "He that hath seen Me hath seen the Father." God was in Christ. We who have received Christ and are saved by His precious blood are saved in order that God may dwell in us manifestly and be seen in our words and works. There is nothing that manifests God quite so much as love—the love that was seen in Christ and is so fully described in I Cor. xiii. Let the children at this Christmas time be taught that He who dwelt in the little babe of Bethlehem will dwell in them and manifest His love in them.

13. "Hereby know we that we dwell in Him and He in us, because He hath given us of His Spirit." The first fruit of the Spirit is love (Gal. v., 22), and love seems to include all the rest, and love is the fulfilling of the law. Notice that as freely as He gave His Son He also gives His Spirit, and if we are not filled with His Spirit it can only be because our hearts are not open to Him, and if our hearts are not open to Him it is because we have not beheld as we might and should His great love to us in Christ; the love that spared not His own Son, but delivered Him up for us all, and will with Him also freely give us all things.

14. "And we have seen and do testify that the Father sent the Son to be the Saviour of the world." As the angel said to the shepherds at His birth, "Behold I bring you good tidings of great joy, which shall be to all people" (Luke ii., 10). The Father did not send Him to be the Saviour of a few, but of all who will come to Him. The time will come when all Israel shall be saved, and after that all Nations, but in this age the gospel is to be given to all the world, that all who will may believe, and thus His body be completed from out of all Nations. He is therefore calling upon us who believe to show these things to all the world as quickly as possible. What are we doing about it?

15. "Whosoever shall confess that Jesus is the Son of God, God dwelleth in him and he in God." According to John x., 33, 36, the Jews understood the Son of God to be equal with God, and Jesus so taught and said: "Though ye believe not Me, believe the works; that ye may know and believe that the Father is in Me and I in Him." To receive Jesus as God our Saviour is life eternal, and makes us to be His dwelling place. Our works should plainly declare that God is in us, and this should be our constant aim and desire. If it is really so, He will work in us that which is well pleasing in His sight. How wonderful that to be saved we only need to be willing to come to Him, and to live a life to His glory we need only to yield willingly and fully to Him, and He will by His Spirit do it.

16. "And we have known and believed the love that God hath to us. God is love, and he that dwelleth in love dwelleth in God and God in him." We certainly cannot comprehend His love, and we are not required to, but we know it from His word, and we can believe it. Some day we shall be able to comprehend with all saints what is the breadth and length and depth and height of it (Eph. iii., 18), but now we can each one for himself believe that it is broad enough to take in even me; that it is as long as eternity; that it is deep as from heaven to Calvary and high as from my lost condition up to the throne of God. Believing this and thus our oneness with Him to all eternity, we will want to make it known to all people, and thus hasten the consummation of peace on earth under Him.—Lesson Helper.

The Kaiser's Kindness.

In 1889 the Kaiser, then Prince William, was leaving his hotel when a great row in the next room led him to find its cause. It was the housekeeper busily sorting laundry articles and exclaiming: "The hussies are hanging their heads out of the windows all the afternoon to see the Prince go away. What has become of the matches? I must go to the basement for some." Catching sight of the Prince, whom she failed to recognize, she said: "Sonny, find an old woman some matches; your legs are longer than mine." "Certainly, mother," replied the Prince, who returned to his room and brought his match-box to the woman.

Cause of Much Misery.

Of all microbes the animalcule of la grippe is the ugliest to look upon. Magnified to the size of the picture here shown, this microbe has the appearance of a new kind of bug—all legs and body. Suffering mortals who have been sneezing, sniffling and mopping watery eyes will be interested to see the cause of their trouble. This microbe is industrious, if not pretty, and he will continue to be much in evidence unless all present indications fail.

LA GRIPPE MICROBE.

A New Jersey paper prints a picture of a young woman who was bitten nearly to death by mosquitoes. We cannot escape the impression that these mosquitoes sometimes display very poor taste.

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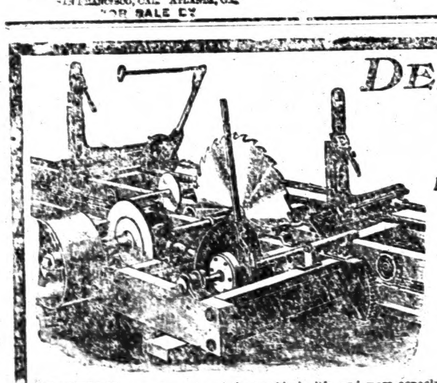

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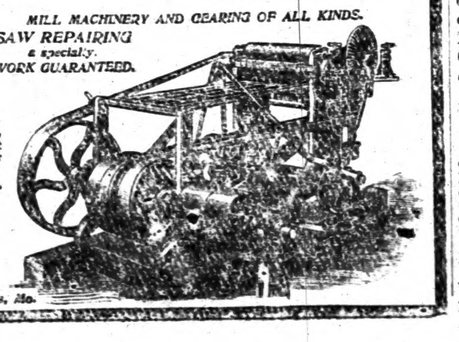

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Boxee Jackets the Rage.

"The dominant note of fashion in the matter of jackets and coats is without doubt the boxey effects which in many instances appear in both back and front," writes Mary Katharine Howard in The Woman's Home Companion. At the present moment the blouse is the most conspicuous feature of fashion in any kind of a waist or jacket, be it indoor or outdoor wear.

Yet the craze for the blouse has by no means killed the tight fitting coat. Women who must make one gown do many occasions adhere to the close fitting tailor made coat for a walking dress and have a fancy blouse front with collar attached which is worn for all daylight affairs where the bonnet is not removed. In most cases a turned over cuff is made to match, and this transforms the coat into quite another garment, making it quite dressy enough to wear with skirts of fancy weave or fine texture. These fronts may be made of tinsel or jeweled trimmings, trimmed with chiffon or lace, jet, lace, velvet or white satin profusely trimmed with quite dreamy and heavy lace, lightened with many w colored or gem-mounted.

Coats single or double breasted are fully as in mode, and many of them are decidedly longer than they have been. With all outdoor garments the high collar is conspicuously in evidence, which to the short necked women is a high and formidable wall to climb. Indeed, in dress as well as in styles and colors there is a decided lapse of the modern cellar.

Colored jackets are having quite a showing, green, violet, red, blue, and gray, though in most cases they are toned down with fur or black braid, often both. It is quite as usual to see the violet coat with a green skirt, or red, as to see it worn with a black skirt. Gray coats are fashionable for an entire costume or with a different tailored skirt and are much worn with skirts that are not tailor made. A finely trimmed skirt, for some reason or other, looks better with a light coat where skirt and coat are not of the same color and material.

There are also coats, Russian coats, coats to the waist line with full sleeves, long coats to the foot of the gown and others that reach to the knee, each of which is shown as new in good style, and each finds a partisan. All this goes to prove that one may easily be in fashion than out of it.

The Sway of Sorosis.

Sway Sorosis against the state, and it was so. Not on her own merits, however. The triumph was purely personal and belongs to Mrs. William Tod Helmuth. Many a delegate who had come to the Syracuse convention in doubt as to how she should vote and many of those whose primary principle had been "anything to beat Sorosis" found themselves when the time came to vote for Mrs. Helmuth. It wasn't the fault of the caucusing and electioneering virtue of her vice presidency that Helmuth had the opportunity to show what sort of a presiding officer she was, and she made the most of it. She proved herself capable, tactful, quick, ready and resourceful. Never, in the most trying circumstances, was she anything but amiable. Many who had ruled against her own interests, those who thought they knew her were astonished at the ability she showed. It was but logical that a majority of the delegates should wish such a woman as their head, wherever she might come from and whatever she might be.

This is not saying that Sorosis is dearer to the convention at its end than it was at its beginning. The prejudice against the mother of clubs was too firmly rooted for that. The women themselves recognize it. It is really funny how, when they found it out to do so, they one and all tried to hide the fact that they represented a popular organization. As all Sorosisters belong to at least six clubs, this evasion was easier to attempt than might be imagined. Helmuth herself, when she saw that the tide of opinion was setting, began to announce publicly that she did not represent Sorosis. The interesting fact remains, however, that Sorosis—well, pretty nearly everything in the way of office that she could capture. Her late president became chief executive; her present president is a member of the executive board; she secured the second vice presidency for a Flushing woman, the corresponding secretaryship for a Saratoga woman, and she was careful that Brooklyn should be amply represented in the new board.—New York Sun.

Woman Movement Critics.

A publication, The Club, usefully touches up current critics of what is called the "woman movement." The writer starts off by a denial of ignorance on the subject, having never felt sufficient interest to remember the existence of difference between an impromptu, a bat and a home run, and then proceeds to show that ignorance, she says, is her privilege. If she finds it necessary to know other things in order to write intelligently about woman's work she does not feel particularly interested in the matter. The fact of the matter is, she says, that woman's work is of such importance that she has no time or strength left for the intricacies of baseball, that is her own affair. But she has no right to assume that she is capable of discussing it intelligently. More especially, she would not dream of writing a paper for one of the leading magazines on the subject, even if prefaced with the apology that she knows nothing whatever about the game except what a friend has told her. Neither would any magazine in the country think for a moment of accepting, paying for and printing such an article.

Yet every now and then some woman rushes into print with the remark that she is not a clubwoman and would not be for the world, but she thinks so and so, etc. With serious minded people such talk ought to receive the same consideration that a woman would get who prefaced an essay on the higher education for women by saying that she knows nothing about the subject and would not know anything for worlds. What clubwomen wait for and promise to receive in all humiliation and weigh carefully as the issues of life and death is the article showing the mistakes of the club movement written by a woman who knows exactly what she is talking about.

Jane Addams on Working Women.

In the short talk given by Miss Jane Addams to the Chicago Political Equality league she said in part:

"In considering the subject of woman suffrage among working women we must remember that of the 40,000 women of a working age in Chicago only a handful belong to any equal rights association. We have no right to expect of these women, with their hard lives, any great interest in a question in which they fail to see any great advantage to themselves. Yet to no class of women is this subject of such vital importance. To them it becomes an industrial as well as a political question, and I believe if the working women were given the ballot they would soon take an interest in conscientiously using it.

"I am not one of those who believe—broadly speaking—that women are better than men. We have not wrecked railroads, or corrupted legislatures, or done many unholy things that men have done, but then we must remember that we have not had the chance. But my understanding of the matter is that woman should have the ballot because without this responsibility she cannot best develop her moral courage. As Mazzini once said (and I am always quoting Mazzini) we have no right to call our country a country until every man has a vote, and surely no logical mind can stop at sex in granting suffrage. I believe everybody should have the franchise and qualification not be based on education or property, but representation.

"I have often been accused of overestimating the working woman, but we know the brain is built by manual training. The brightest women I know are found among the class of wage earners, and of all women they stand most in need of the protection the ballot gives. As women in England have more interest in political matters, their industrial movement is greater."

The Flaring Hat.

There is something irritating about these hats turned straight up in front and standing mountain high, far back over the head. The brim is a sort of fence. Five, six or seven feathers, as the case may be, all in a row and as stiff as a poker, stand peering over it. It will take some time to get used to this particular shape, and women who mean to wear it should have an eye to the lines of the face and be duly mindful of their shortcomings in other directions. The safest all round hat is the English walking hat, and it is always in good form.—Chicago Times-Herald.

A young woman of St. Tammany Parish, La., can shear more sheep in a day than any two men in the place, catching, tying and washing them herself. She can also hoe two rows of corn to the average man's one and prefers to ride her horse bareback, with no reins but his mane.

The Discovery of The Day

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Maplesville.

Our orange buds burst into full bloom on the 15th inst. Mr. Hilt Foshee never looked more handsome, nor Miss Mattie Elam more beautiful than when, on that date, they were united in matrimony.

On the same day, at the same hour, in the office of Esquire Patterson, were married Miss Hester and Mr. Traywick.

Mr. John Foshee has brought Miss Bessie Savage, of Montevallo, here, a bride under most afflicting circumstances, her brother, Homer, having just died.

Truly "death loves a shining mark". Homer Savage was a remarkably courteous youth, bidding fair for a useful manhood. Our deepest sympathy is offered his bereaved family.

Mrs. A. S. Foshee gave her son and newly made daughter a most enjoyable supper, of which some friends and many relatives partook. The table fairly groaned (but the eaters of it did not) with good things.

Dr. Frank DuBose has been visiting relatives here.

Mr. James DuBose, who has been attending lectures in Atlanta, is at home for Xmas.

We regret that Mr. Hembrick's family has removed to Welch's mill.

Mrs. Garner has returned from a visit to Demopolis.

The festive burglar recently enjoyed himself in going into the house of Mr. T. U. Crumpton, in regulation style. On entering the room of Miss Texas Grumbles, whose home is there, the light of his lantern awakened her, and her screams alarmed the household, when he made safe his retreat.

Mrs. Glover feels she has been honored in entertaining Mr. Chas. Dansby, of Verbena, whose acquaintance is ever a pleasure, and also Mr. F. M. Matthews, of the capitol city.

A happy New Year to the Editor is the wish of SUBSCRIBER.

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A CARD.

Editor BANNER: I desire to express my sincere thanks and heartfelt gratitude to the kind neighbors and friends who came to the assistance of my family in our recent affliction, when my beloved wife was so suddenly taken from us, during my unavoidable absence from home.

For the many manifestations of sympathy in our bereavement we have received, myself and family are deeply grateful. I cannot well express our inmost thoughts, but our hearts are filled with gratitude to the kind people, who have paused amid their Christmas blessings to condole with us. Kind friends, please accept this brief letter of thanks from a sorrow-stricken family.

Yours gratefully,
J. T. COOLEY.

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Turn-Round Topics.

A happy new year to the Banner and its readers.

W. H. Connell and family, of Speigeners, spent the holidays with parents here.

F. M. Connell and wife, of Lovely Lane, spent Xmas with H. Kendrick and family.

William Jones and family, of Bozeman, visited relatives here this week.

Rev. E. L. Manning is visiting his brother at Rockford this week.

Harvey Connell and family visited Bozeman last week.

Warren Jones of Lomax was a visitor here Sunday.

J. W. Pattillo visited Montgomery last Friday.

Walter Kendrick is spending this week with friends at Selma and Plantersville.

B. J. Goss and family, J. N. Goss and W. A. Goss are visiting friends in Prattville this week.

Entertainments of all kinds are in progress this week and are very much enjoyed.

Miss Martha Fyron, of Verbena, was a visitor to our community recently.

Best wishes to all.

THE ROYAL BUMPER.

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How to Prevent Pneumonia

At this time of the year a cold is very easily contracted, and if let to run its course without the aid of some reliable cough medicine is liable to result in that dreadful disease, pneumonia. We know of no better remedy to cure a cough or cold than Chamberlain's Cough Remedy. We have used it quite extensively and it always has given entire satisfavtion.—Oolagah, Ind. Ter., Chief.

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Sheriff's Sale Under Attachment.

By virtue of an attachment issued out of the Circuit Court of Chilton county, Alabama, whereby I am commanded to attach sufficient of the estate of T. J. Arnold to satisfy a debt of Five Hundred Dollars, due Sculoss & Kahn by said T. J. Arnold, I have levied on the following described property, to wit:

Four Show Cases and a Stock of Goods, Wares and Merchandise, now in the Store House at Clanton, Alabama, known as the "Allen Store House," and the said hereinbefore described property being of so perishable a nature that it will greatly deteriote in value, I shall, in front of the Court House door in Clanton, Alabama, during the legal hours of sale, at public outcry, to the highest bidder, for cash, on

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 12, 1898,

expose for sale all the right, title and interest of the said T. J. Arnold in and to the said hereinbefore described property.

J. T. COOLEY, Sheriff Chilton Co.
Clanton, Ala. December 31, 1897.

Sheriff's Sale.

By virtue of an execution issued out of the Circuit Court of Chilton county, and State of Alabama, and to me directed, whereby I am commanded to make the amount of a certain judgment recently obtained against S. F. Deavers, out of the goods, chattels, lands and tenements of the said S. F. Deavers, I have levied on the following property, to wit:

485 pounds of seed cotton,
901 pounds of cotton seed,
1 shot gun.

Therefore, according to said command I shall expose for sale, at public auction, all the right, title and interest of the above named S. F. Deavers in and to the above described property, on

MONDAY, JANUARY 10, 1898,

during the legal hours of sale, at the Court House door in Clanton, in Chilton county, Alabama.

Dated at Clanton, this 28th day of December, 1897.

J. T. COOLEY, Sheriff.

Clanton Locals.

Mrs. J. P. Gore, leaving her husband disconsolate, spent Xmas at her old home at Lily with the family of Mr. C. C. Deadwilder.

Mr. E. G. Rollins of Energy was is town Friday.

Mr. and Mrs. John W. Bailey, of Montgomery, spent the holidays with relatives here.

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Mortgage Sale.

Under and by virtue of the power of sale contained in a the mortgage executed by W. R. Mims, Victoria Mims, Crawford Mims and Ady Mims to T. E. Gilchrist (now deceased) on the 21st day of December, 1895, and duly recorded in the office of the Judge of Probate of Chilton County, Alabama, in Vol. 36, Pages 405 and on, the undersigned will proceed to sell, at the Court House in Clanton, Alabama, during the legal hours of sale, at public outcry, to the highest bidder, for cash, on

THURSDAY, JANUARY 27, 1898,

to wit: The Island in the Coosa River known as the Johnson Island, and containing 78 acres more or less.

ISABELLA A. GILCHRIST,
Administratrix of Estate of
T. E. Gilchrist, deceased,
By WM. A. COLLIER, Attorney.
Clanton, Ala., Dec. 23, 1897.

Sheriff's Sale

Under and by virtue of an execution in my hands from the Justice Court of Beat Four in Chilton County, Alabama, in favor of Charles Stern & Co., a firm composed of Charles A. Stern and A. Krause, vs. T. J. Arnold, I will proceed to sell on

MONDAY, JANUARY 3, 1898

in front of the Court House door at Clanton, Ala., to the highest, best and last bidder, for cash, during the legal hours of sale, the following described personal property, as the personal property of the defendant, to wit:

Three tons of coal, the said property being in the county of Chilton, State of Alabama.

J. T. COOLEY, Sheriff.

Final Proof Notice.

Notice No. 19,358.

Land Office at Montgomery, Ala., December 2, 1897

Notice is hereby given that the following-named settler has filed notice of his intention to make final proof in support of his claim, and that said proof will be made before the Clerk of the Circuit Court at Clanton, Ala., on January 15, 1898, viz.: Johnson Zimmerman, Homestead entry No. 26,622, for the n ½ of sw ¼ section 2, tp 21, n of r 14 east.

He names the following witnesses to prove his continuous residence upon and cultivation of said land, viz.: J. R. Kemp, William Kemp, Henry Culver, A. C. Oats, all of Clanton, Ala.

ROBERT BARBER, Register.

Final Proof Notice.

Notice No. 19,368.

Land Office at Montgomery, Ala., December 8, 1897.

Notice is hereby given that the following-named settler has filed notice of his intention to make final proof in support of his claim, and that said proof will be made before the Clerk of the Circuit Court at Clanton, Ala., on January 15, 1898, viz.: Ellis Mims, Homestead entry No. 25,713, for the e ½ of nw ¼ section 36, tp. 23, n of R 15 east.

He names the following witnesses to prove his continuous residence upon and cultivation of said land, viz: Jefferson Trawick, William Trawick, George Mims, William Mims, all of Clanton, Ala.

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PUBLISHED WEEKLY

CLANTON, - ALABAMA.

A returned traveler says that the Crow Indians have forsworn war and are tilling the soil.

To commemorate the record reign a Welshman named John Jones suggested that all the Joneses in the world should contribute toward a magnificent building, to be erected in honor of the Queen

Government proposes to found a new city in Alaska known as "Weare" on the Yukon River between the boundary line line of British Columbia and St. Michaels. It is intended to make it the capital of the contemplated new territory and locate the land office there.

Mayor Ziegenhein, of St. Louis, has opened a matrimonial bureau at his own expense. He says there are 10,000 marriageable young men in St. Louis who are single because they cannot find "old-fashioned women." We had supposed that the female patrons of matrimonial bureaus were in a sense new women—women at least who knew too much.

When "the lion's skin is too short," British statesmen are content to "eke it out with the fox's." So now comes the news that British influence is to be exerted to defeat the re-election of "Oom Paul" as President of the Transvaal Republic. If the Boers can be induced to sacrifice their watch dog, the fold may be invaded without the unnecessary effusion of blood. The success of this scheme is yet problematical, but it illustrates the "patient search and vigil long" with which such Britons as Cecil Rhodes inexorably pursue their projects of self-aggrandizement.

Although Mr. George was as great a champion of individualism and as great a believer in competition as Herbert Spencer or Thomas Jefferson, his popularization rather than discovery of the law of rent, and his magnificent optimism in social reform are recognized in England as the leading factors in developing the enthusiasm of the masses for all lines of social reform. From his later utterances and the platform which he practically wrote for himself to run upon in New York City it appears that his early opposition to direct public operation of street railways, gas, electric light, telephones and similar monopolies of situation had changed to indorsement of such public management.

That Cuba, the fairest and most fertile island in all the oceans, should be the scene of widespread starvation—starvation so cruel that hundreds of women and children are perishing every week—is the most shocking anomaly of the century. It means that the prodigal wealth of nature has been destroyed and her generous processes suspended by the hand of man, that the native luxuriance of plantation and forest, in a territory where hunger should be an unknown word, has been blasted by the torch of the invader, and that this region, which should blossom like a garden of fruits and flowers, has been laid waste and its inhabitants starved to death at the behest of tyrants beyond the sea. And all for the honor of Spain!

While the atmosphere is full of strange and startling rumors growing out of the present status of affairs in Europe, it is nevertheless interesting to note that if the latest of these rumors has any foundation in fact, serious complications may be expected. According to this rumor, Germany and Turkey have recently formed a compact as the fruit of which Germany is to fit up a Turkish fleet and supply the Turkish army with improved guns, making the Ottoman power, already flushed with its recent victory over the Greeks, doubly strong. On the other hand, Turkey is to hold in readiness not less than 250,000 men to march at a moment's notice against Russia in order to check the designs of that power upon the Caspian region. In all likelihood the rumor which credits the two countries with forming this compact is without foundation. Turkey is not anxious to hurl herself upon Russia, even though backed by the puissant arm of Germany, nor is it likely, in view of the compact existing between Germany and the other members of the triple alliance, that Germany would lock arms with Turkey while still united to Italy and Austria-Hungary. To entertain for a moment the supposition that Germany, Austria-Hungary and Italy intend to combine with the Sultan is simply monstrous, and the supposition that Germany alone intends to do so is equally unreasonable.

NEWS ITEMS OF THE WEEK

Carefully Collated in Brief and Pointed Paragraphs.

SENATOR WOLCOTT THREATENS TO RESIGN

Virginia May Enact a Whipping Post Law—Half a Million Dollar Fire in Cleveland, Ohio—Mrs. Ballington Booth Dying—Other Briefs.

There is prospect of a strike at Fall River.

The Gilmer hotel at Columbus, Miss., was partially destroyed by fire last week.

Wm. J. Bryan was entertained at dinner by President Diaz, of Mexico, the past week.

Mrs. Ballington Booth is dying of aneurism of the heart at the Presbyterian hospital in New York City.

The corner stone of a monument to the late United States Senator Vance was laid at Asheville, N. C., Thursday.

Washington Hesing, ex-postmaster of Chicago and editor-in-chief of the Illinois Staats Zeitung, died the past week.

The queen regent of Spain has signed the appointment of General Gonzales Munose as captain-general of Porto Rico.

A whipping post bill has been introduced in the Virginia legislature, which will likely give rise to a great deal of discussion.

At Tunnel Hill, Ga., Newt Whitman shot and killed his sweetheart, Miss Vansant. Jealousy was the cause. Officers and dogs are after the murderer.

A package of money containing $10,000 was, it is alleged, taken from the express office at Columbia, S. C. The Express Company will not deny nor confirm the report.

Fire broke out in the business portion of Cleveland, O., Thursday and destroyed property worth $500,000. The fire started from the explosion of a large can of benzine.

There has been a renewal of conflicts between the Mussulmans and Christians in Crete. The former attacked a caravan near Armiroa and killed twelve Christians.

In Arizona the fiercest snowstorm of the season has been raging, followed by a cold wave, and the mercury dropped to 5 degrees below zero, being as low as ever recorded.

John Anderson was convicted Thursday of the murder of William Wallace Saunders, mate of the schooner Oliver Pecker, on the high seas, on the 6th of August last, and under the sentence of the court, must be hanged on the 18th day of March, next.

Near Pleasant View, Cheatham county, Tennessee, Thomas Stewart shot and instantly killed William Albright in a dispute, the outgrowth of an old grudge caused by the arrest and fine of Albright some time ago while Stewart was a constable.

It is reported that Senator Wolcott, of Colorado has threatened to resign from the United States senate, owing to the peculiar situation which has developed with respect to the administration and the monetary commission of which the Colorado senator is chairman.

Russ M. Dorsey had both barrels of a double barrelled shotgun emptied in his breast last week, which produced instant death, by Wesley Dorsey, his uncle, four miles south of Cleveland, Ga. They had been on unfriendly terms for some time, the result of a disputed land line.

As soon as the new year is opened the erection of the largest tobacco factory in the world will be commenced at Louisville, Ky. The National Tobacco Works will make additions to their works, and when completed the factory will have a capacity of 175,000 pounds of plug tobacco per day, employing 3,000 operatives.

The doors of the Chestnut Street National bank of Philadelphia were closed Thursday morning under the direction of National Examiner Bardt. William R. Singerly is president of the bank. The Chestnut Street Trust Company, which operated in conjunction with the bank, has also suspended. Singerly was also president of the Trust Company.

Mrs. Sidney Lascelles, the wife of the notorious confidence operator, swindler and ex-convict, "Lord" Bersford, has returned to Fitzgerald, Ga. She came through direct from the city of Mexico, where her husband has been located, for the purpose of settling up her father's estate.

At Calcutta the Bengal Chamber of Commerce has sent an address to the government, in which it says that the time has arrived to adopt the gold standard, pointing out that it is four years since the mints closed, leaving India without a currency system, and asserting that the suspense is harmful to trade, and urging the government to disclose any measures which it may have in contemplation.

Governor Taylor will call an extra session of the Tennessee legislature to meet about January 17. At this session the charter of Memphis will be amended and a United States senator chosen.

Complete and revised returns from the 191 voting precincts of the city show that Mayor Josiah Quincy, democrat, was reelected by a plurality of of 4,079 votes. Mr Quincy received 40,070 votes; Edwin U. Curtis, republican, 35,991; Thomas Riley, Bryan democrat, 2,921, and David Goldstein, socialist labor, 827. Quincy's majority over all is 331.

INDEBTED TO ENGLAND

For Seizure of British Ships in the Bering Sea.

The finding of the British-American commission chosen to assess the damages for seizures of British ships in the Bering sea, have been received by the state department and the British embassy. The strictest secrecy is maintained, however, on the general character of the finding, though it is admitted that the total awards against the United States is $464,000, which includes principal and interest. A special statement of the award divided into principal and interest is refused at this time. In order to avoid misapprehension it should be understood that the finding against this government is no surprise, that being a certainty under the finding of the Paris court of arbitration that the United States had no right to close Bering sea against foreign ships. The international commission's only duty was to assess the amount of the damages. The amount allowed is considered to some extent a vindication of the state department, which had sought to settle the question without a commission for $425,000.

The controversy has occupied the attention of the authorities at Washington and in London for the last eleven years.

LABOR IN POLITICS.

President Gompers Outlines the Political Plans of the Federation.

Samuel Gompers, president of the American Federation of Labor, has outlined the plans of the organization in regard to political action, in which he says: "The plans for our political action in the interest of labor are only in a tentative state at present. The American Federation of Labor proposes, however, to take such political action as will compel the law makers, the executive and the judiciary to enact, to enforce and to define laws in the interest of our people. We shall elect our own representatives wherever possible, and at all times defeat the enemies of our cause irrespective of party. To achieve these purposes, however, we realize that it is necessary for the workers of our country, East, West, North and South, to unite and federate and concentrate our entire efforts to attain the greatest success."

LEFT LIFE TOGETHER.

Man and Wife Die Within Forty-five Minutes of Each Other.

Charles R. and Mary Charlotte Chapman, husband and wife, died at South Bend, Ind., he first and she forty-five minutes later. Apoplexy caused his death. Mrs. Chapman died from pneumonia, ignorant of the death of her husband a short time before.

An instance of a similar character was the almost simultaneous death of the paternal grandparents of President McKinley many years ago at their home a few miles east of the city. Mr. and Mrs. McKinley were buried side by side in the cemetery in that city.

The British Will Demonstrate.

According to a special dispatch from Shanghai, the British squadron will make a demonstration at Che Foo, on the north coast of the Shan Tun promontory, as a warning, it is supposed, that Great Britain intends opposing the division of China without consulting her. It is understood that Russia has offered China a loan to pay off the indemnity of the war with Japan, and it is believed that Great Britain and Japan are acting in concert to preserve China from disintegration, favoring the idea of a protectorate over Central China, with a capital at Nanking.

Law Making in Illinois.

Amid scenes of riotous disorder and intense excitement the Illinois house of representatives passed the republican senatorial apportionment bill by a vote of 79 yeas to 54 nays—two votes more than necessary for the required two-thirds vote of the house. The bill provides for a republican reapportionment of the legislative districts of the state

Story Confirmed.

The Cuban junta at New York gave official confirmation to a story that General Blanco has sent to this city from Cuba a man whose mission is to join one of the filibustering expeditions to the east coast of Cuba and secure the assassination of General Gomez.

MISS WELLS COMMITS SUICIDE.

Washington Woman, a Friend of Miss Herbert, Shoots Herself.

The recent tragic death of Miss Lelia Herbert, the daughter of the ex-secretary of the navy at Washington, is given as the reason for the suicide which occurred Sunday of Miss Annie Virginia Wells, an accomplished young society woman and daughter of Lewis S. Wells, a well-known attorney. The young woman shot herself through the heart with her brother's revolver. Miss Wells had met Miss Herbert a number of times, and was very much attached to her. She herself had been confined to the house for four months by illness, and this, combined with the shock caused by the death of her friend, brought on melancholia which resulted in suicide.

Christmas Day Shooting Affray.

A difficulty occurred at Talladega, Ala., Christmas day between E. C. Holmes and W. W. Vanna, in which the latter was dangerously wounded by a pistol shot in the stomach. Vanna fired two shots at Holmes before the latter could draw his pistol. The difficulty was caused by a fight between their 12-year-old sons.

STATE FINANCIAL REPORT.

Treasurer Ellis Gives Out Some Interesting Figures.

MISS HERBERT COMMITS SUICIDE.

Government Whisky Warehouse Burned. New Development Company for Florence—Advance in Miners' Wages. Trying to Oust a Postmaster.

State Treasurer Ellis has given out this interesting statement:

Total receipts from October 1 to December 20, 1896	$420,266.38
Total receipts from October 1 to December 20, 1897	434,972.26
Excess in 1897 over 1896	$ 14,705.88
Total disbursements from October 1 to December 20, 1896	413,166.55
Total disbursements from October 1 to December 20, 1897	357,376.26
Excess in 1896 over 1897	$ 55,790.29

Included in the total receipts for both the years 1896 and 1897, is a temporary loan of $100,000, so that the net receipts for such year is lessened that amount.

It will be seen that the receipts for 1897 exceed the receipts for 1896 $14,705.88, which can be accounted for in a payment of $20,000 made by the collector of Mobile county on the 17th day of December, 1897, no such payments in December collections having been made by that county this early in 1896. Thus it will be seen that notwithstanding the yellow fever the amount lost has been more than regained.

This excess of $55,790.29 in disbursements of 1896 over the present year is due to the fact that we have had no general assembly to pay this year, together with other necessary additional expenses accompanying a legislative year.

The auditor issued 8,968 confederate pension warrants aggregating $116,772. Of these the treasury has paid 6,788, amounting to $88,366.54, leaving outstanding and unpaid 2,180 warrants, amounting to $28,405.46.

Treasurer Ellis has already remitted to New York over $100,000 toward the meeting of the January, 1898, interest. To get this money to New York has cost the state nothing, as he has used the New York exchange remitted him by the state officials, instead of buying exchange at a premium.

Miss Herbert Commits Suicide.

Miss Leila Herbert, daughter of ex-Secretary of the Navy Herbert, of Alabama, died at her home in Washington last week as the result of a fall from the third-story of her home on New Hampshire avenue, in the most fashionable part of the city.

Her death was traceable indirectly to an accident while horseback riding in Virginia last spring. She always had been enthusiastically fond of riding, and while paying a visit to her relatives, started out one day on a horse that had not been well broken. It stumbled and she was thrown violently to the ground, sustaining severe injuries to her back.

The death was reported to police headquarters as a case of suicide due to melancholia and temporary aberration of mind as the result of a long illness. The remains were interred at Montgomery.

Barker Wants Force.

P. D. Barker, recently appointed by President McKinley as postmaster at Mobile, and who failed to secure possession of the office by reason of the refusal of the present democratic incumbent to retire, is in Washington. Before the postoffice officials he declares that Rapier has violated the postal laws and should be arrested and removed, if it takes all the arms in the United States to do it. The postoffice officials are reticent as to what course they will pursue and will probably await Mr Barker's confirmation by the senate before action is taken.

New Postmasters.

The following postmasters were appointed for Alabama Thursday: Sallie S. Lovelady, Bonsecur, Baldwin county; B. C. Cox, Cox, Bullock count; C. C. Turry, Gurley's Creek, Jefferson county; G. R. Davis, Hodges, Marion county; R. H. Moncrief, Lefohachie, Lowndes county; W. J. Smith, Sanders, Geneva county; H. L. Anderson, Sonoma, Etowah county; S. J. Ford, Stough, Fayette county; Ella Echols, Westmoreland, Limestone county.

Attempted Murder in Birmingham.

T. T. Ashford, a member of the city council of Birmingham, shot and probably fatally wounded Felix T. Brown, a traveling salesman, Thursday. The two men met on the street. Ashford fired three shots, the first taking effect in the face, the second in the back, passing through Brown's right lung and the third in the left arm. The difficulty was a sequel to an old family feud, Brown having killed a brother of Ashford about a year ago.

New Development Company.

The Florence Land, Mining and Manufacturing Company, organized during the days of the Florence boom, and which has been in the hands of a receiver for several years, has been reorganized as the Florence Land Company by the creditors, who some months ago bought the assets at a sale ordered by the court. The assets consist of valuable city property, business and residence property, factory sites, ore and timber lands in the city and vicinity, and amount to more than $60,000. About $8,000 of the capitalization of $70,000 is in treasurer's stocks. They will make it a development company in every sense of the word, and will push the interests of Florence.

Government Whiskey Warehouse Burned.

The government bonded warehouse at Dadeville was destroyed by fire Thursday night. It is suspected that the warehouse, which contained over 1,000 gallons of whiskey, was set on fire for the purpose of destroying evidence that some of the casks have been tampered with. The loss to the government is about $1,500, as the building belonged to private parties.

Miners' Wages to Be Advanced.

The Corona Coal Company and the Virginia and Alabama Coal Company, of Walker county, have posted notices that the wages of the miners will be advanced 10 cents per ton on January 1.

BRIEFLY MENTIONED.

The drug store of Dr. B. A. Stephens of Lineville, was destroyed by fire last week.

Bush White, of Florence, was accidentally drowned at Muscle Shoals a few days since.

Madison county's cotton crop is estimated at 30,000 bales. The crop is usually 22,000 bales.

The state convention of the Womens' Christian Temperance Union, will convene in New Decatur on January 6.

A dozen families from Michigan have settled in DeKalb county. They came in large covered wagons with stove pipes projecting from the tops.

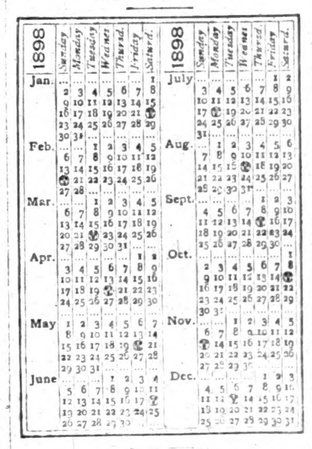
The Chadwick gin and seed house was destroyed by fire near Faunsdale. Fourteen bales of cotton and 3,000 bushels of seed were consumed.

J. A. Brickey, the young man who was convicted of embezzling money from letters which passed through his hands while a clerk in the Opelika postoffice was sentenced by Federal Judge Bruce to two years imprisonment at Columbus, O.

The rear trucks of a tender following a freight engine which was drawing a heavy train of fifteen cars broke down near Wadsworth, on the Louisville & Nashville main line, Thursday, and the fifteen loaded cars, it is stated, were piled in a heap. The engine was not damaged and none of the train hands were hurt.

The sixteenth annual report of the Tuskegee Normal and Industrial Institute shows that 1,072 students—706 males and 366 females—have been in attendance during the preceding session. Eighty-eight instructors and officers are employed. An endowment fund of $50,000 is needed, and so is a trades building and two dormitories.

THE YEAR 1898.



Festivals and Fasts.

Epiphany	January 6
Septuagesima Sunday	February 6
Quinquagesima—Shrove Sunday	Feb. 20
Ash Wednesday	February 23
First Sunday in Lent	February 27
St. Patrick	March 17
Palm Sunday	April 3
Good Friday	April 8
Easter Sunday	April 10
Low Sunday	April 17
Rogation Sunday	May 15
Ascension Sunday—Holy Thursday	May 19
Pentecost—Whit Sunday	May 29
Trinity Sunday	June 5
Corpus Christi	June 9
St. John Baptist	June 24
Michaelmas Day	September 29
First Sunday in Advent	November 27
St. Andrew	November 30
Christmas Day	December 25

Morning and Evening Stars.

Mercury will be Morning Star about January 29, May 24, September 21, and Evening Star about April 10, August 8 and December 3.

Venus will be Morning Star till February 15; then Evening Star till December 1; and then Morning Star again the rest of the year.

Eclipses For the Year.

In the year 1898 there will be six eclipses, three of the sun and three of the moon.

I. A partial eclipse of the moon, January 7. Visible more or less to North and South America, Europe, Asia, Africa and the Atlantic Ocean.

II. A total eclipse of the sun, January 22. Invisible to North America. Visible to Central and Eastern Africa, Eastern Europe and Asia. Path of totality running through Central Africa, India and the Chinese Empire.

III. A partial eclipse of the moon, July 3. Invisible to North America. Visible more or less to Europe, Asia, Africa, Australia and to the eastern portion of South America. Magnitude of eclipse =0.934.

IV. An annual eclipse of the sun, July 18. Invisible to North America. Visible to the South Pacific Ocean and the southern extremity of South America.

V. A partial eclipse of the sun, December 13. Small and unimportant. Visible in the Southern Ocean.

VI. A total eclipse of the moon, December 27. Visible more or less to all the continents of the world except Australia, and to the Atlantic Ocean.

WATCHING THE SITUATION.

The Cabinet Considers the Chinese Dismemberment Question.

This country's attitude toward China appears to be an effort on the part of the powers of Europe to dismember China was the principal topic of discussion at a meeting of the cabinet the past week.

While no formal action was taken in advance of specific information as to the intention of the powers of Europe it was determined, as a result of the cabinet expressed in keeping a watchful eye upon the situation and hoped in order that full protection be given to the interests of the States in China as guaranteed by treaties with that country.

No disposition was made to participate in the division of China at the expense of China, such a position would be contrary to the hitherto expressed and well established policy of this government, as contemplated by the monroe doctrine. It was determined, however, to protect carefully all the interests and privileges of the United States.

LATE TELEGRAPHIC NEWS.

A Mrs. Jarvis and her two children, the youngest a baby, were overtaken by death in a four room cottage occupied by the Jarvis and two other families, on Dixie street, Bothwell Street, Louisville.

It is announced that the German government declines to yield to the demands of the United States made during the reciprocity negotiations for reduced duties on American animal products.

Zack Cameron, who lived near Peeled Chestnut, in White county, Tenn., stumbled and fell on his face Sunday morning. He was smoking a corncob pipe at the time, and the stem was driven through his neck. He died in a few hours.

While skating on Walk Hill creek near Kingston, N. Y., Miss Mary E. Van Bunder, aged twenty three, broke through the ice. Edward McMichael went to her rescue, crawling along the ice, which broke under him and he was precipitated into the water. Both were drowned.

HANGING COMMISSIONERS.

Two Men Who Proposed Peace With Autonomy Executed by Cubans.

At Havana, Cuba, La Lucha has published a document, claimed to have been authorized by United States Consul General Lee, saying that Colonel Ruiz was executed because he proposed peace in contravention of a decree issued by General Gomez.

Reports from Pinar del Rio to the authorities here say two commissioners, who were sent to propose peace with autonomy to the insurgents in that province, have been hanged, in conformity with the decree of General Gomez.

Delemos Has Been Convicted.

A jury in the federal court at Montgomery, Ala., after fifteen hours deliberation, brought in a verdict of guilty in one of the cases of the United States vs. Ben Delemos, charged with fraudulently obtaining pension money from the government.

Delemos, a prominent republican and a well-to-do citizen of Lowndes county, was alleged to have fraudulently certified to a negro being entitled to a pension, and after having secured the pension money as agent, having withheld it from the negro and having appropriated it to his own use. Delemos's attorney appealed the case.

AUTONOMY A FAILURE.

Weyler Says Much and Declares That the Rebellion Will Continue.

General Weyler, at Madrid, in an interview just published, is quoted as declaring formally that there is no hope of the success of autonomy, adding that the insurgents will not submit except to the Marquis of Santa Lucia and another chief and asserting that the insurrection will continue. The General is quoted as saying that if the Spanish government persisted in autonomy Spain would lose Cuba in a few months

General Weyler said he is opposed to the dissolution of the chamber until the government renounced the policy of giving the Cuban autonomists a form of government.

Railway Robbery Scheme Unearthed.

The officials of the Southern railway have unearthed what appears to be another gigantic scheme of railway freight robbery similar to that of the famous Bohanan gang of Dalton. E. R. Carter, a prominent citizen of Brookville, Fla., and F. Herrington, of the same place, were arrested there Friday on the charge of car robbery. The detectives are still working on the case, and it is probable other arrests may follow.

Dashed to Death.

N. W. Adams, an employe of the Kebs Manufacturing Company, was instantly killed in the planing mill at Bessemer, Ala. His clothing was caught in a line of overhead shafting and torn from his body, and he was thrown against the ceiling, falling to the floor below dead.

Wants to Buy Stretch of Land.

A dispatch from Copenhagen says the Washington executive has made overtures to Denmark for the sale of a narrow, but carefully defined stretch of land in northwestern Greenland, which the Americans intend to establish naval and coaling stations.

The Coliseum at Chicago, the building in which Wm. J. Bryan was nominated for the presidency, was totally destroyed by fire last week.

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TEMPERANCE TOPICS.

NOTES OF INTEREST TO THE ANTI-LIQUOR LEAGUERS.

Miss Willard on the Supreme Duty of the Hour—Liquor and Life Insurance—What Well Known Authorities Have to Say on the Subject.

The Days That Are No More.

TEARS, idle tears, I know not what they mean,
Tears from the depth of some divine despair
Rise in the heart and gather to the eyes
In looking on the happy autumn fields,
And thinking of the days that are no more.

Fresh as the first beam glittering on a sail,
That brings our friends up from the underworld,
Sad as the last which reddens over one
That sinks with all we love below the verge;
So sad, so fresh, the days that are no more.

Ah, sad and strange as in dark summer dawns
The earliest pipe of half-awaken'd birds
To dying ears, when unto dying eyes
The casement slowly grows a glimmering square;
So sad, so strange, the days that are no more.

Dear as remembered kisses after death,
And sweet as those by hopeless fancy feigned
On lips that are for others; deep as love,
Deep as first love, and wild with all regret;
O death in life! the days that are no more.

—Alfred Tennyson.

Miss Willard's Address.

Miss Willard, in her presidential address at the national convention of the W. C. T. U., holds that the "supreme duty of the hour is to convince the moderate drinker that he is doing himself harm," and that henceforth the "artillery of temperance reform must concentrate" its fire on "the sullen fortress of moderate drinking." It is perfectly true that all drunkards come from the ranks of moderate drinkers; but it is not true that all moderate drinkers become, sooner or later, immoderate drinkers. To keep truth on our side we must admit this. But it is fair to say that no one about to form the habit of moderate drinking can be assured that the habit will not be to him a great risk. It is so to the majority. Experience may show him that he is one of those who can take a glass now and then, and never be tempted beyond the line of self-control. Shall a man who feels himself in no danger surrender a personal right for the sake of others not able to keep a check upon an awakened appetite? This is a question which every man must answer for himself, with certain principles in view. For example, there is such a thing as humanity, and civilization, which refuses to absolve any man from recognition of an obligation to a fellow people despise a drunkard. Miserable wretches are they in act, in aspect and appearance. We miss in them the thing that makes a man so infinitely superior to a brute. They grovel like cowards, grovel like reptiles and debase and befoul the image of the Almighty. Poverty, shame and disease are their companions, and they become actually loathsome. And yet they were not born so. It is the drink habit which drags them down to this misery. What is there in the nature of wine to the man never tempted to abuse it to compensate for the wretchedness and ruin it produces in the maker thousands and tens of thousands who cannot use it as a good creature? Can the self-controlled, moderate drinker, with a glass in one hand and with the other hand to his less fortunate brother and bid him be a man? Can he counsel him with any hope of success to drink and let it alone? Can he say, "Give it up altogether, unless he himself set the example? We do not put the emphasis exactly where Miss Willard puts it. She holds that there is no moderation in the use of what is harmful." We are willing to admit that wine may be such a beverage in such moderate use as to produce no apparent harm to the user. But we do not believe that drinkers are helped, or can be, by commendation of moderate drinkers, and we, therefore, if not for our own sake, at least for that of others, can not be a party to it."

Life Insurance.

... Co., the company of ... largest life insurance ... United States, has ... official examination of ... of all the policy holders ... classifying them as ... and non-abstainers. The ... of his examination are ... as follows: "Upon ... entering, stated that ... from alcoholic beverages ... expected loss was $4,... and the actual loss was $4,... those who stated oth... maximum expected loss was ... actual loss was $9,... ... there ... per cent of the ... abstainers' 96 ... Office, summary of the ... Abstinence Society, also ... records indicate ... alcoholic fever... ... abstainers. ... that abstinence is among ... the safer trade. ... is among ... less ... of any other occupation of the same ... that in Great Brit... the governments sell annuities in large numbers to persons well along in life. For a certain sum they agree to pay the annuitant a fixed yearly income as long as he or she lives. In issuing these annuities those governments charge two rates—one for men and another for women, and the women's rate is much lower than are men's. Why? Simply because all the actuaries' tables show that women live longer on an average than men."

Neal Dow and the Jockey.

Some years ago Neal Dow was passing down one of the streets of Portland, Maine, says the Christian Herald, when he came to a crowd of people. In the middle of the crowd stood a country lad, crying. A notorious horse jockey, it appeared, had made the boy drunk, and then inveigled him into swapping his own good horse for a worthless, broken-down animal. Everybody was sorry for the lad, but it was not Neal Dow's way to feel sorry and do nothing.

He led the way to the jockey's stable, nearly a mile distant, the boy following and leading the jockey's horse. The jockey not being there, the old horse was turned into the stable, and Mr Dow, with the country lad still following, started down-town again. On the way they met the jockey in a wagon to which the lad's horse was attached.

"That is my horse," said the boy.

Mr. Dow stepped into the road, took the horse by the bridle, and calling to one of his employes who happened to be passing at the time, told him to unharness the horse. This was done, the jockey swearing like a trooper and threatening to take the law on Mr Dow, who replied: "You will always know where to find me." Then telling the boy to take the horse, he started to lead the way down-town where the lad's wagon had been left.

"Look-a-here," said the jockey, "what am I to do with my wagon?"

"Do what you like," said Mr. Dow. "It is nothing to me."

As may be supposed, the country lad was full of joy and profuse with thanks. When he had harnessed his horse he said to Mr. Dow, "Now what can I do for you?"

"Promise me not to drink any more. And the boy did so.

Some three years afterward Neal Dow was stopped by a countryman in the streets who, with a mouth stretched on a broad grin, said, pointing to a horse, "There he is. I haint drunk no more."

A Drunkard's Change.

The following "new item," printed by the New York Sun, is by itself a pretty good temperance lecture. We copy it verbatim:

A carriage containing four well-dressed men in four stages of intoxication stopped in Union street, near Seventh avenue, Brooklyn, at about 3 o'clock yesterday afternoon. On the curb stood a wheelman bargaining with a peddler for fruit. He bought ten cents' worth of bananas, and offered in payment a two-dollar bill, which the peddler could not change.

The wheelman asked the men in the carriage if they could change it. The least responsible one of the four at once drew a handful of paper money from his pocket, handed two one-hundred dollar bills to the wheelman, stuffed the two-dollar bill into his pocket with the rest of his money, and called to the driver to go ahead.

In a moment the carriage was rolling down the street. The wheelman stood gazing in frozen wonder at the two hundred dollars in his hands. Then he fumbled the bills as if to restore his mind to working order, jumped on his wheel and spun after the carriage.

He caught it at the corner of Sixth avenue, returned the two hundred dollars with some difficulty, as the party of four seemed slow to comprehend the situation, and got back his two dollars. The only loser in the transaction was the peddler. In his agitation the wheelman forgot all about the bananas.

Prohibition in Kansas.

The following extract from a private letter recently received from Mrs. Ella Brown, president of Kansas, will be of interest to our readers as setting forth the situation in that state: "The fight for prohibition is not yet won. Last winter, when the question of resubmission came up in the legislature, it was only the difference between a majority and a two-thirds that saved us. I do not consider the question settled until the people will send a legislature that will give a minority vote on resubmission. However, there does seem to be a better sentiment in this state than there was a year ago, in that we are having more temperance rallies, more ministers preaching temperance sermons and more interest in Christian Citizenship leagues. Nevertheless, with the improved sentiment it is estimated that there are eleven hundred joints in the state, and some of them are run very openly. The Temperance Union, the Good Templars, the W. C. T. U. and the Christian Citizenship leagues are all working in perfect harmony for the same end, and we are hoping for the best. The sentiment for woman's ballot is also improving, inasmuch as the people are becoming accustomed to women taking a part in municipal elections. Good work has been done by the franchise department of the W. C. T. U. during the last year, as well as by the state suffrage association."—Union Signal.

Coals of Fire.

"Temperance puts coals on the fire and flour in the barrel, money in the purse, credit in the country, contentment in the house, clothes on the children, vigor in the body, intelligence in the brain, and spirit in the whole constitution."—Benjamin Franklin.

He that calls a man ungrateful sums up all the evil that a man can be guilty of.—Swift.

PROSPERITY'S HUM.

STILL A FEW FLIES IN THE OINTMENT.

There Is Some Flaw in McKinley's Apparatus Which Restricts the Benefits of the Business Revival to a Small Number.

Some people still doubt the truth of the assertion that there has lately been a marked revival of prosperity; but all such persons, it is safe to say, are not manipulators of trusts and monopolies, neither have they large sums of money invested in bonds and mortgages. Whenever you hear a man growling about present business and industrial conditions you may be sure that he is not a millionaire, and therefore his opinions are not worth listening to. J. A. Wayland, while not a trust magnate, knows very well that there is a great deal of prosperity in the country, and states what he knows as follows:

"Prosperity has struck the country. There is no doubt of that. It is not necessary to rely on mere assertion, it can be proven by the facts. What astonishes me most is why the Republican papers do not come back at the sarcasm of their opponents and give the statistics. There is the Standard Oil Co.—it has made about fifty million dollars in the last year. Don't that prove it is prosperous? Then the profits of the sugar trust is reported to be about twenty millions. Isn't that evidence of prosperity? Then the coal combines will make, on their own showing, about eighty millions this year. There are scores of other incidents of like character, though of lesser note, all going to show that the business of the land is prosperous. Take the railroads, for instance, they are enabled to pay interest on four times the sum invested to build them. Isn't that good enough? Now there is no reason why any one with any brains should not be making money hand over fist! These corporations have all the brains in the nation, hence they are all right and not howling because of hard times. If anybody is not doing so well they should go to these fellows and buy a few ounces of their wonderful gray matter and go out and get rich. These men find it easy to make money. They know how. That is all there is in making money. When they want to do a thing and a law is needed to help them out, they go and buy the law as they would any other merchandise and then proceed with their money making. The reason so many are kicking because they cannot make money is that they refuse to buy the law to suit their vocation. Take one instance: Without a law giving him the streets of Chicago for a term of years Yerkes could not have made twenty millions lately. So he went to the legislature and got the streets. Yerkes is wise. He has great brains. He is not howling calamity because times are hard. Times are not hard for him. There is nobody in this country worth speaking of but the men with lots of money. The other fellows are no good. They have no country. They don't own anything. They haven't sense enough to even vote for their own interests. They think their vote is to put some one in office and nothing more. Yerkes knows better. He knows where to make money. And he would be a poor man today if the voters had as much sense as a last year's bird's nest. Go buy the law, make money and quit complaining."

According to most of the newspapers the condition of the poor is as unenviable as ever. The Twentieth Century says: The old story of the revival of prosperity—for it is an old story by this time—is being told again and again by the partisans of the present administration. But many of the agents of the charitable and other societies throughout the country have been at pains to investigate this matter, and it appears that rarely in our history has there been such acute distress. It is true that there has been improvement in some parts of the country, but taking the nation at large, there is such keen distress that the boasts of revived prosperity are little better than a mockery of the unfortunate. The coming winter will be terrible in its effects upon the poor. They are not able in many cases to obtain relief owing to the accounts of revived prosperity that have been put in circulation as a card for the party in power."

We find confirmation of the foregoing is found in the following from Sunday's St. Louis Post-Dispatch, now a gold-standard organ:

"This week 14,000 letters will be sent out asking for subscriptions to the St. Louis Provident association. They should bring generous and prompt response. Severe weather is likely to set in at any time, and an unusual amount of distress is expected. Last winter the association found more destitution than in any previous year of its history. It required $50,000 last year to relieve the pressing needs of the poor. Dr. Finney, the general manager, says that the poor have not recovered from the distress of last winter. That's why $50,000 will not be enough this winter."

In other words, as much money is needed to prevent starvation this winter as last. And read this from the Cleveland Recorder:

"The attempt in Cleveland, of a man and his wife to poison themselves because they could not work and were on the verge of starvation, is a stunning rebuke to those selfish people who, because they are comfortable, chatter about prosperity having come again. When tragedies like that are possible, it is mockery to pretend that times are good."

Justice and Liberty.

The truth that I have tried to make clear will not find easy acceptance. If that could be, it would have been accepted long ago. But it will find friends—those who will toil for it; suffer for it; if need be, die for it. This is the power of Truth. Will it at length prevail? Ultimately, yes. But in our own times, or in time of which any memory of us remains, who shall say? For the man who, seeing the want and misery, the ignorance and brutishness caused by unjust social institutions, sets himself, in so far as he has strength, to right them, there is disappointment and bitterness. So it has been of old time. So it is even now. But the bitterest thought—and it sometimes comes to the best and bravest—is that of the hopelessness of the effort, the futility of the sacrifice. To how few of those who sow the seed is it given to see it grow, or even with certainty to know that it will grow.

Let us not disguise it. Over and over again has the standard of Truth and Justice been raised in this world. Over and over again has it been trampled down—oftentimes in blood. If they are weak forces that are opposed to Truth, how should error so long prevail? If Justice has but to raise her head to have injustice flee before her, how should the wail of the oppressed so long go up? But for those who see Truth and would follow her, for those who recognize Justice and would stand for her, success is not the only thing.

In our time, as in times before, creep in the insidious forces that, producing inequality, destroy Liberty. On the horizon clouds begin to lower. Liberty calls to us again. We must follow her further; we must trust herfully. Either we must wholly accept her or she will not stay.

If we turn to Justice and obey her, if we trust to liberty and follow her, the dangers that now threaten must disappear, the forces that now menace will turn to agencies of elevation.

Beg no question, shrink from no conclusion; but follow truth wherever it may lead. If the conclusions that we reach run counter to our prejudices, let us not flinch; if they challenge institutions that have long been deemed wise and natural, let us not turn back.—Henry George.

Condensed Wisdom.

But we must some day at last, and forever, cross the line between nonsense and common sense. And on that day we shall pass from class paternalism, originally derived from the fetish fiction in times of universal ignorance, to human brotherhood, in accordance with the nature of things and our growing knowledge of it; from political government to industrial administration; from competition industrialism to individuality in co-operation; from war and despotism in any form to peace and liberty.—Carlyle.

No individual life can be truly prosperous passed in the midst of those who suffer. To the noble soul it cannot be happy; to the ignoble it cannot be secure.—Matthew Arnold.

The principle of the initiative and referendum is Democratic. It will not be opposed by any Democrat who endorses the declaration of Jefferson that the people are capable of self government, nor will it be opposed by any Republican who holds to Lincoln's idea that this should be a government of the people, by the people and for the people.—William J. Bryan.

The judiciary are more to be feared than an invading army.—Jefferson.

Here, on the soil enriched with the blood of the patriotic dead, is to be erected an aristocratic monarchy, with wealth as its God.—Wendell Phillips.

It Makes a Difference.

We see that Gen. Alger is going to send the government cutter Bear with a load of provision to Alaska for the purpose of aiding the miners and people who have gone there without provisions, says the Michigan Democrat. This can be done it seems, and yet if there were hundreds of thousands of coal miners and their families starving in the coal regions, the government would not lift a finger to help them. Why should one be aided and not the other?

This From Boston.

A telegraph, extending wherever the postal routes go, with every postmaster in the small towns a telegraph operator and every postoffice a telegraph station, would bring about an era of swift and easy communication that would broaden the life of the people and bind distant communities close together. We ought to have it.—Boston Pilot.

Disguised With a New Name.

The combination of the "steel wire" manufacturers, under the control of J. P. Morgan, is not a "trust." We have that on the authority of the men in it. It is simply a "corporation." So things go on, and the men who have most to lose in the event of a Bryan victory keep contributing the only material which makes it possible in 1900.

Don't forget this fact that any change in the ratio is the worst kind of goldbugism, for however slight the change, it would make the whole batch of government bonds payable in gold.

THE PEOPLE TO VOTE.

THROUGH MEDIUM OF PATRIOTIC ORDER.

The Scheme to Retire the Greenbacks Will Undoubtedly Receive a Severe Blow—An Argument That Will Be Unanswerable.

The most ingenious piece of literature, probably, that has ever been put in circulation, is the ballot about to be voted in the educational order of the Patriots of America. On the face side of it are ten questions that will interest about every one. On the reverse side is an explanation that the order is educational. In making the explanation the following language is used:

"The theory of Republican government is that when class interests are permitted to do the thinking for the people, it results in such class interests utilizing legislation to enrich themselves, ending in impoverishing the people, creating a restless and distressed citizenship, and finally despotism to hold the people in subjection; and that the only escape from such a drift of affairs is by such method as will secure a majority expression of opinion from all the people, in which expression, the unselfish and disinterested people will outnumber those selfishly interested in a proposed measure. This is illustrated in a proposition now before the American people: The national bankers are now asking the government to retire the greenbacks; permit them to deposit government bonds with the United States treasurer; continue to draw down their interest on the bonds; on the security of the bonds to draw from the government national bank notes to the full face value of the bonds, at a cost to the bankers of one-half of one per cent interest per annum; and in the meantime to be exempt from taxation. Under the present law they are borrowing money from the government at the rate of one per cent per annum, are exempt from taxation, and propose, now, to draw to the full value of their security, and, reduce the rate of interest to one-half of one per cent per annum, for money which they loan to you and me at from six to ten per cent per annum. It is only a question of a few decades, when, under such a law the property of the nation will be transferred to the class thus benefited. With this illustration, it will be readily seen, in one instance only, how laws may affect civilization, and how dangerous it is to concede that any class should be permitted to do our thinking for us on questions of national legislation."

The ballots are being sent out by mail for general distribution, are sent free to any one who writes for them and over a half-million of them are now in circulation passing from hand to hand and in letters all over the country.

It would be hard to conceive of a better or quicker method of making an argument that is unanswerable and that will convince tens of thousands of people. It would be well for those wishing to see these ballots to write J. H. Hix, National Recorder, 362 Washington boulevard, Chicago, for as many as they can distribute. They are given away free and the originality of the face side on which the ballot appears causes them to be generally read and studied.

The Same Fakirs.

The same "fakirs" and mountebanks who are claiming good wheat prices for the Dingley bill are exulting over the fall in silver that is coincident with the rise in wheat. The political charlatans are either so dishonest as not to admit a patent truth or so ignorant that they should be sent to a kindergarten school. The fall in silver is the result of the same inexorable law that is pushing up the price of wheat—the law of supply and demand. Wheat goes up because the world's supply is short, the demand remaining the same. Silver goes down because the famines in India and Argentina, that usually call for silver, this year have nothing to give in exchange for it; the demand is less, while the supply is constant. Again the demand is cut short by the laws of the countries that discriminate against silver and refuse to use where it was formerly used, thus cutting down the demand, while the supply remains constant. Give crops to India, Argentina and Russia, and let the law recognize silver at home, as it used to do, and the "law of supply and demand" will cause the price to bound at once to $1.29 an ounce, and stay there.—Nonconformist.

Paying Four for One.

We are even now paying our bonded debt at the rate of four dollars for one dollar (in value) received by the government, says the National Bimetallist. First the 50-cent greenback rose to par with gold. Then by the partial demonetization of silver the gold itself was doubled in exchange value. The complete establishment of the gold standard in Europe and America will double it again twenty-five years or less, and then we will be paying our war debt at the rate of $8 for every $1 loaned to the government. What is true of our national debt is true of all other debts of equally long standing, while those of more recent contracting having risen and their burden increased in just proportion as the money unit (the dollar) has appreciated, which has been at the rate of about 4 per cent a year for the last twenty-four years.

ALABAMA GLEANINGS.

Pertinent Paragraphs of the Late News of the State.

Convicts Will Work Roads.

After January 1 the public roads of Lee county will be worked by county convicts. There is some dissatisfaction expressed at the move, but a majority of the people are in favor of it.

Negro Woman Killed.

Meagre details have been received of the killing of a young negro woman by a negro boy on the Beard place, near Orrville, sixteen miles from Selma. The killing is claimed by some to be accidental.

Sugars' Sentence Commuted.

Governor Johnston Tuesday commuted the sentence of death passed upon Jesse Sugars, colored, by the fall term of the circuit court of Morgan county to life imprisonment. Sugars was sentenced to hang on Friday at Decatur.

Postmasters Appointed.

The following appointments of Alabama postmasters were made Tuesday: E. B. Cannon, Jug, Walker county; G. W. James, Morris, Jefferson county; D. S. Lesuesr, Samantha, Tuscaloosa county; Mary L. Respess, Seldon, St. Clair county.

His Neck Was Broken.

Bob Wells, a negro boy, on a load of furniture, was going down a steep hill in Mechanicsville, when the table upon which he was sitting turned over. He was thrown under a wheel and his neck was broken, causing almost instant death.

New Flouring Mill.

Florence will, in the course of the next few months, have a new industry in the shape of a flouring mill with a capacity of 100 barrels per day. Messrs. Fleming and Ray, capitalists of Columbia, Tenn., have purchased the old Foster hardware manufacturing plant in that city, and will begin soon to put the building in shape for the new mill.

Murder at Bessemer.

Monday night about 6:30 o'clock Mr. J. L. Howell was shot in a cell in the city prison at Bessemer by Tom Collins, a saloon keeper. The circumstances that led up to the murder originated in a complaint made by Mrs. Collins that Howell was following herself and daughter. When Collins was informed of Howell's action, he deliberately walked into the jail and shot him through the heart.

Attempted Wholesale Poisoning.

A report comes from Pinson, near Birmingham, that an attempt was made last week by a little negro boy to poison the entire family of Dr. Lane. The poison was discovered, so it is stated, and, upon investigation, it was found that everything that the family was to eat had been poisoned. The negro being very small Dr. Lane did not have him arrested, but simply gave him a good dose of "hickory tea."

The "Bessie Smith" Launched

The "Bessie Smith," the new steamer built by Capt. J. Tom Reeder, was launched from the ways at Smithsonia recently, just six months from the day the work was begun in building it. The "Bessie Smith" was towed up to Florence by the steamer Bryant, and will be finished and equipped at that point. The boat is of very light draught, and will ply the trade between Riverton and the upper river, making connection with the boats from Paducah and St. Louis. She will have thirty-two state rooms and will carry passengers and freight.

Montgomery Assignments.

Montgomery has suffered several business failures since Christmas. Following the assignment on the 25th, of Goetter, Well & Co., whose liabilities are estimated at some $300,000, came that of W. A. Foster, grocer. Then two small retail dealers, I. Strouss and C. Grushinsky were closed by the sheriff. Monday Wm. Black, the well-known jeweler, who was formerly associated with Mr. Gluck in the jewelry business in Birmingham, made an assignment. Later in the day the toy and trinket store of T. Davis was closed by the sheriff on attachment sued out by the First National bank and I. Brickman, aggregating $1,800.

Barker Was Installed.

Postmaster Barker was installed before day Tuesday morning in office at Mobile after an all night vigil in the postoffice. The inspectors arrived the night previous and overhauled the accounts of the office and found them correct. Tuesday morning they took possession and swore in P. D. Barker and the employes on arrival. Two of the employes refused to take oath to new postmaster and were suspended. Colonel Rapier, who claims to hold office by virtue of section 3830 of the revised statutes, which law requires that removals before expiration of term must be by the advice and consent of the senate, sued out a writ of injunction in the United States circuit court before Judge Toulmin, who refused to grant the injunction.

C. P. Porter, of Jacksonville, whose store was burned last week, has made an assignment to Walter Dean. His stock was worth $6,000 and was insured for only $1,500.

Bailey Green, a popular Southern Railway engineer, died at Selma.

Rube Brown, a negro, went to sleep on the Southern track at Selma and was killed by a switch engine

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THE BANNER wishes everyone a happy and prosperous New Year.

The state Executive committee of the Peoples Party at its meeting at Birmingham decided that the state convention shall be held on the sirst Wednesday in May. The place of holding is to be decided tpon by a sub-committee appointed by the state execntive committee.

The basis of representation in the State convention was fixed at one delegate for every 200 votes, or fraction thereof over 100, cast for A. T. Goodwyn for Governor in 1896; and in the judicial and chancery conventions the representation shall be one delegate for every 200 votes, or fraction thereof over 50, cast for A. T. Goodwyn for Governor in 1896.

The judicial and chancery conventions were fixed to be held on the same day and at the same place of the state convention unless action to the contrary has already been taken in the respective districts.

A stirring address to the people of Alabama was issued, which we will publish in full in our next issue. It is a severe arraignment of the present administration, and also foreshadows some important policies which may be considered at the convention.

The meeting was marked by the unanimity of opinion of the members, there being not the slightest clash during the session.

The Louisville and Nashville railroad, through Captain J. M. Falkner, head of its law department in Alabama, har offered transportation over its lines free of charge to all delagates who attnd the state good roads convention, to be held in Anniston next month.

It is believed the other railroad companies will follow the example set by the Louisville and Nashville and contribute to make the convention a large and representative one

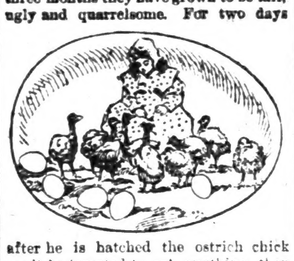
Secretary Wilson, during his recent visit to Alabama, remarked that he could not account for the extremely low price of good farm lands in this state, unless it was because the road system in Alabama was interior.

The Chicago Record's postal savings bank bill was introduced in the house of representatives on the opening pay of the congressional session by representive Lorimer, the Chicago member of the house committee on postoffice and post-roads. The bill was refered at once to the postoffice committee according to the usual custom. it was introduced in the senate post-office committee. It is upon these committees that attention must center for the present of those interested in the passage of a law for the establishment of the postal savings-bank system. The earnest agitation amoung the people has forced upon all the members of congress consideration of this subject with the result that it is discussed in Washington to an axtent that it never has been before. The chairman of the committee is an opponent of the postal bank idea, but other leading members are friendly to the plan. The first and, indeed, the severest test of strength therefore, must come in the postoffice committee. If a postal savings bank bill is reported favorably by that committee and brought to a vote in the house, there can be but little doubt of the outcome on the floor. Fortunately, as the result of popular agitation, and because of the progressive spirit which the friends of the measure in congress are manifesting, the subject is one that can not be ignored or pigeonholed. Never before has the number of members actively interested in the success of this project been so great.

FOR LITTLE FOLKS.

Ostrich Chicks.

The baby ostriches are little, fluffy, brown birds about the size of well grown pulleta. They soon lose their infantile attractiveness, however, as in three months they have grown to be tall, ugly and quarrelsome. For two days



after he is hatched the ostrich chick can't be tempted to eat anything, then he suddenly develops an appetite for gravel. His infant palate relishes nothing but little stones of the size of marrowfat peas and bits of ground bone, and it is a week or two before he will pick at the alfalfa or clover blossoms that are spread around him. An ostrich's span is like that of mankind—threescore and ten.

As to Laughing.

These sensible hints about laughing are from Arthur's Home Magazine. The writer says:

A laugh doeth good like medicine, but you must be sure to have the laugh with others, not at them, if you would have it really do good. The kindness which governs in other things should in this—no substituting of something else that's "just as good" for the golden rule, which should control our conduct, for nothing else is just as good nor nearly as good.

Here are a few "don'ts" for the little people—and we are all little sometimes—to observe about laughter:

First.—Don't laugh at an accident. It is bad enough to be the victim of embarrassment such as comes with any accident without being at the same time the butt of ridicule.

Second.—Don't laugh at misfortune of any kind. Sympathy need not be vocal to be very expressive, but it is much more potent for good than ridicule or amusement.

Third.—Don't laugh at a mistake. Your own mistakes are coming in every day, and you don't want to be paid in money of your own coining unless the coin is of the best standard quality.

Fourth.—Don't laugh at the aged. Some day you'll be just as old as the oldest man or woman you know—if you live long enough.

Fifth.—Don't laugh at the awkward. It is not so much to your credit that you are graceful as it is that you are kind. "There's nothing so royal as kindness," and it is not kind to laugh at a person whom you think awkward.

Sixth.—Don't laugh at a joke that has any doubtful meaning. All coarse or mean conversation should be frowned down.

Seventh.—Don't laugh in the way that will disturb others.

When the Whistle Blows.

My pa, he works up at th' mine,
An ev'ry mornin, rain or shine,
He gets up at five o'clock,
An my ma gets up too.

Pa eats his breakfast while I'm in bed.
Nen he comes in an pats my head
And goes to work. Ma fills his bucket up
Ith things to eat, an a big tin cup
Of coffee, which he makes hot
Wen th' whistle blows at twelve o'clock.

An all th' day while pa's away
Ma cleans house, an I'm at play,
An nen as it gets late in th' day
I watch for pa on th' wagon road,
Cause he comes home that way
An, sure enough,
At six o'clock th' whistle blows,
An nen we knows
Pa'll be home quick in his dirty cloze,
Ith smutty han an sutty nose,
An ma, she has th' supper hot,
An I puts th' washpan on th' spot
(For ma makes him wash, if he likes or not),
Ith soap an towel an brush an comb,
So pa'll fine 'em when he comes home.
An after supper is cleared away,
An the dishes washed, then pa, he'll say:
"Kim here, you chicken, an tell me thrice,
Wot kev you bin doin this long day too?"
An nen he rides me to Dubuin town
On his foot, as he wiggles it up an down,
An tosses an tickles till I laff.
Oh, I couldn't tell you even half
Of all the fun we have!

An by an by ma'll say, "My dear,
It's time for bed," an pa pulls my ear
An kisses me.
Nen ma grabs me up an undresses me,
An nen—nen nex' thing I know I knows
Is wen th' great big whistle blows,
An pa has gone to work again.

—New Orleans Picayune.

The Lion's Petition.

Sultan Muley Abderrahman of Marocco was very fond of wild animals and had coolness of nerve in dealing with them. He was one day passing through the court of the palace, mounted on a magnificent white charger, when a lion which he had been in the habit of caressing sprang up the side of the horse and placed his paws upon the sultan's knee.

The horse, wild with fear, snorted and reared, and the sultan held him in with a firm hand. Those who saw him say that he was not in the least disturbed. He put his hand on the lion's head and stroked it. Then he turned to the chief officer of the court and asked:

"How many pounds of meat are given to this lion daily?"

The officer told him the quantity.

"Let the lion have ten more pounds," said his majesty; and the beast, as if an actual petition had been granted, withdrew from the horse's side and lay down again, quite pacified.

"These animals," said the master of the horse, "understand what is spoken, although they have not the power of speech to tell what they want."

"Mashallah!" gravely responded another.—Youth's Companion.

An Engine's Bath.

A little fellow who saw a steamboat for the first time exclaimed, "Look, mamma, there is a railway engine taking a bath."—Exchange.

Political Pointers.

People's Press Bureau, St. Louis, Mo., Dec. 29, 1897.

Dr. E. Ben Andrews of Brown University, and who precipitated a row by his free silver, free trade views, is again in trouble. He recently in an address delivered in Chicago, paid a glowing tribute to the life and character of General Robt. E. Lee and for this is being arraigned by the G. A. R. The Boston G. A. R. sent out the following resolution:

"That it is the duty of all friends of the Union soldiers to set the seal of condemnation against such utterances as those emanating from alleged public teachers, and we, as soldiers of the Union Army, ask the loyal public of the country to frown upon all such disloyal bombast and repudiate both the speeches and speakers."

Furthermore he asserted that the Turks are a "nobler and more moral race than the Armenians" and thereby raised a hornet's nest among the church people.

Jerry Simpson remarked recently in his usual vein of humor, that the only thing he could do unmolested in Washington, D. C., was to draw his salary.

On the convening of cougress after the holidays sensational developments are promised. An outbreak against Hanna's tyranny is universally desired and the persistent turning down of such men as Cullum, Mason, Allison and others, to carry out the big bosses promises and plans is breeding a mutiny.

It is manifest that McKinley is bestowing patronage with an eye to securing renomination in 1900, and the wiser and less unscrupulous men of the party see utter destruction if something is not done to forestall him. The conservative and the anti-administration elements are united in this movement.

Every effort is being made by the administration to secure Hanna's reelection, but Senator Foraker remained obdurate and refuses to dictate to Ohio men to whom opposition to Hanna is, he affirms, a matter of conscience.

Secretary of the Treasury Gage's open demands for the single gold standard has moved several prominent members of his party to express opinions less radical and to prophecy an adherence to Gage's plan certain defeat for the republicans in the next campaign.

Government boats have detailed to convey ex Presibent Cleveland to his favorite hunting grounds and await his pleasure there; by what authority, no man knows with. Grover is getting to be a sort of trans-Atlantic Prince of Wales and may yet demand a yearly income to be paid by the people.

R. E. Bray, Oklahoma member of the national committee, publishes in "Coming Events" of Enid, Okla, his reply to L. C. Bateman's circular letter. Bateman calls for an early convention, the nomination of Wharton Barker on the presidential ticket and the general undoing of the "snarl" in which he claims to find the people's party. To all of this Mr. Bray gives a ringing answer and lays all "snarls" on the rule and ruin policy of the Watson-Bateman element of the party, and warns them of the fatal results of such a policy if it is continued.

Brother C. E. Kinnan, of Woodville, Montana, goes after Bateman's scalp for wanting to put up Barker as a presidential candidate on the populist ticket and suggests ex-Governor Altgeld as a substitute.

A statement of the Treasury, December 24, shows an available cash balance of $239,004,602; gold reserve $[illegible]76,613.

So in position to know predict another general coal strike, after the present agreement expires Dec. 31.

Kansas went Populist and Cyclone Leland has succeeded in having the post office abolished although forty families went there for mail.

Among the latest eulogisers of Henry George are William Lloyd Garrison and Rev. Herber Newton, pastor of All Souls church in New York. The latter said:

"When a man comes into the world charged with a great idea, imbued with the sense of a divine mission, preaching to his generation what he believes to be a newer and higher truth of social order, it is the duty of all who call themselves Christians, to calmly consider his message and be prepared to accept it, in so far as it is true, no matter how it may run athwart traditional beliefs."

Such suggestions of tolerance carried out toward Populist principles would soon revolutionize the country.

Governor Leedy, of Kansas will submit to the Immigration Congress a plan for a canal 17,000 miles long, extending from the junction of the Milk and Missouri rivers to Montana, to the Red river in Texas, at a cost of $360,000,000. This rather surprising sum he proposes to raise by an income tax.

The office of the "Southern Mercury," published at Dallas, Texas, was destroyed by fire December 17.

A universal cut of ten per cent in the wages of all employes of the Connecticut woolen mills and factories is announced to go into effect January 4, '98. Prosperity, indeed!

After hearing some friends continually praising Chamberlain's Colic, Cholera and Diarrhoea Remedy, Curtis Fleck, of Anaheim, California, purchased a bottle of it for his own use and is now as enthusiastic over its wonderful work as anyone can be. The 25 and 50 cent sizes for sale by J. S. Johnson jr. Druggist.

Multi-millionaire J. Pierpont Morgan has just completed a consolidation of railroad and coal interests which will "freeze out" over 1,600 small dealers and dispenses with the services of ten thousand laborers. The magnate admits that he expects an annual income of $15,000,000 from this deal.

Senator Wolcott threatens as dramatic a leave-taking from his party as Teller made. He says he will be supported by Senators Chandler, Pritchard, Carter, Clark, Warren, Shoup and Hansborough.

A. R.

HOW TO FIND OUT.

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Miss Bessie Foshee and Mr. Durwood Foshee came home to spend Xmas with their parents, and their many friends here rejoiced to see them once again.

Messrs. Sam and Eugene Chesnut returned to the many happy homes they have spent here, came home to spend Xmas here.

Messrs. W. H. Smith of Coosa county, and Jesson Walker, and P. [illegible] Hoover, were welcomed to the embraces of their parents Mr. and Mrs. Patrick Smith.

Mr. Patrick Smith and Mr. Lou[illegible] visited on Sunday [illegible] Chilton county.

[illegible] K. Middleton of Haynesville [illegible] his old home with his parents to spend Xmas.

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George Wiley Lenoir and Eliza [illegible] Moxon and Mary Ona [illegible] Williams and Lizzie [illegible] Foster Griffin and Alice [illegible].

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Non-Resident Notice.

The State of Alabama
Chilton County

In Chancery at Clanton, Alabama. Seventh District, North-eastern Chancery Division.

Carrie Gore, by next friend, Complainant, vs. John Gore, Defendant.

In this cause it is made to appear to the Register, by the affidavit of J. W. Cox, that the Defendant John Gore is a non-resident of the State of Alabama, and that his post-office and residence are unknown to affiant and further, that in the belief of said affiant the Defendant is over the age of twenty-one years.

It is therefore ordered by the Register, that publication be made in The Banner, a newspaper publiseed in Clanton, once a week for four consecutive weeks, requiring him, the said John Gore, to answer or demur to the same, within thirty days after the 10th day of January, 1898, and failing so to do a decree pro confesso will be taken against him in said cause.

Done at office in Clanton, Alabama, this 1st day of December, 1897.

W. K. STEWART,
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Notice to Non-Residen'.

The State of Alabama, Chilton county. In Chancery at Clanton, Alabama: Seventh District, Northeastern Chancery Division. December 14, 1897.

W. M. Pylant, complainant, vs. Fannie Pylant, defendant.

In this cause it is made to appear to the Register, by the affidavit of A. C. Smith, Esq., that the Defendant, Fannie Pylant, is a non-resident of the State of Alabama, and that her post office address and residence are unknown to affiant and further, that in the belief of said affiant, the Defendant is over the age of twenty-one years.

It is therefore ordered by the Register that publication be made in the Banner, a newspaper published in Clanton; once a week for four consecutive weeks, requiring her, the said Fannie Pylant, to answer or demur to the same within thirty days after the 17th day of January 1898, and failing so to do a decree pro confesso will be taken against her in said cause.

Done at office in Clanton, Alabama, this 14th day of December, 1897.

W. K. STEWART,
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The children have wearied of flying their kites,
The shooting of marbles is over;
Gay "leap-frog" will never give any delights
And "par" is no longer in clover.

On stilts little fellows won't think they are tall,
And tops they will never be spinning,
And as for the amateur game of baseball,
No more will it give us an inning.

The round iron quoits will no longer be tossed,
And tag, dear old tag, has been banished,
While "duck on the rock" is an art that is lost
And "riding duck," also, has vanished.

Forgotten, alas! is old "ball in the hole;"
"Hop-scotch" is all out of the fashion;
The hoople we never will gracefully roll,
And "cat" is no longer a passion.

"Hide and seek" doesn't enter in anyone's mind,
For "cricket" nobody is wishing;
"Snap the whip" has departed, and soon we will find
No pleasure in going a-fishing.

"Copenhagen" in spite of its kissing, is done,
"Mumblepeg" is not worthy of notice,
And bold "stunting master" the little ones shun
As much as a hot mustard poultice.

"I spy," "wolf" and "follow your leader" have passed,
"Hare and hounds" is as flat as the ceiling,
And rowing and sailing are leaving as fast,
For nothing is thought of but wheeling.

The only old sports that may linger around
Are sledding and snow forts and skating,
For when it is cold and there's snow on the ground
The wheel is way off in its rating.

The cycle has come and is likely to stay,
For lassies as well as for laddies,
And sorry we are, for they never will play
The old-fashioned games of their daddies

—Chicago Daily Sun.

MISS NANCY'S EAVESDROPPING.

"Who was that young man with you?"

Miss Nancy Armstrong asked the question of her niece, Margery. Her tone was sharp and her eyes had an angry snap in them.

"It was John Markham," answered Margery, quietly enough, as she took off her bonnet, but the tone in which the question had been asked brought an extra color to her cheek and a sparkle of resentment to her eyes.

"I thought so," responded Miss Nancy, in her most irritating way. "Margery Armstrong, I should think you'd be ashamed of yourself."

"What for?" asked Margery. "I'm not aware that I've done anything to be ashamed of."

"O, you needn't try to plead innocence," retorted Miss Nancy. "You ought to be ashamed of going with that Markham fellow, and you know it."

"I don't know any such thing," answered Margery, facing her aunt bravely. "John Markham is a respectable young man. You don't like him because there used to be trouble between the Markhams and the Armstrongs. That happened before either of us was born, and there's no reason why we should keep up the quarrel. If we see fit to like each other I don't know who's going to prevent our doing so."

"I am," answered Miss Nancy, grimly. "You needn't think—and John Markham needn't think—that a cent of my property'll go into the hands of any one of that family."

"O, you can do just as you see fit to about your property, of course," said Margery. "I haven't anything to say about that, but if you think anything you can do about it will prevent John and I from liking each other, you're quite mistaken. He don't want your property, but"—with the prettiest little blush imaginable and a softening of the voice at the import of the words—"he does want me."

"Margery Armstrong, I'd like to know how far this matter has gone," cried Miss Nancy, in wrathful surprise. "To judge by the way you talk one would suppose it is all settled between you."

"It is," answered Margery, with eyes that never flinched before the angry ones of her aunt. "I promised John to-night, coming home from church, that I'd marry him as soon as he has a home for me."

Miss Nancy fairly gasped for breath.

"You're a fool," she said, as soon as she could command her voice, "to take up with that fellow when you might marry the squire's nephew."

"I wouldn't marry the squire's nephew if he was the last man on earth," said Margery. "Look at him alongside John Markham, and I know that down in your heart you can't help owning that he's an insignificant apology for a man. All you can see to admire in him is his money, I'm sure, and if he had a thousand times more than he has I'd have just as much contempt for him as I have now."

"You may see the day when you'll wish you had some of his money," said Miss Nancy. "Wait till you're John Markham's wife and poor as poverty and things'll look different to you. Of course he thinks and you think that I'll change my mind when I find out that I can't prevent your marrying him. But you were never more mistaken in your life. Marry that fellow and I'll see that not a penny of mine goes to you."

"Please yourself about that," answered Margery. "We don't want your money. We're both strong and willing to work, and we'll get along. Don't worry about that."

"That sounds well, but you'll sing a different tune by and by," said Miss Nancy. "Just remember what I tell you."

"All right, I will," replied Margery, and then she went up to her room, not to think about what her aunt had said, but about the things she had talked of with her lover as they walked home from church together.

One day Miss Nancy decided to go to the city to do some shopping. She was always afraid of being too late for the train, and generally arrived at the station at least half an hour before it was due. She did so on this occasion, and as the day was a very warm one she sat down on the platform in the shade of some large boxes of freight that had been unloaded there, thinking it more comfortable there than in the stuffy little waiting room.

Pretty soon she heard steps on the platform, and presently voices from the other side of the pile of boxes reached her ears.

"How is your matrimonial project getting along?" was asked by one of the unseen parties. And a voice which Miss Nancy recognized as belonging to the squire's nephew answered:

"It seems to hang fire just at present. The fact is, the girl's got another string to her bow, and the chances would be against me if it wasn't for the fact that her aunt favors my suit, because she thinks I'm going to get Uncle Amos' money, and she'd like to unite the two properties. So I'm rather sweeter on the aunt at present than I am on the girl. If I get the girl at all it must be through the old lady's influence, you see. The girl's a little daisy, but the aunt's—well, she isn't a daisy, you can be sure of that! It's a question if having her in the family wouldn't be paying a dear price for all her property, but you see there's a chance of being able to shake her off after a little. I happen to know that a new railroad's going through this place, and the company will have to buy a piece of land she owns, and this land she intends to give to the girl as a wedding present. Now, just as soon as the road is put through—and it's sure to come—this land will be worth more than all the rest of the old lady's property. If the girl gets a deed of it and I get the girl I can sell it to the railroad company and make a good big sum of money out of it and we'll be independent of the aunt, and when that happens, if it ever does, I'll tell her to look out for her affairs and I'll look out for mine. I'm looking out now that she don't find out about the new railroad scheme. I want to make sure of the girl and the land before I break the news to her."

Miss Nancy listened with ears and eyes very wide open.

"Yes, when it happens, if it ever does," she chuckled. "I don't believe you'll ever get the chance you're looking for, my smart young man! I don't suppose I am a daisy—I never thought I was!—but I rather guess I'm a match for you, since I know what to do. I don't believe you'll have to shake me off. I think I'll do a little—or most—of the shaking."

Just then the train came along, and Miss Nancy got aboard of it without being seen by the young men.

That evening, when she came home, as luck would have it, she met the squire's nephew at the station.

"If you're going home you might walk along with me and help carry some of my bundles," she said, in her very pleasant manner. "I'm just about tired out. I've been seeing to a good deal of business to-day. I've had a deed made out, giving Margery the south forty acres of the farm, and I've been pricing carpets and furniture and finding out how much it's going to cost to set up a young couple in housekeeping. Of course they won't need the things right away, but I thought I'd get some idea of what the expense would be."

"They—who do you mean?" asked the young man in bewilderment.

"Why, Margery and Mr. Markham, of course," answered Miss Nancy. "Who else should I mean?"

"You don't mean to say you're going to let your niece marry that fellow?" cried the squire's nephew in surprise and consternation.

"Why, certainly," replied Miss Nancy, as if she had never had any other idea. "He's a nice young man. He's got brains, and when he gets Margery he'll get money, for the new railroad's going to make the land I've deeded her worth a snug little fortune."

"I'd like to know how you knew about the new railroad?" cried the astonished young man.

"O, I keep posted on such matters," said Miss Nancy, looking very wise. "But here we are at my gate. Thank you for bringing my bundles. Won't you come in?"

"No, not to-night," was the gruff reply, and Miss Nancy chuckled as the young man went his way.

"I guess I've got about even with you," she said, nodding her head after his retreating figure. "I guess he was about as much surprised as Margery'll be."

Her niece had seen her, and came out to meet her and help her with her bundles.

"Margery, I've got something to tell you," said Miss Nancy, anxious to have the matter disposed of. "I've thought it all over, and I don't know but you're right about John Markham. It is foolish to let an old grudge stand in the way of young folks' happiness. I've concluded to let you do as you think best, and I've had the south forty deeded to you, and when John gets you he'll get that too, if you see fit to turn it over to him. Anyway, it's yours to do just what you please with."

"Why, Aunt Nancy!" cried Margery, looking at her as if she felt sure she had gone crazy. "I thought you'd never consent to our marriage!"

"Folks change their minds sometimes," said Miss Nancy. "There! there! Don't hug me so or I'll drop this bandbox. I hear a whistle down the road that sounds like John's. You'd better go and tell him the news, and by and by, after I've had a cup of tea, bring him in to see me."—New York Ledger.

MAN DANGEROUS.

Statistics Show He Is Apt to Commit Crime at 29.

It is a singular fact, yet one substantiated by statistics, that most crime is committed in New York by men twenty-nine years old. This is not only true of the lesser but also of the greater crimes, although a man is presumed to be at that period of his life not only in the zenith of his physical, but also in full and complete possession of his mental powers, with a complete appreciation of right and wrong and their respective consequences. This condition is a problem which has not been solved by the student of criminology, and one which is made the more complex by the fact that the ages of twenty-one, twenty-seven and forty-five years nearly equal it, with the intervening years showing a far less percentage of crime. It is indeed peculiar that the criminal tendency should be so strong at twenty-nine, with no such inclination, so far as criminal statistics show, in as great a degree for the succeeding sixteen years, and then another outburst of the animal in man. This condition is found to be true by actual figures, and as all statistical computations at which average conditions are sought to be determined are arrived at by this method, so may the student of this subject, as well as the insurance magnate who bases his rates on the general average of losses in proportion to the risks taken, and does so with full safety, employ it in solving the problem before him. Charles K. Baker, chief clerk to Superintendent Lathrop of the New York bureau of statistics, has made this subject one of close study, and will soon have completed a table showing this to be true. He has already completed one relative to murderers serving life sentences in the penal institutions, and its figures bear out the general conclusion. He offers at this time no explanation for this, but hopes after he has exhausted the subject, so far as the presentation of figures is concerned, to be able to set forth reasons why these years should be productive of the most crimes.

He Rules and Sorrows.

Few monarchs have had to undergo so many sorrows—public and private—as the Emperor Franz Joseph of Austria, and no one has ever borne misfortune with greater courage. In his family he lost his first-born, a daughter, whom, though she died a little child, he is said never to have forgotten. His next brother, the Emperor Maximilian, was executed in the prime of life by the Mexicans. The fate of his only son is too tragic for more than an allusion.

In later days he has lost another brother; a granddaughter eloped with a young officer; his wife is in bad health; his nephew and heir is an invalid and the next prince in the line of succession is a scapegrace.

His public life has been one of incessant toil and danger. In the early part of his reign he suffered severely from the dagger of a would-be assassin. He waged war unsuccessfully with the French in 1859 and with the Prussians in 1866. He has been ousted from Germany, over which he once presided, and of which he formerly hoped to be emperor, as his forefathers were. And yet, in spite of such defeats, no prince is more beloved by his subjects. Indeed, his personality is the chief bond by which his heterogeneous dominions are kept together.

Recently the emperor completed his 67th year. His imperial and royal majesty was placed on the throne in the revolutionary year of 1848, when his uncle Ferdinand abdicated, and his father declined to take up the burden of the crown. In point of seniority as a sovereign he is second to Queen Victoria alone.

A Simple Fire Extinguisher.

Hand-grenades, the simplest form of fire-extinguisher, can be made at home cheaply and easily. And it is well to have at hand a simple contrivance for extinguishing a small fire at its start.

Take twenty pounds of common salt and ten pounds of sal ammoniac (nitrate of ammonia, to be had of any druggist), and dissolve in seven gallons of water. Procure quart bottles of thin glass, such as are ordinarily used by druggists, and fill with this, corking tightly and sealing, to prevent evaporation.

In case of fire throw so as to break in or near the flame. If the fire is in such a place as to prevent the bottle from breaking, as in wool or cotton, knock off the neck and scatter the contents.

The breaking of the bottle liberates a certain amount of gas, and the heat of the fire generates more, thus working its own destruction.

Nature Illuminated.

The Royal Gorge, in Colorado, is to be lighted with electricity. The running time of the trains through this remarkable canyon is so arranged that tourists are compelled to pass through it at night, and are thus prevented from viewing its beauties. To obviate this the railroad company proposes to make it as light as day, and, if anything, to add to its scenic beauties, because of the accentuated lights and shadows which must play over and between the rocks.

Clear Understanding at the Start.

Landlady—Have you a young man Bridget?

Servant—No'm. He's older'n I be.—Boston Courier.

GOD'S MESSAGE TO MAN.

PREGNANT THOUGHTS FROM THE WORLD'S GREATEST PROPHETS

"We Follow That Way"—Sorrows Which Have Been Averted—Beauty Not Necessary to Fruitage—Harvest but Fruition—The Foundation of God's Love.

They are gathering homeward, one by one,
And we follow that way;
Their labors are ended, their journey done,
And closed is their day.
They tread the streets of the city fair,
No scars from earth's conflict there they bear,
Nor feel the pain of life's goading care,
In their unalloyed bliss.

They are gathering homeward, one by one,
And we follow that way;
The boatman pale to their port has come
In the twilight gray.
And we hear the dip of his muffled oar,
But our hearts are rent with an anguish sore,
Gazing that way.

They are gathering homeward, one by one,
In the midst of the fight;
And we stand perplexed in wonderment
dumb,
In sorrow and night.
But the clarion voice of our leader cries:
"The conflict deepens. Arise! arise!"
For the dying must stand where the dead now lies,
And face the dread foe.

They are gathering homeward, O comforting thought!
And we follow that way.
Inspired with the lesson their life has taught
We risk no delay.
Then "Onward!" the cry on every hand
"For God and home and every land,"
Till our cause is crowned with a victory grand,
And we follow that way.
—Union Signal.

Sorrows Which Have Been Averted.

"Lips say God be pitiful,
That never say God be praised,"

sang Mrs. Browning, crystallizing in a couplet a truth which every day's lack of gratitude to the generous Giver of all our good bears sorrowful witness. Our impulse in trial and pain is to call for help; in extremity we clamor for relief; in peril and darkness we lift up our hands to the heavens. Not always do we render the tribute of thanks to Him who so bountifully spreads our tables, so wonderfully guides our way, and so instantly aids us in our time of need. When have we ever gone to Him in penitence and faith and been denied? When shall we ever get to the end of the mercies which make the outgoings of the morning and the evening to rejoice? Yet in our private devotions we sometimes forget to acknowledge our obligations to God, and as a people we have occasion to be reminded, as we are by the feast the fathers set, that our national life and institutions are tokens of His watchful care and ceaseless wisdom. In considering thanksgiving as a means of grace, ought we not to make a special note of all from which we have been saved in the things that have not happened? How safe have been our journeys! How free from accident the tenor of our lives! How protected have been our homes! How long in immunity have we had from sickness, and how seldom has the angel of death spread his wing of darkness over our thresholds! Yes, thanks be unto God for the sorrows we have not had to bear, for the calamities that have not fallen upon us and ours

If they had cause for thankfulness
Who crossed the bitter sea
To build within the wilderness
The altar of the tree,
Who paused amid their bread of tears
In exile and in pain,
To praise the God who hushed their fears
And gave them sun and rain,
And seed that pierced the rocky soil,
And harvest ere the snow—
If they were glad, 'mid grief and toil,
Our fathers, long ago,
Oh, what rich chord of nobler song
Should we this hour uplift,
On whom so swift love's favors throng,
Who reap so large a gift!
Father from out Thine open hand
Through all our borders wide,
Drop bounties on our smiling land,
No prayer of want denied.
Receive our thanks that seek Thee, Lord,
Our words are weak to say
Praise God from whom all blessings flow,
Our heartfelt psalm this day.

—Margaret E. Sangster in Congregationalist.

Beauty Not Necessary to Fruitage.

Once upon a time a very huge and ancient apple-tree in an orchard set forth a suggestive parable in the face of passers by, of those who ran but chose to read. An immense branch, broken from the trunk, but not severed from the root, was cast upon the ground by the high wind. There it lay along, the size of a tree itself, like a defeated giant, but not defeated after all. Its object was to bear fruit, and bear fruit it did. The tiny apples with which it was covered when it fell, grew apace and ripened, in spite of the fell disaster that had visited the branch. It still had vital connection with the root, though torn from the trunk. The tree was marred, the branch broken; but in spite of all, it fulfilled its mission. Beauty, symmetry, a conspicuous place high in air among the other branches, were not essential, although desirable. The vital thing—connection with the root—insured the life and fruitage. So a maimed life, cast from its high place, injured by some sharp stroke, but not destroyed, may still be fruitful and also fair may live in the sunlight, gladden the eyes and enrich the lives of others, if, at the root, there is still vital connection with the infinite Source of life and love.—Julia H Johnston, in "Bright Threads."

Harvest but Fruition.

What is a harvest season? It is death, but a fruition. It is stripped fields, but ripened apples; stubble in the field, but wheat at the mill; out-of-doors a naked world, the summer things all gone, empty nests clinging to the boughs, brown leaves swinging their last hour in the wind or rustling crisply under foot; and indoors, thanksgiving for the populations fed again and for glad homes nestling closer. Fruition and a death. That does not mean success the opposite, failure then. The dying is part of the success. The loyal leaves they would resent a funeral sermon preached or dirges sung above them. Their very last word, their death-murmur, is Life. "We have not been destroyed," they say. "We have been fulfilled in fruit that we have made. In it we have eternal life."—Rev. W. C. Gannett.

The Foundation of God's Love.

I read a little lesson as I look out over the landscape brown and sere from the drought—not a green thing in sight save the trees whose still dark emerald foliage is so restful to weary eyes. So is the soul whose roots strike deep, deep, where flow the hidden fountains of God's precious love and unfailing peace and joy for our rest and refreshing. The poor drooping vines and brown maize and sere grasses are not to blame—it is not their nature to take deep root; but it is what God designed for us, and we are to blame if we fail.—M. E. B. Thompson.

Melted by the Holy Spirit.

Egypt is parched and dry. The Nile is low and practically useless for watering the land. The farmer looks in dismay. There can be no harvest unless the seed is watered; is there no supply for his need? Yes. On the snow-capped mountains of Africa there is all he needs, but it is snow, and so useless. But the fiery sun arises, the snow is melted, the lakes are filled, the rill overflows, and the land is refreshed, the seed grows, a harvest is sure. Men are as the snow. They need the Holy Spirit to bless the world.—Preachers' Magazine.

WARLIKE PREPARATIONS.

Japan Has in Readiness Twenty Warships for the Eastern Conflict.

A special from Shanghai, dated Tuesday, says:

"It is reported a Japanese fleet of over twenty warships is awaiting near Goto island, outside Nagasaki, fully equipped for war and only awaiting instructions. This includes the Yashima and the Fuji, two of the finest vessels in the Japanese navy, and the Chen Yuen, that was captured from China. The Japanese fleet, it is understood, is acting in close touch with the British squadron under Vice Admiral Sir Alexander Buller, commander-in-chief on the China station.

"Japan will certainly oppose a permanent Russian occupation of Port Arthur. The sudden dissolution of the Japanese diet was owing to the war report.

"It is expected that the Japanese fleet will attempt to prevent the landing of reinforcements from Odessa for the protection of the Russian Trans Atlantic railway in Manchuria.

English Warships To—

The London Globe says a private telegram reached London announcing that over twenty British warships have arrived at Port Hamilton.

Japan's New Cabinet.

Owing to the failure of the premier, Marquis Saimo, to reconstruct the cabinet all the members of that body have resigned. The newspapers demand the formation of a very strong ministry, capable of coping with the situation in the east.

GAGE HAS NOT RESIGNED.

The Secretary Denies a Report That Had Caused Excitement in Official Circles.

Immediately after the report that Secretary of Treasury Gage had tendered his resignation from the cabinet came a prompt denial.

Secretary Gage was seen and questioned as to the truth of the published report that he had tendered his resignation to the president and that it had been firmly declined with many expressions of confidence and appreciation of his ability as shown in his administration of the treasury department. Mr. Gage was not inclined to discuss the matter at length, but said he had not tendered his resignation nor had he any reason to believe that he and the president were not in substantial accord on the great questions now before the country. The report, he said, probably sprung from a remark he had made to intimate friends to the effect that not for anything would he embarrass the president, and if he saw he was doing this, he would resign at once.

Not a Step Toward Intervention.

Mr. DuPuy DeLome, the Spanish minister at Washington, expresses strong disapproval of reports that the relief measures adopted by the United States and co-operated in by Spain, are a step toward intervention by the government in the affairs of Cuba. The minister characterizes such reports as an effort to mix politics with charity and as calculated to excite ill feeling which will embarrass the charitable movement and impede its execution in Havana and throughout the island.

Will Be Removed to the South.

The British Hosiery Company at Thornton, R. I., is making preparations to remove part of its business to the south. A plant is to be established at Nashville, Tenn., and a number of the operatives from Thornton will soon leave for that state, where they will be used as instructors to the new and inexperienced southern colored employes. The management asserts that the plant will be used for cotton goods, and that the change is necessitated by the present condition of cotton manufacturing.

Recovered His Speech.

At Louisville, Ky., Patrick Kelly, a hardwood finisher, who for more than a year has been dumb, suddenly recovered the use of speech Monday during a fit of anger. He was greatly surprised to find himself talking and changed his words from curses to a fervent "Thank God." It was when about to curse one of his employers that his voice was palsied.

Nashville Woman Shoots Herself.

Some time between the hours of 6 p. m. Saturday and the same time Sunday, Mrs. Lillian McElroy, of Nashville, committed suicide in the Bracken house in that city by shooting herself through the heart with a revolver.

Bicycle Factory Fails.

The Overman Wheel Company, of Chicopee Falls, with agencies in all the principal cities in the country, made an assignment Monday. Liabilities, $539,000; assets, $1,418,000.

Murderer Lynched.

Joseph Hopkins, colored, was hanged by a mob at Glendora, Miss., for participating in the murder of two white farmers on Christmas day.

Provisions at Dawson.

George Ruth, of Flathead, Mont., arrived in Portland, Ore., on the steamer Elder, having come direct from Dawson City, which point he left November 16. Mr. Ruth says there are from 6,000 to 10,000 people camped at Dawson City and its vicinity, and he estimates the provisions there are sufficient to winter only about 2,000.

The rumor that Sylvester Scovel, correspondent for a New York paper in Cuba, had been killed by the insurgents is untrue.

TOPICS OF THE TIME

Thimbles made of lava are extensively used in Naples.

Color-blindness is far more common among men than women.

There are four millionaires in England to every one in France.

As a rule a man's hair turns five years sooner than a woman's.

It is a Chinese custom to insure a business venture with a fire pyrotechnics.

Sixty thousand elephants are annually slaughtered in Africa for their ivory.

Golf can positively be traced in British history back to 1457, and probably to a remoter date.

Nails, it is said, may be driven into hard wood without bending if they be first dipped in lard or oil.

The prefix "O" before so many names of Irish families is an abbreviation of the word ogha, meaning a child. O'Connor, therefore, means grandchild of Connor.

One of the stations of the railway which is to be built from the Nile to the top of Mount Sinai will be on the spot where it is supposed Moses stood when he received the tables of the law.

The ears of the most defenseless animals, like the rabbit, are turned backward, because these creatures live in constant apprehension of being followed. Hunting animals have their ears turned forward.

Japanese theaters have their seats so arranged that the ladies can display their dresses, as it is not considered stylish for a lady to appear at an evening in one dress and with the ornaments of another.

Germany is going ahead. In her official publications she describes the condition of her African settlement of Togo as satisfactory. The total is eighty-nine white people, eighty of whom are German officials.

For a short distance a lion certainly can outrun a man, and can equal the speed of a fast horse, but they lose their wind at the end of about a mile. They have little endurance and are remarkably weak in lung power.

Emperor William has begun in the practice of keeping the Berlin churches of the city open throughout the day and of week days. Heretofore only the Catholic churches have been left thus open to stray worshipers on week days.

Mr. Edison declares that before the world's supply of coal is exhausted it shall surely not be dependent on any fuel; in fact, fuel of any kind will be superfluous. It is said that he believes that the fires of the interior of the earth will be utilized in the future to run on every industry requiring steam power.

It is a singular fact, but true, that the majority of cyclists depend principally upon the right foot to push the machine along. In proof of this, if the bearings of a crank axle are examined, the wear on one side will be found more worn than on the other. This is accounted for by the fact that the greater strain comes on the right side.

A back and shoulder rest for cyclists has been brought out. The rest consists of a neatly finished flexible frame or support, which can be instantaneously slung round the shoulders and worn under the jacket, and attached by a connection or the handlebar by means of a cord, which can be immediately detached or fastened by a single movement of the finger.

Most Wonderful Temple.

The most wonderful temple in the world is built on a rocking stone on the summit of a mountain in Northern India. It is impossible to imagine a more wonderful situation than that of the temple. The rocking stone is situated on a mountain over twenty thousand feet high. It weighs many thousands of tons, but is balanced on so small a point that a comparatively light pressure is sufficient to make it rock. Whether or not the great rock was raised to its present position by human hands is a mystery to scientific men. If it was, the labor was one to which no modern engineering feat can be compared. The Hindu priests tell their followers that the rock was placed in position by the help of the gods. In this way they add considerably to the feeling of awe which they desire to create. The worshiper who visits this shrine must first make the ascent of the mountain, a matter of great difficulty. Then they spend seven days in preparation in a temple built on the golf mountain before they are allowed to make the final passage to the mysterious rocking stone. To touch the stone it is necessary to cross a bridge over a great chasm. Nature alone had combined to make this sanctuary awe-inspiring to the devotee. In crossing the bridge the pilgrim mounts a ladder, to which he clings in terror for his life here and in the hereafter. The temple on the rock is necessarily a small place. Three priests officiate in it. The mysteries which take place here no man is permitted to reveal. Europeans have seen it at a distance.

Dear Child.

Little Pete—Will it make a noise, Mr. Constant?

Mr. Constant—What, my boy?

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Determined.

Old Harding—Well, I guess that ...ing Dabsley's determined to marry ... Lib, in spite of everything.

Mrs. Harding—Why do you think so, ...eremiah?

Old Harding—Why, you know she ...ng to him and played the piano night ...efore last and here he is again!—Cleveland Leader.

Rubber Necks.

Mrs. Church—I believe that new hat of Mrs. Parvenu's has turned her head.

Mr. Church—Not nearly so much as it has ...ther women's.—Up To Date.

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Sunday at Sea.

Smith—Did many of the passengers go to hear Dr. Fourthly preach in the main cabin this morning?

Brown—Yes, but most of them left when he announced his text.

"What was it?"

"Cast thy bread upon the waters."—Life.

She—I would like a marriage license.

He—Well—er—madam, but it is customary for the gentleman to——

She—Not in this case—the gentleman can't come. He objected, an' for a time it looked as if there wasn't goin' to be any wedding. He'll be able to be around to-morrow; so you can just give it to me.—Judge.

The Nicholasville (Ky.) Democrat remarks that "the residence and most of the contents of Mrs. Funk on Brown street was destroyed by fire early Tuesday morning. It contained the furniture of George Diamond." It would be interesting to know how much of the contents of Mrs. Funk was saved by the fire department.

Bowlder Marks His Grave.

Of all the monuments, gravestones and shafts ever used the one pictured here is the most curious and original. It is the great New England bowlder be-

GRAVESTONE NOT BUILT BY MAN.

side the grave of General Mortimer D. Leggett, in Lake View cemetery, Cleveland. It was rolled to its place by his fellow-companions of the Military Order of the Loyal Legion. Upon its face is a plate briefly reciting the record of the "brave and distinguished soldier and commander; eminent type of manhood, of citizenship, of patriotism."

Honest Sweden.

In Sweden a crime is an event; theft particularly is very rare. Honesty is the fundamental quality of the race, is naturally recognized and officially counted upon. In this regard the Stockholmers show a confident carelessness which is always a surprise to strangers and causes them some uneasiness. In the theaters and concert halls there are large cloak rooms, where hats and furs are left without the smallest safeguard; the performance over, each one again takes possession of his effects, and an accident never occurs. The inhabitants are accustomed to expect a reciprocal probity in the transactions of every-day life. Upon most of the tramways in Stockholm conductors have been dispensed with. The passenger himself deposits his ten ore in a little till placed at the end of the vehicle, behind the driver. It is patriarchal and economical.—Parisian.

A Beautiful Sight.

A Detroit philosopher says that absolute confidence and trust between man and wife is the most beautiful thing in the world to observe, and then he goes on to state that the most perfect illustration of it can be had by watching the expression on the faces of a man and his better half when she arrives at the depot from her summer trip purposely one day earlier than she telegraphed she would arrive, and finds him there watching to see if she came in.

Her Complaint.

Mrs. Newrocks—Mercy! These baggagemen are very careless!

Miss Newrocks—What have they done, mamma?

Mrs. Newrocks—Why, they've torn and defaced the labels on our trunks, so that it's very hard for a stranger to see that we have been to Europe.—Puck.

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DR. TALMAGE DISCUSSES COMMON SENSE IN RELIGION.

"Look at the Good Side of Life"—Sixth Sermon in the New York Herald's Competitive Series, Written by Rev. John D. Long, of Babylon, Long Island.

TEXT: "Finally, brethren, whatsoever things are true, whatsoever things are honest, whatsoever things are just, whatsoever things are pure, whatsoever things are lovely, whatsoever things are of good report; if there be any virtue, and if there be any praise, think on these things."—Philippians, iv., 8.

In other words, keep your eye open to the good that is in the world and, as far as possible, close it to the evil.

David said in his haste, "All men are liars," but he acknowledged that it was a hasty conclusion, and so, presumably, not strictly correct. You, in a similar spirit of impatience, may sometimes be tempted to voice the same opinion. But don't. For, in spite of lies, white and black, polite lies, business lies and malicious lies—lies that seem to worm themselves into every circumstance of life—the world in general hates the lie and loves the truth. This is why you cannot insult a man more deeply than to give him the lie. The insult is due to the fact that public opinion demands the truth. Look, then, on this side of life, instead of allowing your mind to dwell on what is false.

No doubt there is much dishonesty in the world—dishonesty from the milkman who waters his milk to the railroad magnate who waters his stock. Your calico won't wash, your sugar contains glucose and your pepper sawdust. But never mind, after all people in general are honest and at heart believe that "honesty is the best policy." In the main they must act upon that belief, otherwise the wheels of business would stop to-morrow. Think, then, on this better aspect of human life.

Some say that things are very unfair in this world—that, for example, the man who steals a loaf of bread goes to jail while the man who steals a million of money at worst goes to Congress. There is doubtless some truth in this view. And yet there is a just God, and though sometimes He may seem a little slow, His grist is, on the whole, a pretty good article of justice. Remember always that in the long run, anyway, even in this world, right makes might. Think on this, and don't let the fact that many conditions seem uneven and unfair sour your spirit.

Again, there are those who look for dirt and find plenty of it. Human life is by no means immaculate, it is true, but none the less the world is full of the purity of innocent childhood, glorious womanhood and noble manhood. Look upon this side of life—the side that lies out in the sunlight of God's approval. The pessimist thinks that everything is imperfect. He examines the blade of grass and finds it faulty. It is sure to be split or crushed or stunted or otherwise malformed. He always discovers the worm in the heart of the rose or the thorn on the stem. Don't go in his company. See, rather, the loveliness scattered over the world with such a lavish hand. Why, as someone has shown us, even the wayside mud puddle, if viewed at the proper angle, is a thing of beauty, and mirrors the sky and reflects in its bosom the clouds of heaven.

Then why give heed to ill report, either? Forget the bad that you hear of your fellows and remember the good. There is great need of this advice. We are all a little too fond of evil reports. The daily papers, which really only print what the public demands, show this. What is the menu of our breakfast paper? In large measure a plate of violence and robbery, a dish of filth and a bowl of blood. "Give a dog a bad name and that's the end of him." Just so. Well, refuse to think on ill report and you will not repeat it. If you wish to help God and goodness think and speak things of good report.

Yes, if there be any virtue, and if there be any praise, think on these things, and you will be better and happier. Life is very much as you view it. As the proverb goes, "The jaundiced see all things yellow." The gamin says, "Oh, it's all in your eye." And so it is. Look on the right side of life and not on the wrong side. Life, no doubt, has a seamy side, but be charitable. Don't think on this side. A painting has a face and a back. All the pictures in your parlor, I venture to say, are hung with the face out. Hang your pictures so in the parlor of your mind. Look for what is good in the lives of your fellow men and you will be happy. No doubt this is a world of sin and misery, and the background of human life is full of shadows. But look at the brightness and seek for the beauty and goodness in God's world. Jesus Christ was able to see something worth loving in the publican and the harlot. Emulate His example and you will find the same result.

Then there is another side to this subject. If you try to see only the good side of life you will help to make the world as you see it. Mark and mention the good in your fellow man and he will seek to rise to the full measure of your esteem. He will be stimulated to deserve your good opinion. Have faith in a man and you will help to make him faithful.

When a man does a good deed—say a kind act—notice it, speak of it, and he will do it again.

By following the advice given in the text you will promote your own happiness and, what is equally important, you will do something toward making the world better.

JOHN DIETRICH LONG,
Pastor Presbyterian Church, Babylon, L. I.

COMMON SENSE IN RELIGION.

Dr. Talmage Advocates Reform in Management of Spiritual Affairs.

TEXT: "The children of this world are in their generation wiser than the children of light."—Luke xvi., 8.

That is another way of saying that Christians are not so skillful in the manipulation of spiritual affairs as worldlings are skillful in the management of temporalities. I see all around me people who are alert, earnest, concentrated and skillful in monetary matters, who in the affairs of the soul are laggards, inane, inert. The great want of the world is more common sense in matters of religion. If one half of the skill and forcefulness employed in financial affairs was employed in disseminating the truths of Christ and trying to make the world better, within ten years the last Jug-warrant would fall, the last throne of oppression upset, the last iniquity tumble and the anthem that was chanted over Bethlehem on Christmas night would be echoed and re-echoed from all Nations and kindred and people: "Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace, good-will to men."

In the first place, my friends, we want more common sense in the building and conduct of churches. The idea of adaptiveness is always paramount in any other kind of structure. If bankers meet together, and they resolve upon putting up a bank, the bank is especially adapted to banking purposes; if a manufacturing company puts up a building, it is to be adapted to manufacturing purposes; but adaptiveness is not always the question in the rearing of churches. In many of our churches we want more light, more room, more ventilation, more comfort. Vast sums of money are expended on ecclesiastical structure, and men sit down in them, and you ask a man how he likes the church; he says: "I like it very well, but I can't hear."

Again I remark: We want more common sense in the obtaining of religious hope. All men understand that in order to succeed in worldly directions they must concentrate. They think on that one object, on that one subject, until their mind takes fire with the velocity of their own thoughts. All their acumen, all their strategy, all their wisdom, all their common sense they put in that one direction, and they succeed. But how seldom it is true in the matter of seeking after God! While no man expects to accomplish anything for this world without concentration and enthusiasm, how many are there expecting after a while to get into the kingdom of God without the use of any such means.

Again, I remark: We want more common sense in the building up and enlarging of our Christian character. There are men who have for forty years been running the Christian race, and they haven't run a quarter of a mile! No business man would be willing to have his investments unaccumulative. If you invest a dollar you expect that dollar to come home bringing another dollar on its back. What would you think of a man who should invest $10,000 in a monetary institution, then go off for five years, make no inquiry in regard to the investment, then come back, step up to the cashier of the institution and say: "Have you kept those $10,000 safely that I lodged with you?" but asking no question about interest or dividend? Why, you say, "That is not common sense." Neither is it, but that is the way we act in matters of the soul. We make a far more important investment than $10,000. We invest our soul. It is accumulative? Are we growing in grace? Are we getting better? Are we getting worse? God declares many dividends, but we do not collect them; we do not want them. Oh, that in this matter of accumulation we were as wise in the matters of the soul as we are in the matters of the world!

How little common sense in the reading of the Scriptures! We get any other book, and we open it, and we say, "Now what does this book mean to teach me? It is a book on astronomy; it will teach me astronomy. It is a book on political economy; it will teach me political economy. Taking up this Bible, do we ask ourselves what it means to teach? It means to do just one thing, get the world converted and get us all to heaven. That is what it proposes to do. But instead of that we go into the Bible as botanists to pick flowers, or we go as pugilists to get something to fight other Christians with, or we go as logicians trying to sharpen our mental faculties for a better argument, and we do not like this about the Bible and we do not like that, and we do not like the other thing.

How little we use common sense in prayer! We say, "Oh, Lord, give me this," and "Oh, Lord, give me that," and "Oh, Lord, give me something else," and we do not expect to get it, or getting it, we do not know we have it. We have no anxiety about it. We do not watch and wait for its coming. As a merchant, you telegraph or you write to some other city for a bill of goods. You say, "Send me by such express, or by such a steamer, or by such a rail-train." The day arrives. You send your wagon to the depot or to the wharf. The goods do not come. You immediately telegraph, "What is the matter with those goods? We haven't received them. Send them right away. We want them now, or we don't want them at all." And you keep writing, and you keep telegraphing, and keep sending your wagon to the depot, or to the express office, or to the wharf, until you get the goods. In matters of religion we are not so wise as that. We ask certain things to be sent from heaven. We do not know whether they come or not. We have not any special anxiety as to whether they come or not. We may get them and we may not get them. Instead of at 7 o'clock in the morning saying, "Have I got that blessing?" at 12 o'clock, noonday, asking, "Have I got that blessing?" at 7 o'clock in the evening saying, "Have I received that blessing?" and not getting it, pleading, pleading—begging, begging—asking, asking until you get it. Now, my brethren, is not that common sense? If we ask a thing from God, who has sworn by His eternal throne that He will do that which we ask, is it not common sense that we should watch and wait until we get it?

But I remark again: We want more common sense in doing good. Oh, how many people there are who want to do good, and they are dead failures! Why is it? They do not exercise the same tact, the same ingenuity, the same strategem, the same common sense in the work of Christ that they do in worldly things. Otherwise they would succeed in this direction as well as they succeed in the other. There are many men who have an arrogant way with them, although they may not feel arrogant in their soul. Or they have a patronizing way. They talk to a man of the world in a manner which seems to say: "Don't you wish you were as good as I am? Why, I have to look clear down before I can see you, you are so far beneath me." That manner always disgusts, always drives men from the kingdom of Jesus Christ, instead of bringing them in.

Suppose some business man in whose skill you had perfect confidence should tell you that to-morrow, Monday morning, between 11 and 12 o'clock, you could by a certain financial transaction make $5000, but that on Tuesday perhaps you might make it, but there would not be any positiveness about it, and on Wednesday there would not be so much, and Thursday less, Friday less, and so on less and less—when would you attend to the matter? Why, your common sense would dictate, "Immediately. I will attend to that matter, between 11 and 12 o'clock to-morrow, Monday morning, for then I can surely accomplish it, but on Tuesday I may not, and on Wednesday there is less prospect and less and less, and I will attend to it to-morrow. Now, let us bring our common sense in this matter of religion. Here are the hopes of the Gospel. We may get them now. To-morrow we may get them. Next day we may and we may not. The prospect less and less and less and less. The only sure time now—now. I would not talk to you in this way if I did not know that Christ was able to save all the people. I would not go into a hospital and tear off the bandages from the wounds if I had no balm to apply. I would not have the face to tell a man he is a sinner unless I had at the same time the authority for saying he may be saved.

"Mamma," said a little child to her mother, when she was being put to bed at night, "mamma, what makes your hand so scarred and twisted and unlike other people's hands?" "Well," said the mother, "my child, when you were younger than you are now, years ago, one night after I had put you to bed I heard a cry, a shriek, upstairs. I came up and found the bed was on fire, and you were on fire, and I took hold of you and tore off the burning garments, and while I was tearing them off and trying to get you away I burned my hand, and it has been scarred and twisted ever since, and hardly looks any more like a hand; but I got that, my child, in trying to save you."

O man! O woman! I wish to-day I could show you the burned hand of Christ—burned in plucking you out of the fire, burned in snatching you away from the flame. Ay, also the burned foot and the burned brow and the burned heart—burned for you. "By His stripes ye are healed."

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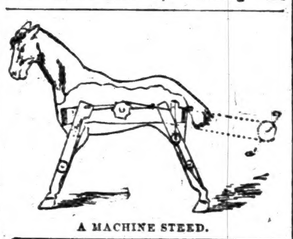
The King's Mistake.

Evidently the King of Siam is still a good deal of a barbarian. If he had profited as much by European instruction as we have been told, he never would have given such an absurd excuse as he has for deferring his visit to the United States. It would take, he says, six months at least to get an intelligent idea of America and Americans, and, as he has only a few weeks more to spare from affairs of state, he is going to wait until he has more leisure! This will disgrace Chulalongkorn all over Europe, and ruin his laboriously acquired popularity. Any British, French or German traveler would have told him that from three to six weeks here would enable a man of ordinary intelligence to know us inside and out and set down the conclusion of the whole matter in a big book. Haven't they done it time and again, and aren't they men of ordinary, very ordinary, intelligence?—New York Times.

Travels Like a Real Horse.

People are still at work inventing queer devices. A Detroit man has invented and patented a mechanical horse which he designed to be propelled by a pedal chain arrangement. This extends back to the carriage, which the horse draws after it, covering the



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"Well, you won't."—Detroit Free Press.

A woman who loves her husband never attempts any explanation of why she married him.

Around the World on a Wheel.

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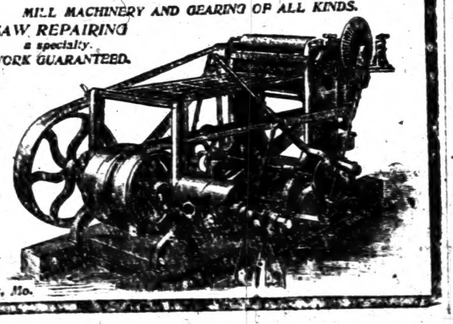

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Prosperity! Where art thou?

Every trust is a menace to good government.

Public opinion is the greatest foe to progress.

Paternalism is a thousand times better than favoritism.

It is not over-production, but a false system of distribution that causes poverty.

Keep it before the people that the Republicans promised to deliver prosperity.

The government part of our government is socialism—when it is not favoritism.

The mission of the People's party is hardly begun. The work of education must go on.

No amount of wealth can ever stand before a revolution. It is weakness instead of strength.

Resolutions of sympathy for the poor is worse than soup, and soup is a mighty light diet.

The spirit of liberty and independence can be crushed and smothered, but it cannot be killed.

If fusion ever had any respectability some of the place hunters have smirched it with disgrace.

The "cross of gold" is yet standing, while the "crown of thorns" is being pressed down on labor's brow.

The Republicans are kept busy explaining why prosperity doesn't come, and when it may be looked for.

It ought to be borne in mind that the People's party is not a recruiting station for the Democratic party.

Changing men will do no good unless we also change the system. The Republican party will bring no better times.

The first half of the nineteenth century will mark the demonetization of all metallic currency except for subsidiary coins.

When one trust begins to compete with another it gets out an injunction and puts a stop to it. Isn't this a dandy government?

The property of the Pacific railroad thieves should be made to stand good for the debt they have created, and the government should secure judgment against it.

We can't get fair railroad rates until the water is squeezed out of the stock. The best way to do this is for the government to acquire ownership and operate them.

The gold reserve seems to be reserving all right now it don't bring prosperity, and now the question occurs, what connection has the gold reserve with prosperity?

The Pacific railroad fraud is one of the greatest robberies of the age and the government should put the brigands in prison and keep them there until every dollar of the great debt was paid.

If the government can't keep gold to redeem its paper, how do the banks expect to do so? The government is much stronger than the banks and its credit better than that of all the banks combined.

After all, the problem in the last stages of its analysis is, whether manhood or money shall rule in this country? All other issues center around this one. It is the same old question of human rights.

If a cross-roads postmaster is caught in the act of trying to swindle the government out of a few postage stamps he is sent to the penitentiary; but Huntington and the other millionaire brigands are allowed to run at large.

Laboring men compete with each other, but trusts get out injunctions and stop competition. The people are rapidly learning to regard the law and the courts as a farce, gotten up for the poor to observe and the rich to ignore.

The contest for United States senator in Idaho develops some strange things. Dubois, who is a Republican in everything but free silver, was defeated by Heitfield, a Populist. This was in accordance with an agreement made between the Populists and Democrats of that state prior to the recent election. Notwithstanding this agreement, Senator Jones, Secretary Walsh, and other prominent Democrats, did their best to secure Dubois' election, and sent J. R. Sovereign there to work against a Populist and for Dubois, just as he worked against Populist West in the Memphis district last fall.

They Offer No Remedy.

The financial condition of the country is deplorable. It is impossible to imagine how it could be worse. The only consolation a Populist can have is that neither of the old parties have yet proposed any remedy, and that none have yet been able to demonstrate on the stump or through the press that the Populist platform, if crystallized into law, would fail to restore permanent prosperity to all the people.—Missouri World.

IT IS NOT A NEW IDEA

GOVERNMENT HAS FURNISHED EMPLOYMENT.

England at One Time Employed Her Idle Population on the Public Roads—America Could Do the Same Today.

People's Messenger: The idea that the government shall furnish the people with employment in time of great depression, to enable them to earn a livelihood is not a new one by any means. Governments are instituted for the benefit of the governed. As money is hoarded, confidence is destroyed and all business enterprises drag or are suspended, the wage-earners must of necessity suffer unless the government will lend a helping hand.

In a time such as we have described early in the century, England found it necessary to employ her idle and indigent citizens, and a system of road improvement was devised at which these men were permitted to labor and for which they were paid by the government. The result was that England has the best dirt roads in Europe. Gen. Coxey does not claim his good roads idea is original. Being a studious and observant man he knows what has been done may be done again. And as England utilized the labor of her unemployed in a time of great depresssion by constructing good roads all over the island, and thus enabled the unfortunate to earn a livelihood for themselves and families he argues the United States can do the same thing, and thus disperse the army of four million tramps now roaming this country.

The idea that such a course is beyond the scope of government is absurd, and an investigation will disclose the fact that the employment of idle labor by the government would in the end be profitable rather than expensive.

To illustrate, let us suppose there were in Chickasaw county five hundred unemployed men. These would represent with their families a population of at least 2,500. In this county are 20,000 people, who are humane, neighborly and christian in character. The 17,500 well to do people would not, could not allow their unfortunate neighbors to starve or freeze on the public highways and would therefore support them by charity. The contributions would of course be much larger from some than others, for some people are more charitable than others, but the direct expense to the county as a whole to keep these unfortunates alive would be the same as if each tax-payer had contributed according to his ability. It is certain the 2,500 unemployed would become dispirited, lose confidence in themselves, begin to wander around over the county, in short become vagrants wanting in independence and manhood.

Now suppose our board of supervisors should announce that they would employ these 500 men to work on the public roads, levees and bridges of the county, and would pay them $1 per day out of the county treasury, the cost to the county would be equalized by taxation, and the expenses would be no more than to support the unemployed and their families by private contribution, but the county would be the gainer to the extent of the value of the labor of the 500 men and instead of mendicants they would become self-respecting citizens, who would have the right to feel that they had earned an honest living for themselves and families.

Another advantage of the system is that it would be possible then to distinguish between the roving vagrant, who prefers to be a tramp rather than earn a living by honest labor and the truly unfortunate, who though seeking work, had been unable to find it. The former could be made to earn his sustenance in the chain-gang and the latter would never be harrassed with the terrible fear he may lose his job and his family come to want. Why not try the experiment in the interest of the 15,000,000 or 20,000,000 of our distressed fellow-citizens rather than listen to the ridicule of the plutocratic press, that denounces the suggestion as a Coxeyism? Why not?

IGNORANCE OF THE EAST.

A Member of the New York Chamber of Commerce Talks in Meeting.

At a recent meeting of the New York Chamber of Commerce William E. Dodge, a millionaire member of the body, produced quite a sensation. In a speech he said the East did not understand the situation in the West, and that "there was a lack of money in important sections that practically makes the transaction of business impossible except by the primitive system of barter." Mr. Dodge is one of the men who in the recent campaign declared that there was plenty of money in the country, but he has since visited the West, and admits that he was very much mistaken and that the capitalists in the East do not understand the situation in the West and South. "I found," says he, "that there were great sections of Southern and Western country where there was absolutely no money at all; where the most primitive forms of barter obtained; where everything was most disorganized." Mr. Dodge speaks of one gentleman who told him that by some happy accident he received a $50 bill and had to spend four days riding to get it changed, and being unable to do so, had to send it off.

"There were senators," he said, "who told me that their constituents seldom saw a dollar in money from the beginning of the year to the end, with the result that they had constantly to get in debt to the storekeepers. The local storekeepers received their pay in kind. In fact, everything was drifting back to the old times before money was invented. And this was not in one section only, but in large sections. "My impression is," continues Mr. Dodge, "that if some thoughtful plan could be suggested, it would be quite possible to educate all the agricultural people of the country to understand that a man who was thrifty and honest and sober and prompt can always in some way get some money. It is a very hard thing. We do not understand it at all here, because we have so much money moving among us; but if every time we went to a store we were unable to buy anything except on credit, if we had no money to pay down to enable us to reap the advantage of cash payments—we would begin to be fretful. I came from Indianapolis with this impression, and I have only ventured to submit it because I feel so deeply that unless those of us in the more favored parts of the country understand the condition of our brothers and our fellow-citizens in the other parts of the country—unless we bring about some wise methods for their relief—when the year of 1900 comes we shall be swamped with an infinitely more powerful vote against us than during this last election."

There is some consolation in the fact that the sleepy old East is at last waking up to the seriousness of the situation, and that she is also seriously watching which way the political cat is likely to jump in 1900.

PUBLIC OWNERSHIP.

Taxation Abolished and Expenses Paid Out of Profit.

Coming Nation: All who are familiar with the modern requirements of a great city recognize the importance of the question of how to most easily raise the necessary revenues for the maintenance of its various departments. Much has been written upon this important subject, and many plans have been suggested, and that which is meeting with most approval is to secure a large portion of the revenue from monopolies of public service, either through some method of taxation or from collective ownership and operation of them.

Glasgow has adopted the latter, and so successfully that after Jan. 1, 1897, she will levy no more taxes, but will derive sufficient from municipal-owned services to pay all the expenses of her municipal government.

Among the most important of these is her street railway system. The report of last year of the operation of the Glasgow corporation tramways for the first eleven months they were under municipal management—from July 1, 1894, to June 1, 1895—showed this experiment to be a wonderful success. It gave the number of passengers carried during that period as 57,046,647; the gross receipts were $1,132,070; expenditures, $1,011,045, thus leaving a balance to the city credit of $111,020. And this result was achieved with a reduction in fares amounting in most cases to 33 per cent, brought about through the adoption of the 1-cent fare for half-mile stages. Thirty-eight per cent of the tickets sold for the first eleven months were 1-cent tickets. These reductions of fares have tended to popularize the service and increase the receipts, and this gives to Glasgow the distinction of having cheaper street locomotion than any other city in the world.

The traffic returns for the year aggregate $1,618,389; number of passengers carried, 86,462,594, showing the average fare paid by each person carried to be a fraction less than 1⅞ cents. The number of passengers shows an increase of about 38 per cent over the first period of eleven months.

The employes are furnished with uniforms at the expense of the department. A friendly society for purposes of mutual aid has been instituted among the employes, the rules of which were approved by the tramway committee, and the department adds to the fund of the society a sum equal to one-half of that contributed by the members, and though membership therein is entirely optional the number on the roll is 1,447, and there is every indication that the society will prove a great success.

For clearness and attention to details the committee's report is a model one, and is well worth careful study by all who are interested in the problems pertaining to municipal government, and is a complete answer, in a sternly practical way, to the opponents of municipal ownership of natural monopolies. This Glasgow experiment, and the success attending it, must prove an important factor in the solution of these vexed questions relative to the raising and expending of municipal revenue.

HENRY R. LEGATE.

Boston.

Lost, Strayed or Stolen.

Somewhere between time and eternity, a fine, large gob of prosperity, of bright yellow color, with a collar of confidence fringed with national bank patriotism. When last seen, was dressed in a suit of corporation promises, made in the mills of private property. A suitable reward will be paid for any information by applying to any unemployed or half-paid dupe who voted to corral the animal last November.—Appeal to Reason.

Now is the time to agitate the government ownership of the railroads. The question is now up in a practical way in the settlement of the Pacific railroad's debts.

Pretty soon there will be a "surplus" in the treasury and then that will be urged as a cause of hard times, we suppose.

OUR RAILROADS.

Figures That Figure for the Railroads Only.

No fact stands out more clearly with reference to the railroads of the country than that their reports do not report. The law requires the railroads to make yearly returns of their operations in order that the people may obtain some idea of what these corporations are doing and whether they are adhering to the terms of their charters. But the railroads obey the letter and not the spirit of the law. Every year they favor congress and the public departments with long arrays of figures that mean absolutely nothing. Only the expert can make anything out of the statements presented, and even he is left totally in the dark unless he happens to possess inside information to give him a key to the puzzle.

Consequently, we cannot hope to make much of the just issued annual report of the interstate commerce commission. The document is quite lengthy. It informs us that existing laws for controlling the railroads are inadequate, because they lack provisions to secure their enforcement. The statutes are very definite concerning what the corporations shall and shall not do, but there is as yet no way of punishing them when they disobey the law. The decisions are openly defied, and when the commissioners protest the corporation lawyers laugh in their faces or threaten to annul the authority of the commission by appeals to the federal judiciary. In considering the information embodied in the report made public on Friday, we must bear all these things in mind. The document includes ten groups of systems aggregating 652 roads, with a mileage of 172,369 miles of line. The total earnings for the fiscal year reached the enormous sum of $1,123,646,562. One-third, roughly speaking, represents passenger receipts, and the remainder freight charges. The operating expenses amounted to $754,971,515, which sum includes $100,000 salaries to presidents and $25,000 to general managers, besides interest on watered stocks and bonds. In other words, the true operating expenses amounted to $350,000,000, and the rest was swallowed up in plunder. But even after the deduction of the plunder, the railroads wrung a profit of over $360,000,000 from the people. The yearly profit per mile was $1,877 on one item alone, or, after deducting every possible item, we perceive a clear gain of $2,139 per mile. On the other hand, the dividends declared for dividends a year ago. This $5,983,732, almost the same sum declared for dividends a year ago. This requires a word of explanation. The railroads of the land are required by law to reduce their tariffs when the dividends exceed a certain sum. Consequently, the railroads make every possible effort to keep down dividends. At the same time, they must not let the dividends sink too low, or the man who invests in railway stock will be frightened away. The corporations solve the problem by keeping the dividends up to a certain limit and never letting them sink below or rise above it. The favorite way is to create spurious mortgage bonds. The Vanderbilts, for example, mortgage their own roads to themselves to pay themselves interest on these dummy mortgages. It is an ancient trick, but it enables them to charge up heavy sums against the interest account and thus show a moderate profit on the face of the report. Another plan is to lease lines at a heavy annual rate to a subdivision of the same road. The trunk lines are thus split in two, three and four fictitious systems, one leased to the other. The rents are all charged to the expense account. It is very much as if a man owning his home went to raise the rent of it against himself and then complain to his neighbor that the landlord had doubled the rent. There is, in fact, no end to the tricks that can be played for the sake of bringing deceptive figures into an annual report. The interstate commerce commission complains that it cannot afford the people any remedy against these things until congress gives it some power to punish the violators of the law.—Twentieth Century.

Ruskin on Usury.

"Tell me, thou wretched wight of the world, thou unkind creature, which art past all sense and feeling of God, which knowest the will of God, and doest the contrary; how darest thou come into the church? It is of the church that God hath said, 'Thou shalt take no usury;' and thou knowest He hath so said. How darest thou read or hear the word of God which condemneth usury, and thou knowest he doth condemn it. How darest to come into the company of the brethren? Usury is the plague, and destruction, and undoing of the brethren; and this thou knowest. How darest thou look upon thy children? Thou maketh the wrath of God fall down from heaven upon them; thy iniquity shall be punished in them to the third and fourth generation. This thou knowest. How darest thou look up into heaven? Thou hast no dwelling there; thou shalt have no place in the tabernacle of the Highest, this thou knowest. Because thou robbest the poor, deceiveth the simple, and eateth of the widows' houses; therefore shall thy children be naked, and beg their bread, therefore shalt thou and thy riches perish together."—Ruskin's ors Clavigerae.

Let everybody work to bring about conditions which will bring prosperity to the farmers. It is the key which unlocks the closed factories; throngs the counters of the merchants and provides steady work and remunerative wages to the day laborer.—Missouri World.

MORGAN'S COLUMN.

CAUSTIC COMMENT ON EVILS OF OUR TIMES.

A Chapter on the National Banker—Generally a Traitor to His Country—All of the Worst Bunko Steerers Running at Large.

In all this wide world there is no class of men who can come any ways near equalizing in gall the average national banker. Men who "hold up" railroad trains seldom rob the passengers, and the highwayman who demands your money usually fills up with "booze" and tries to justify himself by thinking he needs the money worse than you do, but the banker, without any apology or saying "by your leave," will lead you into the worst bunco game and at the same time swear by all the big gods and little gods that it is a square, honest deal.

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Just now he is willing to swear that for the government to take 53 cents worth of silver, stamp it as money and call it a dollar is not only an impossibility, but, if possible, would be one of the greatest frauds of the age. At the same time he contends that the government can take less than a half cent's worth of paper, print the name of a bank on it, make it receivable for customs, give it to the banker at one per cent and allow him to loan it to the people at ten per cent per annum, and it constitutes the "best money in the world."

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But it is claimed that the banker stands ready to redeem his bank note money (?) in gold. The banker don't do any such thing. The law requires each bank to keep a reserve of 25 per cent of its circulation as a redemption fund, but this may be kept in greenbacks. National bankers do not redeem each other's notes, and consequently if a man had twenty bank bills they might be from as many banks scattered all over the country—some two thousand miles off. It is therefore practically impossible for him to demand redemption. But if it was possible for the holders of the notes to present them for redemption, 25 per cent of their face value would only pay that proportion of them. If there is any motive for 25 per cent of the holders to present notes for redemption, the same motive, fear, or loss of confidence, would prompt the others to do so.

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The whole thing is based upon fraud, deception and favoritism. The only thing that can be relied upon is the government credit behind the notes. Take this away and it remains the old wildcat state bank system. If, then, it requires the government credit to make the notes good, why farm this credit out to the banks to use to make a profit off of the people? No man has ever been able to give a sensible reason for doing so. It is said that the people are not capable of managing the financial affairs of this nation. This is as base a falsehood as the one that kings were of divine origin. No crew ever scuttled its own ship. They cannot, if they try, do any worse than the so-called financiers have done for the past twenty years.

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The old battle that Jackson and Benton fought is on. "The bank is in the field." Anyone who has watched closely and studied the movements of the bankers can see that the silver question with them is only a side issue. The real issue is bank control of paper money, and therefore the entire control of the currency and the business of the country. Silver is only the platform on which they work their diabolical machinery. The real question is, who shall create and issue the paper money of the country—the people or the bankers? Whether we shall have a currency to benefit the many or the few. Whether this government shall be administered for the benefit of the wealthy or for all. Whether patriotism and manhood shall dominate in the administration of government and the laws, or whether money shall purchase legislation and court decisions at will. These are some of the questions that center around the greater issue of who shall make and issue our paper money.

UNION PACIFIC SCHEME.

There Is a Dead African in the Syndicate Woodpile.

Congressman Hubbard, of Missouri, one of the members of the Pacific Railroads committee, thinks he smells a large-size mouse in the syndicate plan of disposing of the Union Pacific Railroad matter.

"The whole purpose of the appointment of the reorganization committee," said Mr. Hubbard, "is to put the Union Pacific in the possession of the Chicago & Northwestern. These other railroads having terminals in the west appreciate this fact and are alive to their own interests. That accounts for their desire to get control through the organization of a combination. With rival roads competing for the property, the government is in a most advantageous position, and I for one am opposed to its forfeiting the slightest part of it. There is no occasion for haste. The Union Pacific is now being run by government receivers and is paying well.

"In this connection it may be well to say that if in the progress of the negotiations for the settlement of the debt it should be deemed advisable for the government to acquire a perfect title to the roads, that there would be no more occasion for the hue and cry against government ownership than there is now. The road has practically been in the hands of the government for three years, and the heavens have not fallen nor has the republic disintegrated."

Mr. Hubbard is in a position to know whereof he speaks. He says "the road has practically been in the hands of the government for three years," and that it is paying well. We insist that the understanding that the Morgan syndicate has with Cleveland bodes no good for the government. The public has not forgotten the bond deal for the $62,000,000 bonds between those two worthies by which the syndicate cleared about $10,000,000 and the government was loser for the same amount. These deals are altogether too one sided for the good of the government, and it would be much cheaper for the people for Cleveland to go fishing and stay there, and permit congress to deal with the railroad brigands. Little enough may be expected from that body, but when we send our grist to the Cleveland-Morgan mill we do well to get the sack back.

POSTAL BANKS.

Their Success and How They Are Operated in Other Countries.

The crush of national banks in the past few years has made many converts to the postal savings banks scheme, and many who heretofore were actually in love with the national banking system have learned by a dear experience that such institutions are not safe repositories for the hard-earned dollars of the people. It has taken some people half a century to see what Andrew Jackson saw when the national banking system was a young thing, and some have not seen it yet. The most impressive way to make them see it is by having a dear experience with some national banker who takes a notion to go under; fools will never learn except in the school of experience.

Like all other reforms, though, the postal savings banks would naturally be opposed by capital; it is a scheme to cut off one of its thieving fingers, and it can be depended upon that if the money power can prevent it postal savings banks will never become an attachment to the postoffice service. Should such a law be passed the supreme court would no doubt be prevailed upon to declare it unconstitutional. The supreme court of late is becoming peculiarly fitted for that particular function, and seems to have no hesitancy in exercising it whenever prevailed upon by the money gods of Wall street.

Nothing is more feasible than this plan of protecting the deposits of the people and cannot be righteously opposed by anyone save those who expect to profit by the continuation of the stealing and plundering system of national banks. The consummation of this scheme would add very little extra expense to the postoffice department, while its benefits to the people would be almost incalculable.

The scheme is not a new or unheard-of idea, but has been tested and found to work to a nicety. In 1867 the Dominion of Canada passed an act creating postoffice banks, limiting its operation to the provinces of Quebec and Ontario, but in 1885 it was extended to New Brunswick and Nova Scotia. The number of these banks reached 494 in 1890, and on June of that year they reported 112,321 depositors, with total deposits amounting to $21,900,653. This was an increase of $19,000,000 in the ten years preceding. The rate of interest paid was 3½ per cent. The plan was found to work so well that further extensions were made, including the maritime provinces, Manitoba and British Columbia, with forty-one branches that are being rapidly merged into full-fledged savings banks of the postal character.

You never hear of depositors in these banks losing their money. It is the only safeguard that the American people can throw around themselves for the protection of what little wealth they happen to have saved. With Uncle Sam handling the money of the country, panics would soon become an unknown evil, and hundreds of shylocks who only go into the banking business to "bust" and skin unwary depositors, would then have to look for greener fields in which to ply his trade—a trade it has come to be, and some are very skilled at their trade, always succeeding in making way with the swag and escaping the clutches of the law.—St. Louis Journal.

What the Referendum Has Done.

Some people fear to copy the referendum because it is Swiss. Such should not forget that it is of New England as well. When the Irish nation was in its glory the same system of referendum was in force. But don't think that Switzerland, though a small republic, is to be scorned by those who are working for better conditions. Let such make a note of these facts:

Switzerland has penny postage.
Free delivery in rural districts.
Telegrams for 11 cents.
Telephones at $16 per year.
The best highways in the world.
The cheapest railway fares in Europe, though on the costliest road.
More co-operative work than anywhere else on earth.
The best opportunities to educate sons and daughters in the world.
The Swiss consume five times as much luxuries and comforts as do the Italians.
While we vote for parties and get principles all jumbled together, the Swiss voter gets at one thing at a time, the only sensible dominant issue known.—The Printer.

The real question is whether the government or the banks shall issue the paper money of the country.

Chicago is boiling her water to make it fit to drink. She ought to boil her politics.

ALABAMA RIPPLES.

The Latest News, Pithy and to the Point, from Our Own State.

New residences are signs of improvement at Rockland.

Tobe Smith, who lives in Barbour County, recovered a stolen horse at Ozark. The thief escaped.

The Confederate Veterans' entertainment at Tuskaloosa was a first-class success.

The dry goods store of O. D. Johnson & Co., at Eufaula, was damaged $5,000 by fire.

Hon. John Turner, State Superintendent of Education, has appointed Mr. Lucien C. Lewis to fill the unexpired term of the late J. C. Williamson, Superintendent for Russell County, who died suddenly several weeks ago. He is a stanch young Democrat of Seale, and will, no doubt, be dilligent and faithful in the performance of the duties of the office.

The Philadelphia furnace, at Florence, the largest in North Alabama, was sold in Philadelphia Thursday, and was purchased by E. Cooper Chapley, attorney, representing a number of the stockholders, for $25,000. The plant is worth several times this amount. The purchasers are backed by a large amount of capital, and will probably put the furnace in operation instead of allowing it to remain idle, as has been done for three years.

At 7:45 o'clock Saturday night an unknown white man met with what may be a serious accident at Boyles, on the Louisville & Nashville Railroad. It seems that the man, who is about 30 years old, was walking along the center of the track in an intoxicated condition, when train No. 133, Southbound, overtook him. He was struck on the forehead, just above the right eye, and knocked unconscious. He remained unconscious for several hours, and was in that condition at last report.

Judge W. J. Wood, assignee of the Florence Land, Mining and Manufacturing Company, has called a meeting of the stockholders of said company, to take place at Florence on April 5. This meeting will determine in accordance a recent decree of the Chancery Court, whether the stockholders will avail themselves of the option given them in the decree of paying off the indebtedness of the company by May 1, thereby discharging the trust and resuming possession of the property. In the event the stockholders fail to avail themselves of the option given in the decree, the assignee will convey the property to the creditors upon receiving receipt in full of all debts. The indebtedness is about $60,000.

Petitions both for and against the commutation of the death sentence of Colin Daughdrill, who is to hang at Gadsden, next Friday, and is in jail in Birmingham, for safe keeping, are being circulated and signed. Daughdrill is a young man highly connected. One night in December, 1895, while drunk, he shot and killed J. F. Bates, a Montgomery drummer, in a saloon at Gadsden, without provocation. Bates was taking an order for bottles from the saloon keeper when Daughdrill came up and interfered. Bates objected, and Daughdrill killed him. The murdered was under bond at the time for having killed another man. Daughdrill's only chance for life now is through interference by the Governor, and his friends are doing all in their power for him. On the other hand the Travelers' Protective Association, who prosecuted the case, as well as others, are urging the Governor against commutation. They even ask that aid be sent to Gadsden to see that the order of the court is carried out, which has given rise to the belief that some of Daughdrill's friends may attempt to prevent the execution if there is no commutation. It is thought Governor Johnston will keep his hands off.

Governor Johnston eased the anxiety of thousands of people in Alabama by announcing the appointment of the Board of Convict Inspectors:

President—S. B. Trapp, of Anniston, Calhoun County.

Physician Inspector—Dr. Blake, of Clay County.

Associate Inspector—E. W. Booker, of Uniontown, Perry County.

There were some eighty applicants, and a vigorous race was made by twenty-five or thirty. The Governor has worked industriously for ten days on the matter, and his selection is believed to be a particularly fortunate one.

Mr. Trapp is a man of recognized business ability. He has, for a good many years, been a member of the big wholesale firm of Trapp & Comer, and has accumulated a competency. It is believed he will do the State splendid service as the head of the Convict Department. He is a true blue Democrat and silver man, and was president of the Johnston Club at Anniston. The fact that the recent appointment of Colonel Crook, of Calhoun, as the president of the Railroad Commission, makes Mr. Trapp's apointment all the more complimentary, coming as he does from the same county.

Dr. Blake is one of the most foremost physicians in Eastern Alabama. He has been a working Democrat all his life, and was an enthusiastic Johnston man.

Everybody knows Captain Booker. He is one of the best Democrats and most popular citizens of Alabama, and his appointment has all along been a foregone conclusion.

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We are sorry to note the preparations being made for a big cotton crop this year.

Birmingham indulged in two days revelry this week, celebrating Mardi Gras. The parades were excellent and the large number of visitors from all parts returned to their homes delighted with their entertainment.

Mr. R. Ehrman has been appointed tax-commissioner for Chilton county. As, under the new law, we are obliged to have a tax commissioner we think the appointment a good one and have no doubt but that Mr. Ehrman will conscientiously fill the office.

To-day with much pomp and splendor Wm. McKinley is inaugurated president of the United States, and Grover Cleveland retires to private life. We hope the change may prove beneficial to the people and that long-looked for "prosperity" will soon make its appearance.

To thoroughly appreciate the genial climate of our Southern country one needs but to make a visit to the North at this time where ice and snow abounds. The contrast is so great that it seems almost incredible anyone should from choice live in the frig'd North. For our part we say give us the balmy South.

Chairman Vaughan, of the republican executive committee of this State, has returned from Selma, where he has been watching the taking of testimony in the contest of Mr. W. F. Aldrich against Mr. T. S. Plowman, congressman-elect. Mr. Vaughan says that Mr. Aldrich has a clear case, and in his opinion will be seated by an overwhelming majority.—B'ham Ledger.

The meeting of the United Reform Press Association at Kansas City was marked by the moderation of the views of the members. Every member recognized the fact it was not a part of their business to dictate a policy for the People's Party, but on the contrary it was the duty of all reform editors to lend their aid to our national officers and to the utmost of their ability educate the people on the lines of the People's Party platform.

Hon. W. F. Aldrich, who has always favored an extension of the currency, has introduced a bill in congress "To authorize the Treasurer of the United States to issue two per centum fifty-year bonds, to authorize the issue of currency thereon, to provide for the interchange of bonds for currency and currency for bonds, to fund the bonded debt of the United States, and for other purposes." The bill was referred to the committee on banking and currency and ordered to be printed.

The municipal election at Clanton last Monday resulted in the return of gentlemen in every respect satisfactory to the people of the city. At a meeting of citizens last Friday it was decided to request Mr. W. L. Sampey to become a candidate for the office of mayor. Mr. T. A. Curry withdrawing from the race, Mr. Sampey was elected to the office without opposition. Messrs. W. I. Mullins, E. Y. McMorries, J. P. VanDerveer and J. M. Stanfield were elected councilmen, the only opposition being another ticket substituting the names of W. M. Wilson and Dr. E. A. Matthews in the place of J. P. VanDerveer and J. M. Stanfield. Under the new administration we confidently look forward to the increased prosperity of our city.

UNITED REFORM PRESS AS'SN.

Those who desired to respond to the call issued for a Reform Press meeting at Kansas City, Mo., met at the Ashland Ha[illegible] hotel in that city February [illegible] 22nd. After some delay owing to the uni[illegible] the association in no w[illegible] session at Memphis, Tenn., a permanent organization was effected. A telegram of greeting followed by several inquiries was sent to the brethren at Meinphis which was responded to by a reference to their constitution and by laws. This not being a full and sufficient response the committee consisting of Jas. R. Sovereign James Gunn and J. A. Edgerton sent an additional telegram couched in fraternal and courteous terms. No reply to this had been received up to the time of adjournment. The following resolutions were adopted.

"Resolved, That in organizing this association we deplore any tendency to divide into factional differences the forces arrayed against plutocratic elements, but we go still further and state it is a part of the organic law of the association to recognize the absolute necessity for forbearance, toleration and liberality in our words and actions with all natural friends, to the end that we may be united for all practical interests and purposes.

"Resolved, That, while we favor principles above party, yet we, as a press association, counsel the preservation of the People's party organization and at the same time favor a co-operation with other friendly bodies, locally or otherwise, to the end that the People's party organization may be more beneficial. We hold ourselves in readiness to affiliate and consolidate with the National Reform Press Association whenever that association shows a disposition to indulge that spirit of toleration and liberality which we accord to them and to this end we recommend that the executive committee of this body place itself in communication with the constituted authorities of the National Reform Press Association, and to take such other steps from time to time as may be necessary to accomplish the desired end, subject to written approval of the majority of the members of this association.

"Resolved, That we hold that it is not the functions of a press association as a body to go into the business of either deposing the regularly constituted political authorities or organizations of the party.

"Resolved, That we congratulate the electors within the People's party, as well as those of other organizations who wholly or partially hold to the same beliefs, upon the magnificent showing of rapid growth and strength as is witnessed by the last election, and that we compliment the national executive officers of the People's party for their wise and judicious management during the recent campaign.

"Resolved, That this Association tenders a hearty vote of thanks to Hon. Wiley Cox, proprietor of the Kansas City Times, for his hospitable entertainment, also a vote of thanks to the Commercial Club and Live Stock Exchange for invitations to accept their hospitality."

The following officers were chosen: Pres. J. R. Sovereign, Sulphur Springs, Ark.; Vice-Pres. J. M. Gass, Des Moines, Ia.; Sec-Treas., Warwick Saunders, Columbus, Nebr.; Executive Committee, Frank Crichton, Clanton, Ala., M. V. Carroll, Lamar, Mo., James Gunn, Boise City, Idaho, G. A. Griffes, Pond Creek, Okla., A. C. Talley, Greenfield, Mo. The constitution adopted provides that the president and secretary are ex-officio members of the executive committee.

A Board of Publication was selected, composed of A. Rozelle, Lamar, Mo.; Leo Vincent, Guthrie, Okla., and Miss P. C. R. Stone, St. Louis, Mo.

Before adjournment it was decided to hold the next annual meeting at Omaha, Nebr., February 22, 1898.

Jemison.

At Jemison there is one more little vacant seat. On the 22nd inst. Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Durham lost their darling little daughter, she was 12 or 14 months old. On the 20 she unfortunately got a grain of corn into her windpipe. She was carried to Birmingham and the fatal arrow of destruction was taken out. But the fiat of Jehovah must be obeyed. Thus the spirit of this lovely pet of all who knew her, was escorted by angels to the celestial sunny home, to meet the Saviour who said "Suffer little children to come unto me." Parents, weep not, remembering that sweet little Katie's home is so bright, so pure and so lasting. She is not alone. She will be among the first to welcome you when time is no more with you. With deep sympathy,

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People's Press [illegible]ects.

Mo[illegible] Bureau, St. Louis, Mo., March 2, 1896.

The Supreme Con[illegible]ne Loud Bill ers' Allian[illegible] Arbitration Treaty were passed. Officers for the ensuing year were elected as follows: President Mann Page of Virginia: Vice-President, C. Vincent of Indiana; Secretary Treasurer, W. P. Bricker, of Pennsylvania.

The Mother's Congress, which convened in Washington, D. C., Feb. 18, was a success both as to the attendance and the character of the addresses made.

Congress is to meet in extra session March 15th.

It is understood that the farmers are going to take a hand in the law-making from this time on, as they are preparing to do some organized lobbying in their own behalf.

Not content with the hardships imposed upon our country by eight years of his misrule, another gold-bug administration and unparalleled hard times, Grover Cleveland is about to write a book. He has announced that he will neither go around the world nor resume the practice of law.

The New Jersey Senate reported adversely on the proposition for that body to attend the inaugural in a body. The Illinois Legislature will attend and Gov. Tanner has ordered his staff to provide themselves with uniforms and equipments at a cost of eight hundred dollars each.

The Lexow investigation in New York has gone on in spite of the efforts of most of the witnesses to bewilder and balk the investigators. That all trust laws have been violated is certain. Thousands of men have been thrown out of employment, stocks have been watered, deeds destroyed and the people robbed by these commercial giants, but it is yet to be seen if they can be brought to book for these offences.

The Galveston street railway strike has ended advantageously to the employes.

A cablegram informs us that Senator Wolfcot did not see either Dr. Arent or Count Von Mirbach, the two great bimetallist leaders of Germany. In his conference with the cabinet officials he assured them that unless some international agreement was effected before that time the free silver forces would undoubtedly carry this country in 1900.

The last echoes of the much talked of Bradley-Martin ball were heard in a concensus of opinion from leading journalists in which the decision was reached that whatever else might be said of such expenditure, it was un-American and had certainly widened the already appalling breach that exists between the rich and poor in this country.

Governor Pingree, who can always be depended on to do something surprising, recently made a speech in Chicago, where he had gone as an honored guest, that was so distinctly personal in its references to plutocratic abuses as to make it very unpleasant for the majority of the guests.

At the Free Silver banquet held in St. Paul, Feb. 18, the Populists, silver democrats and silver republicans were about equally represented. Ignatius Donnelly was among the speakers.

Democrats, Populists and silver republicans united in Michigan and nominated George L. Yapel justice of the supreme court. A Populist and a republican were named for regents of the university.

In his speech before the legislature of Missouri, W. J. Bryan paid his respects to the trusts and monopolies with his old time vigor. He made a neat hit when called on for a speech several times enroute from the Kansas to the Missouri capital by expressing great surprise at the number of people who evidently were not busy or they would not have been at the depots waiting to see a defeated candidate when the man who had promised them all employment was about to be inaugurated.

A. R.

Consumption

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Lowevi le Locals.

Miss Annie Marlar after a pleasant visit to relatives in Jemison returned home last Sunday, much to the delight of her many friends.

Mr. F. R. Woodyard visited Jemison last week.

Mr. O. R. Bell visited here last week.

Messrs. Danforth and Marlar attended services at Poplar Springs Sunday.

Mr. H. Lowe has greatly improved the Dr. Marlar place by building fences, etc.

We greatly sympathize with Mr. B. Knight in the loss of his shop, buggy, etc., which was destroyed last week by fire.

Mr. Sharbutt and wife of Longstreet, spent last Sunday with relatives here.

Mr. Henry Lowe is in Montgomery this week.

Misses Popwell and Mims visited Mrs. D. B. Lowe last week.

Loweville is greatly improving, bicycles are occassionally seen passing.

Aunt Hannah.

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I desire to attest to the merits of Chamberlain's Cough Remedy as one of the most valuable and efficient preparations on the market. It broke an exceedingly dangerous cough for me in 24 hours, and in gratitude therefor, I desire to inform you that I will never be without it, and you should feel proud of the high esteem in which your Remedies are held by people in general. It is the one remedy among ten thousand. Success to it.—O. R. Downey, Editor Democrat, Albion, Ind. For sale by J. S. Johnson, Druggist.

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Lily Lyrics.

Miss Emma DeShazo of Pelham was here on a visit last week.

Rev. F. M. Woods filled his regular appointment at Mulberry Saturday and Sunday.

There is to be a song service at Davis' school house the first Sunday in March.

Mr. Lewis Bates gave a dance last week.

Mr. Will Veazey and Miss Minnie Rasberry took a trip to Billingsley recently.

Mr. R. L. Veazey left for Birmingham last Monday to enter the Birmingham business college.

Farmers in this section are moving on nicely with farm work.

Mr. Crayton Rasberry was in Selma on business last week.

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Lemax

We have had some pleasant weather the past week and our farmers are busy at work on their farms and gardens.

Mr. Wilcy Foshee visited friends and relatives at this place last Saturday.

Mr. H. A. Wilson and charming daughter, Miss Myrtle, and Mr. C. J. Stewart attended mardi gras in Birmingham.

Mr. E. A. Knight met with the misfortune to lose his blacksmith shop and its contents also his buggy and harness by fire last Wednesday night.

Mr. Willie Wells, of Loweville, visited this place last Sunday.

Mr. Wm. Lodge visited Verbena last Saturday on business.

Mrs. McKinney spent Sunday night with her sister-in-law, Mrs. Lodge.

Mrs. Foshee and daughter visited friends here last week.

Mr. Will Hill and sister, Miss Leah, visited Miss Bertie Knight Sunday.

Mrs. Markee and children visited friends in Clanton last week.

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Turn-Round Topics.

It has been something near six months since I have seen anything in the Banner from this place, so I will give a few items from the Turn-Round.

The farmers are busy preparing for another crop.

Miss Susie Mercer, after a three week's visit to friends has returned to her home at Elmore.

A small crowd of our friends of Blue Creek paid us a visit Sunday.

Mr. Walter Kendrick attended a social dance in Verbena on the evening of the 20th inst.

Mr. F. A. Gulledge of Verbena, was down on business last week.

The Misses Pyron are up on a visit to parents from Montgomery.

Tim.

[illegible] farmers of this section are making preparations for planting corn.

We are very sorry to say Master Willie Thacker has been very sick.

Master George Bruce of Loweville visited Longstreet Sunday.

Messrs. Marlar and Danforth of Loweville were pleasant visitors here Sunday.

We are glad to say Mr. Ed Willis is improving after a long spell of pneumonia.

Miss carrie Baker visited friends at Ehrman's mill last week.

Mrs. Gilchrist paid Mrs. Thacker a pleasant visit Monday evening.

Mr. J. M. Marcus visited relatives here last Saturday.

Mr. Onsy Smitherman of Maplesville visited friends of Longstreet Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. Will Teel visited Longstreet Sunday.

Uncle Dick.

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On the morning of Feb. 20, 1895, I was sick with rheumatism and lay in bed until May 21st, when I got a bottle of Chamberlain's Pain Balm. The first application of it relieved me almost entirely from the pain and the second afforded complete relief. In a short time I was able to be up and about again.—A. T. Moreaux, Leverne, Minn. Sold by J. S. Johnson, Druggist.

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Notice No. 18876.

Land Office at Montgomery, Ala., Feb. 13, 1897.

Notice is hereby given that the following-named settler has filed notice of his intention to make final proof in support of his claim, and that said proof will be made before the Clerk of the Circuit Court, at Clanton, Ala., on March 27th, 1897, viz.: Hester A. Checker, Homestead entry, No. 25,278, for the e½ of ne¼, section 10 tp 22 north of r 15 east.

He names the following witnesses to prove his continuous residence upon and cultivation of, said land, viz: Thomas Smith, Merriman Smith, Jesse Thomas, John Motes, all of Clanton, Ala.

H. Purcell, Register.

Final Proof Notice.

Notice No. 18877.

Land Office at Montgomery, Ala., Feb. 13, 1897.

Notice is hereby given that the following-named settler has filed notice of his intention to make final proof in support of his claim, and that said proof will be made before the Clerk of the Circuit Court at Clanton, Ala., on March 27th 1897, viz: Daniel Minor, Homestead entry, No. 25,300, for the w½ of sw¼ sw1-4 of nw1-4, section 14 tp 22 n of r 15 east.

He names the following witnesses to prove his continuous residence upon and cultivation of, said land, viz.: William Mims, Newton Connell, James Mims, R. E. Jones, all of Clanton, Ala.

H. Purcell, Register.

Final Proof Notice.

Notice No. 18883.

Land Office at Montgomery, Feb. 17, 1897.

Notice is hereby given that the following-named settler has filed notice of his intention to make final proof in support of his claim and that said proof will be made before Register or Receiver of the United States Land Office, at Montgomery, Ala., on April 6th, 1897, viz: Sidney J. Miller, Homestead entry, No. 22,275 & 23,250, for the n½ of nw1-4, n½ of ne1-4 section 18 tp 20 n r 11 e. Thomas H. Wright, Homestead entry, No. 26,500, for the w½ of se1-4, n½ of sw1-4, section 12 tp 20 n r 10 e.

He names the following witnesses to prove his continuous residence upon and cultivation of, said land, viz: T. H. Wright, of Chadwick, Ala., L. B. Crocker, of Chadwick, Ala., L. R. Friday, of Morrowville, Ala., S. J. Miller, of Stanton, Ala., G. W. Harrison, Chadwick, Ala.

H. Purcell, Register.

Final Proof Notice.

Notice No. 18882.

Land Office at Montgomery, Ala., Feb. 17, 1897.

Notice is hereby given that the following-named settler has filed notice of his intention to make final proof in support of his claim and that said proof will be made before Register or Receiver of United States Land Office, at Montgomery, Ala, on April 6th, 1897, viz: Luther R. Friday, Homestead entry, No. 23,090 for the w½ of se¼, section 24 tp. 20 north of r 10 east. Leonard B. Crocker, Homestead entry, No. 23,739, for the s½ of sw¼ section 12 tp 20 north r 10 east.

He names the following witnesses to prove his continuous residence upon and cultivation of, said land, viz: T. H. Wright, of Chadwick, Ala., G. W. Harrison, of Chadwick, Ala., L. B. Crocker, of Chadwick, Ala., L. R. Friday, of Morrowville, Ala., S. J. Miller, of Stanton, Ala.

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Notice No. 18826.

Land Office at Montgomery, Ala., Jan. 26, 1897.

Notice is hereby given that the following-named settler has filed notice of his intention to make final proof in support of his claim, and that said proof will be made before The Clerk of the Circuit Court at Clanton, Ala., on March 6th, 1897, viz: John A. Rasberry, Homestead entry, No. 25,937, for the se1-4 of se1-4, section 26 tp 21 north of r 13 east.

He names the following witnesses to prove his continuous residence upon and cultivation of, said land, viz: Bowen L. Jones, John L. Smith, Peter A. Vance, James R. Broadhead, all of Kincheon Ala.

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Bales received to-date:

Sampey	1963
Mullins	1002
Wilson	459
	3424

FERTILIZERS for sale by W. L. SAMPEY, Clanton.

Mr. and Mrs. E. M. Pinckard went to Montgomery Tuesday.

Mr. William Armstrong, of Wetumpka, is visiting relatives here.

Miss Chris Johnson, a charming daughter of Piedmont, Ala., after a pleasant visit to Miss French Evans, left for Montgomery Wednesday morning.

Miss Maggie McMorries visited relatives in Wetumpka Sunday.

Mr. L. D. Popwell went to Montgomery this morning.

A large number of Clantonians attended mardi gras in Birmingham.

Miss Minnie Hester returned today from a visit to Nashville.

Col. Houghton, of Birmingham, was in Clanton last Friday on legal business.

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Marriage licenses have been granted this week by the Probate Judge to the following persons:

Mr. Wm. P. Mims and Miss Dosia A. Dennis; Mr. H. N. F. Mims and Miss Ella Popwell; Mr. Elijah L. Smith and Miss Eugenia E. Bristow; Mr. James M. Lightsey and Miss Mick Copeheart; Mr. George W. Price and Miss Mary E. Franklin.

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There will be a series of public reviews at the University School beginning Friday, March 5, 1897, as follows:

March 5: Mathemathics—including Arithmetic, Algebra, Geometry and Trigonometry.

March 12: Natural Sciences including Geography, Natural History, Natural Philosophy, Physical Geography and Chemistry.

March 19: English Branches—including History, English Grammar, Rhetoric, English Literature and English Classics.

March 26: Latin Language—including classes in first Latin Book, Cæsar, Sallust, Cicero, Virgil and Livey.

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We are pleased to state that our Sunday school under the supervision of J. Adams, Sr., has greatly improved. Our Sunday evening prayer meetings are greatly enjoyed by the good Christians of our model town.

We regret our good Christian friend, Mrs. Gertrude Graham, has moved to Evergreen. Her many acts of kindness will ever be remembered by her friends here.

Mrs. Gregory and Mrs. Dial of Stanton have been visiting Mrs. Patterson here.

Mrs. Bettie and Miss Allie Smitherman have been spending several days in town with friends.

Miss Lila Bialack has returned home from her Aunts, Mrs. Rasberry.

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Notice is hereby given that the following named settler has filed notice of his intention to make final proof in support of his claim, and that said proof will be made before The Clerk of the Circuit Court, at Clanton, Ala., on March 27th, 1897, viz.: Henry S. Oates, heir of Mary J. Oates, Homestead Entry No. 26,049 for the sw¼ of ne¼, Section 26 tp 21, north of r 13 east.

He names the following witnesses to prove his continuous residence upon, and cultivation of, said land, viz: Peter A. Vance, of Kincheon, Ala., William Roper, of Kincheon, Ala., Bowen L. Jones, of Kincheon, Ala., William W. Williams, of Lily, Ala.

H. PURCELL, Register.

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Yours truly REV. L. VON WALD,
March 31, 1896. Milbank, S. D.

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REV. F. M. COOPER, Washington Center, Mo.

PARALYSIS AND RHEUMATISM

DEAR SIRS; NOVEMBER 9, 1896.

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New Hydraulic Tool. -

Among the latest novelties in the machine shop is a hydraulic tool for removing the heads of steel and iron rivets, and intended to supersede the present system of cutting them off by hammer and chisel. The new tool is of the portable type, eighteen inches long and is operated by means of hydraulic power. The hydraulic pump is controlled by a small hand lever and drives a chisel-shaped cutter of chilled steel against the rivet head, shearing it off flush with the surface of the plate. The cutter can be readily removed for sharpening.

Pat's Strong Position.

Pat—I tell you the ould frinds are always the best, after all, and I can prove it.

Dennis—How?

Pat—Where'll you find a new frind that has stood by you as long as the ould ones have?—Cleveland Leader.

Poor Wretch.

Mrs. Brown (in awed whisper)—"Sh-sh! I hear a burglar in the pantry. I believe he is going to steal the cake I cooked to-day.

Mr. Brown (sleepily)—Poor devil! He may have a family, too.—Up-to-Date.

Tit for Tat.

A British sailor being a witness in a murder case, was called to the stand, and was asked by the counsel for the Crown whether he was for the plaintiff or defendant.

"Plaintiff or defendant?" said the sailor, scratching his head. "Why, I don't know what you mean by plaintiff or defendant. I come to speak for me friend," pointing to the prisoner.

"You're a pretty fellow for a witness," said the counsel, "not to know what plaintiff or defendant means."

Later in the trail the counsel asked the sailor what part of the ship he was in at the time of the murder.

"Abaft the binnacle, me lord," said the sailor.

"Abaft the binnacle?" replied the barrister. "What part of the ship is that?"

"Ain't you a pretty feller for a counselor," said the sailor, grinning at the counsel, "not to know what abaft the binnacle is?"

The court laughed.—Harper's Round Table.

"Why do you hate soap so?" asked the inquisitive lady. "I don't," said Mr. Dismal Dawson. "I simply ignore it. We don't move in the same set; that's all."—Indianapolis Journal.

When it comes to making mistakes, nearly all men are found to be artists.

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Nothing gives one a more melancholy feeling than a clock that doesn't run.

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St. Vitus' Dance, "One bottle Dr. Fenner's Specific Cures." Circular, Fredonia, N. Y.

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WASHINGTON LETTER.

Gossippy Correspondence from the Capital City.

WATCHING FOR THE BERMUDA

The Venezuelan Commission at an End.—The Mississippi Choctaws to Paritcipate.—An Alabamian's Complaint.—Secretary Herbert to Open a Law Office.

Washington, D. C.—(Special Correspondence) A sharp lookout is being kept by vessels of the navy and revenue cutter service for the fillibusterer, Bermuda, and the appearance of the Indiana off St. John's Bar, Fla., is only another evidence of the precautionary measures adopted. Whether the Treasury Department had any information on the subject has not been ascertained, but it is certain that the officials believe another fillibustering expedition is in contemplaton, if it has not already been planned.

Instructions have been sent to the Collector of Customs at Jacksonville, with reference to the renewed application of the detained steamer Dauntless, for permission to go to Fernandina on a wrecking trip that the department stands on the grounds previously stated, in effect that unless the owners of the Dauntless make the required legal affidavit that the vessel does not intend to engage in a violation of the neutrality or navigation laws, the vessel must remain in the Collector's custody. This affidavit the owners of the Dauntless refused to make. A combination of the Bermuda and Dauntless's what the treasury and navy officials are seeking to prevent.

All the available vessels of the revenue cutter service, are now engaged in fillibustering patrol work, and the Navy Department has increased its force by the assignment of the Marblehead, the Vesuvius and the Indiana.

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The Venezuelan Commission terminated its existence at noon, Saturday, when its members, Justice Brewer, Frederic R. Coudert, Andrew B. White Justice Alvoy and President Gilman, accompanied by the Secretary Mallet Prevost, called on the President and delivered its report of the work accomplished in the year of its existence. While the report does not indicate any conclusions as to the merits of the controversy, which led to the appointment of a commission, its work having been stopped before the actual "determination" of a true divisional line between British Guiana and Venezuela had actually been undertaken, it is understood that the enormous mass of evidence collected through the Commission's efforts, will make that decision possible by an impartial court in the future. This evidence which has not yet been printed, is completely arranged for filing in the archives of the State Department, where it will be available for the arbitrial tribunal, which meets in Paris in 1898. To-day's visit to the President was brief and marked with cordial expressions of the President's satisfaction.

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The Senate has agreed to Senator Walthal's amendment to the Indian appropriation bill, providing that the Choctaw Indians, residing in Mississippi, shall participate in the allotment of the Choctaw lands in the Indian Territory, when it shall be made. This recognizes the contention that the Mississippi Choctaws have lost none of their rights of Choctaw citizenship by reason of having elected to remain there when the remainder of the tribe migrated to the Territory.

Representative Aldrich, of Illinois, who introduced the bill, prohibiting the extended publication of prize fights, by the newspapers of the country, gave out the following recently, which will give some cheer to sporting editors and sporty readers: "I introduced the bill at he direction of the committee. I have no idea that it will be seriously considered, and it will certainly not pass."

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No action will be taken by this Congress upon an investigation of the S. Carolina elections. The committee of the House, which has been considering the memorials presented by Congressman Murray, has decided to recommend to the House, that the question be reported to the next Congress for its consideration. A sub-committee of five, consisting of Atwood, Corliss, Aldrich (Ala.), Republicans, and Tucker, and Stallings, Democrats, was selected to make a report to the House. This sub-committee will refer to the House the memorials and the testimony which has been presented to it and will report that a very important question is presented by the statements, which should receive the consideration of the next congress.

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Chairman Dingley, of the Ways and Means Committee, announces that it will not be possible to complete and submit a new tariff bill at this session of Congress, and it is quite likely that the majority memebers will find it necessary to contine their work, without intermission between the sessions in order to have the measure ready for reporting when the extra session shall convene, on or about March 15. The reason for this delay, or rather, cause, is found in that determination of the Republicans to exercise extreme caution in every step, that will likely affect, in any degree, the success of the in-coming administration. I have taken occasion to refer to this in former letters, and as the policy of the leaders becomes more apparent, this cautionary measure is made more manifest.

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Henry W. McDonald, a planter of Point Clair, Alabama, and who owns a plantation in Cuba, fifteen miles out from Havana, was in this city Saturday, direct from Cuba, where, he says, he was subjected to a series of degradations. He tried without success to see Secretary Olney while here, but will file a written statement of the outrages to which he was subjected and will ask Representative Stallings his representative in Congress, to assist him in having the matter investigated.

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The Senate Committee on Public Lands has concluded its investigation of the Perrine land grant, and has authorized a report—Which has not yet been prepared—Which will say that the patent was issued by the Interiot Department in accordance with the law and precedents controlling in such matters. Senator Tillman, who is a member of the sub-committee, says that attention will be called also to the East Coast Florida Railroad Company's connection with the grant and to the fact that the matter was put through with unusual dispatch.

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Two bills introduced by Representative Gillett, of Massachusetts, one of them "to protect State anti-gambling laws from nullification through interstate gambling by telegraph, telephone or otherwise," the other "to regulate interstate transportation of property owned or manufactured by lawful combinations," were ordered to be reported to the House by the Judiciary Committee.

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Secretary Herbert announces that he will open a law office here at an early day. The Secretary has been in public life twenty years—sixteen of which as a member of the House of Representatives and four in the Cabinet.

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The House Committee on Public Buildings has authorized favorable reports on public buildings as follows: Carlinville, Ill., $50,000, and Carrollton, Ky., $25,000.

SOME GOOD ARRESTS.

Hall Thieves Run Down and Landed in Prison.—Burglar Also Captured.

Birmingham, Ala.—Of late numerous complaints have been made to the police that hall thieves were abroad in the city, and many coats, overcoats, hats, etc., have been stolen. A close watch has been kept, and officers have arrested several parties within the past few days, and in several instances recovered some of the stolen property.

Early Friday Officers Newman and Scott arrested Walter Foster at the wagon stables on Twenty-fourth street with an overcoat he was trying to dispose of to a countryman for $1. The negro claimed at first that a man had given him the coat to sell, but later changedhis story, and said he won it shooting craps.

The coat, which is comparatively new, bore the mark of L. Roden, and had a Dr. Morris' name in one of the pockets. Dr. Morris was notified, and the negro held for trial.

A short while afterward officers Culpepper and Disheroon entered a charge of larceny of an overcoat against Robert Harris, who was fined early next morning. The ovecoat was in the jail office, and J. W. Mulligan came in and identified it as his property. He said that it was stolen from his room over the "Dude" Saloon. Mr. Mulligan positively identified the coat as his, and it was turned over to him.

D. Shilton was arrested shortly before midnight on a charge of larceny from the store house of Shahan & Co., and Officers Culpepper and Dishroon, who made the arrest, say they have a good case against him.

The police authorities are determined to break up this petty thieving, and they are doing some excellent work with that end in view. It is thought that most of it is the work of professional vagrants and tramps.

MOSLEMS ACT UGLY.

Parading the Streets of the City and Demanding Blood.

Canea, Crete.—Most of the foreign war ships that were lying in the harbor here have left and gone to Suda, where there is better anchorage than at this port. It is likely, however, that their presence here will again be required, as the situation has become more critical than before, and it would not be surprising if a conflict occurred. In one respect the interposition of the powers has had a bad effect in that it has led the Moslems to believe that Europe is back of them in their conflict with the Christians.

As a result there were, on Friday afternoon 8,000 Moslem fighting men, besides the Turkish soldiers, all heavily armed, parading the streets of the city and demanding the blood of the "Christian dogs," who dared question the right of the Turk to rule them. The combined forces that have been landed by the several powers, number only 800 men, and it is believed that without the aid of the warships they would prove of no avail in preserving order in the city.

The popular passion has been added to by Ishmael Pasha, the acting Governor, who has circulated false stories to the effect that the Greek troops are mutilating Moslem children. The Governor knows these stories to be false, and, apparently, his only object is to create among the Moslems, deeper hatred of the Christians and further excite the desires of revenge. The commanders of the war ships remaining in the harbor protested to the Governor against his breaking the armistice, but the potest was unheeded.

The Admirals commanding the foreign fleets have been notified of Ishmael's action and there is much speculation as to the course they will pursue.

GREEK STEAMER SEIZED.

By a Torpedo of the Brittish Belonging to the United States Fleet.

Canea, Crete.—The Greek steamer Thesus was siezed by a British torpedo boat belonging to the united fleet, while attempting to land provisions and munitions or war for the Greek troops at Platania. Three members of Greek troops at Platania, three members of the Greek Chamber of deputies, Papakianias, Espanis and Rizelo, were on board the captured vessel.

BIG BOILER BURSTS.

NewBedford, Mass.—The large boiler which furnishes power at the Achusnet Mills, exploded Saturday a.m., killing one man and burying another in the ruins of the building. Several others badly injured by steam.

SAVINGS BANK CLOSES DOORS

St. Louis, Mo.—The Mulanny Savings Bank, the oldest and largest savings bank in St. Louis, closed its doors Saturday morning.

BUSINESS OUTLOOK.

Bradstreet and Dun's Regular Weekly Report.

A VAST QUANTITY OF TRADE.

Placing of Orders for Rails to an Enormous Extent, Most of it for Foreign Trade, Has Been the Feature.—Woolen and Cotton Mills Also Show Improvements.—Many Woolen Mills in New England Have Started Up.

New York, N. Y.—R. G. Dun & Co. say in their weekly review of trade:

Genuine improvement in business does not come with a rush, like the breaking of a great dam. The growth for some weeks past has been more encouraging, because in nearly all line it has been gradual and moderate. That rupture of the steel rail and other combinations in the iron business has brought out a vast quantity of trade, which had been held back and has set many thousands of men at work. While the slow but steady gain in the other industries have given employment to many thousands more, but the full effects will not appear until the increased purchases by all these swell the distribution of goods. This comes more slowly and later, bit it is still apparent. Certainty regarding the future will help it mightily, and is by multitudes expected with strong hope. Meanwhile it is substantial ground for confidence that months which were regarded by many in the money market with serious apprehension, have passed without disturbance, and with steady gain in the position of the country and of the treasury.

It is not to be expected that the excess of exports over imports would continue as large in January as it had ben in previous months, and yet it was surprisingly large. The February returns have naturally been less favorable, as cotton exports fall off at this season, and yet the decrease compared with last year is trifling, while the increase of imports to be expected at this time of the year has amounted during the past three weeks to only $629,040, compared with last year, or about 2 per cent. Nothing in the state of foreign exchanges indicates that the heavy credits in favor of this country have been liquidated or seriously diminished.

Iron bars are changed, but orders for 900 cars by one railroad with numerous others, increase the demand, and plates are required for two great elevators at Chicago. Important contracts for export continue, and American makers undersell foreign in tin plates by 70 cents, and are selling cotton ties below 75 cents, for which $1.10 was charged by importers a year ago.

With less rapidity but yet steadily the other industries are gaining. Although brown, yard sheetings are an eighth lower, and print cloths a sixteenth lower, it is found that several cotton mills are started, not covered by the restriction as to print cloth works, which is carried out. Increasing demand has also started a number of woolen mills, including many making dress goods and hosiery. The mand for men's woolens is somewhat better, and especially for heavy-weights, and there improving sales of better qualities.

In boots and shoes there is a growing belief that prices will not give way, has started many more shops, although many jobbers still shrink from the prices asked.

Failures for the week have been 296 in the United States, against 278 last year, and 50 in Canada, against 58 last year.

BRADSTREET'S REVIEW.

New York.—Bradstreet's says: The placing of orders for nearly 1,500,000 tons of steel within the past three weeks is the most important influence of the improvement in general trade since the November election. A good share of the orders is for blooms, and billets, and inasmuch as the bulk of them are placed with the more modern among the larger steel mills, the latter find themselves weel supplied with work for months to come. The Bessemer pig iron and steel billet markets have been duly influenced and firm, with moderate advances on heavy sales. The contracts for steel rails taken since the break in price, together with expenditure necessary to lay the rails, means the placing in circulation of no less than $35,000,000.

The meaning of sales of rails for export has been exaggerated, as some orders placed abroad were due to English mills, being temporarily engaged in other forms of steel. The rush for rails appears to be about over, and the outlook is for higher prices. Consumption of Bessemer pig iron is in excess of production, and wire and wire-nail mills are running full time.

Many woolen mills in New England have started. Manufacturers are buying in expectation of a duty being placed on raw wool. Recent improvement in cotton goods is maintained. At most cities there has been no change in the volume or temper of trade. Demand has been quiet, and while expectations favor an early improvement progress thus far has been somewhat disappointing. The most marked gains are Chicago and St Louis, where visiting merchants have made relatively heavy purchases of dry goods, clothing and groceries. Jobbers at Cleveland, Cincinnati, Milwaukee and Louisville in some instances, regard the outlook as more unfavorable.

Unfavorable weather on the South Atlantic coasts and at the Northwest has interrupted business, and the reports from Galveston and Nashville are that the movement of merchandise has been disappointing. The week's volume of clearings is $783,420,050, 12 per cent. less than last week, but 14 per cent less than in the like week one year ago.

The price movement is more favorable, with advances for hides, and in some instances for shoes, Bessemer pig, steel billets, cotton, Indian corn, oats, cheese, turpentine. Leather remains firm at the recent advance, and lumber, Southern pig iron, bar iron, steel rails, resin, rice, wheat, flour, sugar and coffee are practically unchanged.

There are 258 business failures reported throughout the United States, compared with 325 last week, and 271 in the week one year ago.

INQUIRY AFTER TROOPS.

Secretary of War Wants to Know About Tennessee's Capacity.

Nashville, Tenn.—Adjutant-General Sykes received a telegram from Secretary of War Lamont Friday afternoon, asking how many State troops can be put in the field at once. Adjutant Sykes replied: "Twenty-four hundred men, fully armed and equipped, in twenty-four hours."

Business dispatches have also been received from Washington by bankers, saying that the United States may be obliged to assert itself within forty-eight hours.

Orders were at once given, and the local companies are assembling at the armories. Adjutan-General Sykes may leave for Washington, at the request of the Secretary of War, and Captain H. C. Ward, U. S. A., on detailed duty in this city, has gone to Washington, having been ordered to report at once to the War Department.

A war sentiment exists here, caused by these dispatches and by others from Congressmen and business men in New York, all stating that a crisis seems inevitable, and action may be promptly taken by the Government.

MURDERED HIS PARTNER.

His Actions Aroused Suspicion and Led to Confession.

Atlanta, Ga.—A special from Hatmony Grove, Ga., to the Journal says:

Grady Reynolds, a merchant of Belton Ga., was arrested there Friday afternoon, for the murder of his business partner.M. C. Hunt, a prominent citizen of Belton. Reynolds confessed and told the officers that they would find Hunt's body in the Oconee River, about three miles from this place.

Hunt and Reynolds were partners in a store at Belton, and both left that place on Monday, the 15th, on a trading tour. They were in Harmony Grove, trading, last Monday, and went out of town about three miles and spent the night near the Oconee River. That was the last ever seen of Hunt. Reynolds returned to Belton with Hunt's gold watch and pistol, which he claimed he had bought from him, and stated that Hunt had taken the train for Athens.

Reynolds began selling out his goods for almost nothing, and the people of Belton became suspicious and threatened to arrest him. He became frightened and came back to work near the place where he confessed to have killed Hunt. He was arrested there yesterday and carried back to Belton.

M'COOK DECLINES.

Will Not Serve as McKinley's Secretary of the Interior.

New York, N. Y.—The Evening Sun says:

"It is announced in the city that Col John J. McCook has positively declined to enter the Cabinet of President McKinley as Secretary of the Interior.

"The announcement is also made that while Gen. Stewart L. Woodford is still a candidate for a Cabinet position with indorsement of the regular Republican organization. The chances are that New York will not be represented in the Cabinet.

"When Major McKinley first asked Colonel McCook to become a member of his Cabinet no particular portfolio was mentioned. A friend of Col. McCook said that he expected that he would be asked to serve as Attorney-General, and this place he would have accepted.

"But within a day or two the Colonel received a letter asking him to accept the post of Secretary of the Interior. This, it is understood, he promptly and positively declined."

AN UNUSUAL ACCIDENT.

Fatal Ending of Playful Prank by Insane Women.

Nashville, Tenn.—Friday, at the Central Insane Asylum, one of the inmates, Mrs. Nancy Wilson, soon after supper, went into the room of another inmate, Mrs. Georgia Wilson, and in a playful way slapped the latter on the cheek, who in turn pushed her backward. In falling Mrs. Wilson's head struck the side of the wall in such a manner that her neck was twisted, breaking her neck. Death resulted in a few moments.

TAKES A BIG TUMBLE.

The North-west in the Grip of Another Cold Wave.

Chicago, Ill.—Chicago, Saturday morning, was in the grip of another cold wave. The wave originated in the Northwest on Thursday, and traveled slowly toward our city. In Minnesota, North Dakota and the Eastern part of South Dakota from 20 to 30 degrees below zero was the ruling temperature, while at White River, Ontario, 44 degrees below was reached. That was the coldest spot in the country.

NOT SELECTED YET.

President-elect McKinley Needs One More Man.

Canton, Ohio.—The statement is positively made that Major McKinley's last member of the cabinet has not been selected. Major McKinley has practically recovered his health. He took a walk in the crisp cold air Saturday morning. The last evidences of grippe and fatigue are rapidly disappearing.

CAPTURE OF A CROOK.

Mayfield, Ky.—John O'Flanigan, the noted book agent crook, wanted in many places was recently captured at Jackson, Tenn. His style of crookedness was to sell a set of books and receive notes in payment, after which he would enhance the value of the papers and cash them at a bank. He dealt with women exclusively.

KING GEORGE TO ABDICATE.

Paris, Fr.—The Figaro asserts that King George of Greece intends to abdicate his throne in favor of his eldest son, Crown Prince Constantine.

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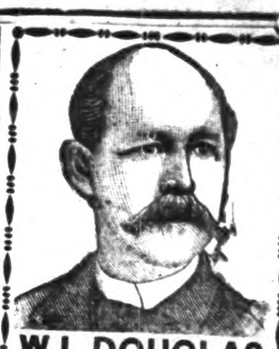

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YELLOW FEVER.

Report of Its Progress by the Marine Hospital Bureau.

RAPID INCREASE OF VICTIMS.

New Orleans in a State of Alarm—Many Towns in Southern Mississippi Have the Disease, and the Outlook is at Present Gloomy.

The official bulletin of the marine hospital bureau will contain in its forthcoming issue a synopsis of the yellow fever situation, with a summary of the cases and deaths up to the 14th instant. The list of cases and deaths is lower than that reported in press dispatches from infected points, but they are all that are officially established. The summary by States is as follows:

States.	Cities.	Cases.	Dths
Ala.	Mobile	1	0
La.	New Orleans	2	0
La.	New Orleans	2	0
La.	New Orleans	7	0
La.	New Orleans	5	0
Miss.	Barkley	8	4
Miss.	Barkley	1	0
Miss.	Edwards	12	1
Miss.	Ocean Springs	4	2
Miss.	Ocean Springs	1	0
Miss.	Pascagoula	1	0
Miss.	Pascagoula	1	0
Miss.	Perkinston	1	0

The synopsis covers the outbreak from its inception, with all the bureau orders, reports from surgeons, boards of health, etc., concerning the status of the fever at various points. The bulletin says:

"A brief synopsis of the occurrence of yellow fever in the South is given as follows:

"Beginning with the report of Past Assistant Surgeon Wasdin, of September 3, stating that the situation at Ocean Springs needed investigation, and his detail to proceed to that place and make an investigation in connection with the members of the Mobile board of health, and his subsequent report on September 6, stating that an autopsy made by himself confirmed the diagnosis of yellow fever, the representatives of the State boards concurring, precautions were immediately taken by the bureau directing Past Assistant Surgeon Wasdin to arrange for a cordon, employ necessary help and turn matters over to Surgeon Murray on his arrival, and to notify the railroad agents until a cordon should be established to sell tickets only to points north of Nashville, or points in mountainous districts, and to keep a record of all persons leaving, with points of their destination, notifying the local authorities."

After detailing the assignment of surgeons to various points, the synopsis proceeds:

"The total number of cases at Ocean Springs September 8 was two in a sick list of forty persons, and one case resulting in death was reported from New Orleans, whose illness, it is stated, commenced at Ocean Springs. Train inspection at the Alabama line was established on the 9th. On the same day yellow fever was reported at Scranto, Miss., and several suspicious cases in one locality in New Orleans were examined by experts of the Louisiana state board of health, train inspection on the Louisiana line having been inaugurated several days previously by the Louisiana board. On the 10th six new cases of sickness were reported by three physicians at Ocean Springs.

"The suspicious case at Scranton was examined by Dr. Guiteras and reported to be yellow fever. On the 10th Surgeon Carter reported a case in Perkinston, Miss., contracted at Ocean Springs."

The report then refers to the twelve suspicious cases reported on St. Claud street, New Orleans. No positive diagnosis of yellow fever was made; nine of the cases recovered; remaining three doing well.

OFFICIAL BULLETIN.

Surgeon General Wyman Friday issued to the marine hospital the following instructions defining their field of operations in behalf of the government and state authorities in dealing with yellow fever:

"Surgeon Murray, in charge of all matters between Louisiana and Alabama line south of, but not including, Jackson and Vicksburg.

"Surgeon Sawtelle at Atlanta, in charge of Georgia.

"Surgeon Carter, in charge of New Orleans and Louisiana.

"Passed Assistant Surgeon Glennan at Mobile, in charge of Alabama and prepared to establish a detention camp near Mobile.

"Passed Assistant Surgeon Geddings at Jackson, Miss., in charge of Northern Mississippi and establishing detention camp near Edwards, Miss.

"Passed Assistant Surgeon Young at Memphis, to aid Mississippi river inspection and co-operate with Mississippi river officials.

Each officer is to wire daily number of cases and deaths in district."

LATER DEVELOPMENTS.

From Mobile Dr. Guiteras reports: Day ending Friday noon, cases previously reported, 3; new cases, 2; suspicious cases, 3; deaths, 2. Total under treatment, 5.

At Edwards, Miss., up to Friday thirty-four cases have been officially reported.

New Orleans reports nineteen cases and two deaths up to Friday. The situation here is assuming a very serious aspect.

There have been altogether twenty-two cases of yellow fever in Biloxi, with only one death.

Three new cases were reported Friday at Biloxi, with nineteen cases previously reported under treatment.

At Scranton, Ocean Springs, Augusta and many other towns along the coast cases of fever are being reported daily.

A case of yellow fever is reported at Kansas City, the person coming from Mississippi.

NOTES.

A report was given out that the Vicksburg, Shreveport and Pacific Railroad and Alabama and Vicksburg railroad had suspended traffic altogether. No passenger nor freight trains are being run on account of the stringent quarantine rules established by the health authorities in that section of the country. The roads will remain quiet until the conditions change and the quarantine shall have abated some.

The health authorities of Meridian adopted an order preventing all trains on the Alabama and Vicksburg Railroad from entering Meridian.

By virtue of a proclamation issued by the State health officer, Florida is now guarded against any persons from the infected yellow fever districts.

Briefly Noted.

S. A. Pilley has been appointed postmaster at Troy.

Bill Reed has been arrested at Gurley, charged with robbing the post office there some days ago.

Secretary of Agriculture Wilson has accepted Governor Johnston's invitation to visit Alabama some time this fall.

Probate Judge S. B. Baker, of Cleburne county, died at his home in Edwardsville Tuesday. He leaves a wife and two sons.

John T. Wilson, who lives five miles below Montevallo, lost his residence and smoke house by fire. The total damage was $1,500.

At Jonesville, near Birmingham, a young woman whose name used to figure in Birmingham's social chronicles has established a frog farm.

Yellow fever refugees cannot stop in Birmingham. Some of them have tried the experiment and in each case they have been turned back.

The Colbert County Bank failed last Thursday. It is probable that all claims will be paid, as the liabilities are estimated to be only about $6,000.

Amzi McDaniels, a 14-year-old white boy, was bathing in the river at Montgomery with three companions, when he got beyond his depth and was drowned.

Old man Hames, aged 80 years, who has been on trial at Scottsboro for killing James Swatts, has been acquitted. It is stated that Hames probably owes his acquittal to his age.

The Cullman county tax books show a total assessment of property for 1897 of $1,854,416, an increase over 1896 of $112,839. The reported amount of assessments made by the tax commissioner is $117,656.

The work on the new railroad from Columbus to Montgomery is rapidly nearing completion. The grading between Tuskaloosa and Columbus is almost done and it will not be long before track laying will begin.

There is a boy in Limrock, Jackson county, only 3 years old, that weighs 103 pounds. He has a cousin, a girl, 13 years old, weighing 225 pounds.

September 29 has been appointed as Alabama Day at the Centennial.

John White, a young man living five miles north of Waterloo, was seriously hurt by a falling tree. He was already a cripple and was not able to get away when the tree fell. It struck him across the right side and the leg was terribly crushed. It is not thought he will recover.

State Normal College, Troy, Ala.

The "College authorities" have postponed the opening from Sept. 21, as first announced, to Sept. 28, so as to better adjust to circumstances. The excellent health of Troy, and the generosity of her people toward the College and its students, insure all of safety, comfort and progress. This College annually turns out scores of fully, or partially, trained teachers, and school officers call for these, as it pays to have trained teachers as it does trained workmen of any kind. Alabama will soon admit no other kind than trained teachers in her school rooms.

Persons desiring scholarships should address Dr. E. R. Eldridge, the President, for blanks. Each Senator and Representative of Alabama's non-excluded counties can nominate one person to this State Normal College, at Troy. Many students have already secured scholarships.

This is the season of the year when we would rather have the moth eat up all the woolen goods in the house, than go down town in the sun for camphor balls.

GENERAL NEWS

Current Events of the Day Epitomized.

NEGRO POSTMASTER SHOT.

Turkey and Greece to Sign a Treaty of Peace—Two Texans Shoot and Kill Each Other—Statue to Canovas to be Erected by Spain.

Frank Lockridge accidentally shot and killed himself at Spring Hill, Tennessee.

Professor Andrews has withdrawn his resignation as president of Brown University.

General Ignacio Andrade will succeed General Crespo as president of the Venezuelan republic.

Captain Thomas McDermott has been nominated by the Republicans for mayor of Chattanooga.

A disastrous wreck occurred on the Wisconsin Central Friday, resulting in the death of five persons.

J. H. Loftin, the negro postmaster at Hogansville, Ga., was shot Wednesday night by unknown parties.

Gaines & Fuller's cotton gin, corn mill, flour mill and planing mill were burned last week, with a loss of $4,000.

The National Road Parliament met in Nashville Friday, and selected Omaha as the next place of meeting.

Lillie Texas Young, 18 years of age, was found murdered near Salem, Va. Robert Foulz has been arrested for the crime.

Paul de Pierre, formerly vice-consul of the French republic at New Orleans, killed himself by inhaling illuminating gas.

C. S. Preston, a Kansas City drummer, was fined heavily last week at Brunswick, Ga., for refusing to show his health certificate.

The coal miners' strike, as far as the Pittsburg district is concerned, is off, and the 22,000 diggers will resume work at the 65 cent rate.

A small pox patient, a negro boy, was placed in the pest house at Columbus, Ga., Friday. This is the only case of this disease in this locality.

A statue to Spain's murdered premier, Canovas del Castillo, is to be set up in Madrid, the municipal authorities of that city having just unanimously decided to thus honor his memory.

The long overdue steamer Excelsior, which left St. Michaels, Alaska, for San Francisco port six weeks ago, but was compelled to put back to Unalaska for repairs, arrived Thursday with sixty-three passengers and about one million dollars in gold.

It is understood the federal administration will take steps looking to the apprehension and punishment of the assailant of Loftin, the colored postmaster at Hogansville, Ga., who was shot on Tuesday.

Georgia Republicans say that it is pretty well settled that Gen. Longstreet will be appointed railroad commissioner to succeed General Hampton some time next month; at any rate, by the 1st of November.

The imperial government of Austria will demand full satisfaction for injuries to Austro-Hungarian subjects at Latimer and the severe punishment of those who are culpable in that affair, according to the sentence of American tribunals.

Dr. T. B. Carter, of Kaufman, Tex., and Charles P. Russell, of Abbott, two of the most prominent men of that section, who had hitherto been friends and business associates, shot and killed each other at Abbott last Thursday.

The Neu Freie Presse says it is reported in official circles that the Sultan of Turkey and the council of ministers of the Ottoman Empire have accepted the conditions of peace with Greece as arranged by the ambassadors of the powers, and that it is expected the preliminaries of the treaty will be signed on Friday next.

The government at Madrid has received a cablegram from Captain-General Weyler, in the course of which he says that his plan of campaign is to complete the pacification of the west end of the island of Cuba before commencing operations in the east.

Alton B. Parker was unanimously nominated by the New York Democratic State committee for chief justice of the Court of Appeals. The committee adjourned sine die without taking any action in regard to the Chicago platform.

Atlanta doors have been thrown open to yellow fever refugees.

The engineering work in Mobile harbor has been temporarily suspended owing to the fright among unacclimated laborers over the yellow fever outbreak.

Two steamers, the Tsarevitch and Malpitka, collided in the river Volga, near Astrakhan. The former sank, and while she was going down her passengers, panic stricken, jumped into the river. Many of them succeeded in reaching the shore, but forty persons were drowned.

A sensation has been caused at Berlin and elsewhere by a statement that the Archduke Francis Ferdinand, son of the late Archduke Karl Ludwig and Princess Anneuceta, daughter of the late King Ferdinand II of Naples, heir presumptive of the throne of Austria-Hungary, was married in London last week to a middle class lady from Kohlscheidt, near Aix-la-Chapelle. The name of the lady is not given.

W. Entrekin, a respectable farmer of Marshall county, Alabama, has fallen a victim to the rigid internal revenue laws. He made application for a license for an apple brandy still recently, and while waiting for the arrival of the license, and until other forms could be observed, he made a few quarts of brandy for home use. Revenue officers arrested him for illicit distilling. On this charge he was tried before a commissioner and bound over to the grand jury.

PRESIDENT DIAZ ASSAULTED.

Ignacio Anulfo Strikes the President as He Was Riding in a Procession.

Ignacio Anulfo, a violent character, assaulted President Diaz of Mexico on Thursday during the military procession. The man was felled by a companion of the president, and was immediately taken into custody by the authorities. The attack was made while the president was riding at the head of a procession celebrating Independence Day. As the president neared the Alameda, there was a disturbance in the crowd on the sidewalk, and a well built, muscular man, with flowing black hair and mustache, forced his way past the gendarmes and soldiers, and jumped between the president and General Pradillo, and the chief of staff, Monasterio, and dealt a blow at the back of the president's neck. The violence of the blow was diminished by the fact that he was crowded between the president and the officers immediately following him. The president turned round and caught sight of his assailant, and assumed his march with admirable coolness.

Meantime, Chief of Staff Monasterio hit the man with a cane, who, turning, seized it and broke it. General Pradillo then hit him a powerful blow in the neck, felling him. The gendarmes rushed forward, and some of the mounted officers and police seized and pinioned him. He was taken into a side street and led away, the people shouting: "Give him to us! We will hang him!" But the gendarmes succeeded in keeping their prisoner, being reinforced by cavalrymen, the great crowd shouting and running behind.

Some think the assailant merely made the assault for the sake of gaining notoriety, having read the accounts of the assassination of Canovas.

Later advices state that Diaz's assailant was lynched.

WILL BE GREEN AGAIN.

Green will again be the color of the postage stamps. Chief Johnson, of the bureau of engraving and printing, recommends the change on two grounds. He says green is more suitable for government documents, and not so glaring and vivid. It is also cheaper, and will result in a saving of between $8,000 and $10,000 a year, a sum Secretary Gage deems sufficient to take into consideration. The secretary of the treasury and the postmaster-general have approved the recommendation, and the green two-cent stamps will soon make their appearance.

SAGASTA TALKS.

Senor Sagasta, the Spanish Liberal leader, in an interview on the subject of the Cuban insurrection, says the uprising, instead of dying out, is spreading considerably. Sagasta says the situation in the Philippine Islands is serious. He also asserts that the Carlist propaganda in Spain cannot be viewed with indifference, and expresses the belief that reconciliation between the political parties in Spain is impossible so long as the Conservatives are in power, and in conclusion Sagasta says: "In my opinion the Cortes will not meet, but if they do meet their existence is ephemeral."

AMERICAN PARTY IN TEXAS.

Col. E. H. Sellers, of Detroit, Mich., the organizer of the American party, has been carrying on correspondence with several Texans who are dissatisfied with the old parties, and has now worked up such interest in the new party that a State convention will be called to meet in Dallas during the fair to effect a State organization and make preparations to extend the organization down through district, county and precinct. Those who have taken hold of the new party come mainly from the ranks of the populists.

WAS IT ANDREE?

A telegraphic message received from Krasnoyarsk, in the interior of Siberia, says that on September 14, at 11 o'clock at night, the inhabitants of the village of Antzirowskojew, in the district of Yenisejsk, Arctic Russia, saw a balloon believed to be that of Andree, the Swedish aeronaut, who left the island of Tromsoe shortly before 2:30 p. m., July 11, in an attempt to cross the polar regions.

LYNCHED FIVE.

Citizens of Versailles Deal Summarily With Criminals.

TIRED OF THE LAW'S DELAY.

A Lawless Gang in Southern Indiana, Who Have Long Followed Their Work of Depredations, Meets Vengeance at the Hands of Citizens.

Wednesday was the most exciting day in the history of Versailles, Ind. The bodies of five men, who had been lynched during the night, were found hanging together to the same tree near the jail in the morning. They were: Lyle Levi, aged 37; Henry Scheulter, aged 23; Clifford Gordon, aged 22; Bert Andrews, aged 30; William Jenkins, aged 27.

For years Southern Indiana has been afflicted with lawless gangs. The railways and express companies broke up the depredations of these gangs along their lines, and latterly they have preyed upon the citizens. The citizens have taken the law into their own hands in that locality before, but never to such an extent as on Wednesday. The Reno brothers were lynched together at Seymour, Ind., thirty years ago, and the Meyer gang, three in number, were strung up together at Stoals, Ind., twelve years ago. There have been numerous lynchings of one at a time, but the job lot of five Wednesday breaks the record. That an unusual state of feeling existed is shown by the determination of the mob, which led it to the ferocity of first killing three of the men in the jail and then dragging the living and the dead together and hanging them to the same tree. It is notable, too, that no outrage that usually arouses a mob's vengeance—no murder—was charged against the victims, but their death was decreed because of long and exasperating suffering from robberies, most of which were accompanied by torture of victims. The excitement of the day was not lessened by suppressed hints that more objects of the people's wrath would be made to suffer in the same way.

NEGRO TO BE APPOINTED POSTMASTER.

Judson Lyons is to be appointed postmaster at Augusta, Ga., says a special from Washington. The President has decided that he cannot give the registership of the treasury to Georgia.

This conclusion was said to have been reached at the White House during a conference between the President and Walter Johnson. It was during the consideration of the Augusta case that the President said he would have to provide for Lyons at Augusta. He intimated that the name of Lyons had been considered in connection with the registership of the treasury, but after due deliberation he felt that Georgia had received sufficient recognition in the way of national appointments, and therefore Lyons would be provided with a local office.

WEYLER'S WAR ON WOMEN.

A special from Havana, Cuba, says that the Spanish authorities do not hesitate to show their resentment of the interest displayed by the wives of Americans in the case of Evangelina Cisneros. They have not only shut off the Cuban maid from all communication with her friends, but they have thrown into prison for lewd women in Santa Clara five women who dared to prepare a courteous appeal to General Weyler for the release of Evangelina. These women are Senora Rosa Plana, Senoritas Carmen and Nicolisa Gutierres, Senora Micala Ruiz and Senorita Consuelo Avila. All of these ladies belong to the best families in Santa Clara.

FOUR PEOPLE KILLED.

Ten More Injured in a Wreck in Missouri.

A wreck on the Wabash at Keytesville, Mo., early Thursday morning resulted in the death of four men. They are: William Gaines, St. Louis, postal clerk; W. B. Smith, Moberly, Mo., fireman; William C. Clark, Salisbury, Mo.; Paul Street, Salisbury, Mo. Ten people were more or less injured.

The passenger train left St. Louis at 9 o'clock Wednesday night. The freight was a minute late at Keytesville, and was just entering the switch when the passenger train crashed into it.

PHYSICIAN SUICIDES.

Dr. A. E. Andrews of Madison, Ga., committed suicide last Thursday by shooting himself. He retired to his room shortly before midnight, locking the door. He had been in the room about half an hour when his family heard the report of a pistol. He had with marked deliberation laid himself upon the floor and shot himself with a 32-caliber revolver just above the temple.

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COTTON CROP BULLETIN.

Only One or Two States Report an Average Crop.

This week's cotton region climate and crop bulletin issued Friday at New Orleans, under the authority of the secretary of agriculture, is a heavy blow to the estimates of big cotton crops.

The report covers the entire cotton belt, including Georgia, Louisiana, Texas, Arkansas, Mississippi, Alabama, Florida, Tennessee and the two Carolinas. The bulletin is a composite of thousands of reliable reports from every militia district of every county in the whole cotton belt, and no better insight into the condition of the crop could be gained than through this report.

During the past week there has been practically no rain in the South, and where the rains fell they caused damage instead of doing good. Only one or two States report an average condition of the cotton crop.

The report, as it relates to the cotton crop, when summarized is as follows:

Louisiana—About half of crop open and one-fourth picked. Yield will equal last year's, which was a small yield. Considerable deterioration in the southeast and a larger yield in the northwest.

Georgia—Cotton has failed considerably, and is shedding so rapidly that there is practically no top crop. It is opening prematurely, and nearly the entire crop is open. The average yield for the State will be three-fourths of a fair average crop.

Alabama—Cotton is poor, and rust and rot is general. Yield will be far below an average, and staple is grading low. Cotton opening prematurely.

Texas—Rain damaged crop some by washing out open bolls. Late crop and top cotton being considerably damaged by rust, caterpillars, boll worms, sharp shooters and boll weevils in southern and central portions and much of top crop in northern portions too young to mature before frost. With average conditions the yield will be below the average.

Arkansas—Cotton has continued to deteriorate rapidly through shedding and premature opening. Crop generally very poor; now too late for rain to do any good.

Mississippi—Cotton reports show falling off in condition. Bolls opening prematurely; shedding, rust and rot injurious in many sections.

Florida—But little top crop of cotton. Prospect of average yield.

Tennessee—Cotton crop much shortened by drouth and most of top crop lost by shedding. Bolls opening rapidly and prematurely.

North Carolina—Reports are unanimous that cotton is being irreparably injured; squares, blooms and leaves falling, half-grown bolls cracking and dropping off; top crop nearly complete failure; premature opening increasing and probable yield materially diminished.

South Carolina—Continued decline in condition of cotton crop; plant apparently dead and young bolls shedding.

This is the most discouraging bulletin that has been issued by the United States weather bureau for this year. It means a great reduction in the cotton crop, and will be a big surprise to those who have been making estimates of a ten-million bale crop.

THOUSANDS RESUME WORK.

Strike Cost the People of the Pittsburg District $7,000,000.

After nearly three months' idleness, between 15,000 and 18,000 coal miners in the Pittsburg district returned to work Thursday in accordance with the action taken at Wednesday's convention, authorizing the men to resume work in all mines complying with the provisions of the scale of 65 cents adopted at Columbus. The remainder of the 23,000 miners of the district will be at work before the end of the week. It is estimated that the strike, which lasted sixty-five work days, cost the people of the Pittsburg district from $5,000,000 to $7,000,000. Of this amount the miners lost about $2,250,000 in wages.

TEXAS ELECTION RETURNS.

The governor and secretary of state finished the count of the vote on the late proposed amendments to the constitution Friday morning, the time prescribed for waiting for the returns having expired. The total vote is as follows:

For irrigation amendment, 20,245; against irrigation amendment, 55,882.

For railroad bond amendment, 14,237; against railroad bond amendment, 59,579.

For school bond amendment, 32,462; against school bond amendment, 42,167.

REVOLUTIONISTS SUCCEED.

Private advices received at San Francisco Thursday convey the information that after two days of hard fighting the garrison of Barrios' soldiers at Quezaltenango succumbed to superior numbers, and the revolutionists are masters of the situation in Guatemala. This is understood as the equivalent to the end of the career of Reino Barrios as Dictator of the Central American Republic.

SATISFACTORY

Are the Export and Import Figures as Reported by Bradstreets'.

BUSINESS STILL INCREASES.

A Small Decline in Wheat—The Iron Industry Shows Increasing Demand—Yellow Fever Affecting Distribution of Merchandise in the South.

Bradstreets review of trade says:

Notwithstanding the unreasonably warm weather and the appearance of yellow fever in several gulf States, checking locally the distribution of merchandise, business throughout the country has increased more than anticipated. The center of improvement is Chicago, which furnished the most favorable trade report in five years. Advices from Kansas City, Omaha, St. Paul and St. Louis also reflect activity in demand among jobbers and wholesalers. There is a temporary stimulus to business at Savannah, owing to the withdrawal of competition from merchants at towns cut off by the fever quarantine. Chattanooga, Memphis, Atlanta, Augusta, Galveston and even St. Louis anticipate a temporary falling off in business owing to the interruption to traffic in the gulf States and adjoining territory. The practical settlement of the bituminous coal strike, a further rising tide of demand for iron and steel products, the withdrawal from the market of some manufacturers of woolen goods, activity generally among manufacturers of woolens, extraordinary large bank clearings and reports that mercantile collections have improved, constitute the features of the week.

Wheat exports are very large and with one exception (that of the second week of September, 1891) are the heaviest on record. The total shipments this week (flour included as wheat) aggregate 6,379,418 bushels, against 5,461,566 bushels last week, 3,566,326 bushels last year, 2,538,085 bushels in the corresponding week in 1895, 3,537,283 bushels in 1894, 4,727,926 bushels in 1893, and 6,974,000 bushels, the heaviest on record, in the like week of 1891.

Corn exports are 1,000,000 bushels smaller than last week. They aggregate $3,901,000 bushels, and compare with 2,394,000 bushels last year, 1,605,000 bushels in 1895, 145,000 bushels in 1894 and 1,195,555 bushels in 1893.

There are 169 business failures reported throughout the United States this week, compared with 175 last week, 195 in the week a year ago, 218 two years ago, a like number three years ago and as compared with 346 in the second week of September, 1893.

There are 36 business failures reported from the Canadian Dominion this week, against 39 last week and 41 in each of the corresponding weeks in 1896 and 1895.

KILLED HIS FATHER-IN-LAW.

Dave Roberts shot and killed his father-in-law, Osborne Casey, at his own home, in the northwestern part of Bartow county, Ga., last Thursday. The two men lived near each other. Roberts had been abusing and mistreating his wife, who fled to her father for protection. Roberts followed her, and the old man met him at the door, remonstrated with him kindly and asked him to go away, but made no demonstration. Roberts pulled a pistol and deliberately shot the old man, who fell dead across the veranda.

SEND A WARSHIP.

Upon advices from Consul Pringle, at Guatemala City, to the effect that the revolutionists have the town of Ocas, on the west coast of Guatemala, the state department has called upon the navy department to send a warship there to watch over American interests, and the Alert, at Mare Island, has been ordered to the scene of trouble.

MINERS LEAVING JELLICO DISTRICT.

An exodus of the miners in the Jellico coal district has been inaugurated. It now seems that they are equally as anxious to get away from their old environment as the yellow fever refugees are to forsake the South.

Twenty miners and their families reached Knoxville Thursday and left in the afternoon for Walker county, Alabama, where they will enter a new coal mine recently opened. This is near Birmingham, and the coal mined there will be marketed at Birmingham.

TEXAS JUDGE RESIGNS.

Chief Justice H. W. Lightfoot, of the Fifth district court of civil appeals, sent his resignation to Governor Culberson Friday. This is one of the most important and desirable positions in the State judiciary. Judge Lightfoot's resignation was a surprise to the local bench and bar. His reasons for resigning are that he may be able to give more attention to his private affairs and to the executorship of the estate of the late United States Senator Maxey.

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IT is probable that Alabama Day (September 29) at the Nashville Centennial Exposition will be postponed until the latter part of October on account of the yellow fever epidemic.

THE latest news from the infected fever districts is not encouraging, as the disease seems to be spreading, but from the small number of deaths which have occurred there is every reason to believe that at the worst the epidemic is of a much milder character than has ever been known before.

THE Assistant Special State Examiner of Accounts, who spent almost enough time over the books of Chilton county to entitle him to vote here, has recently reported Commissioner of Agriculture Culver nearly $5000 short in his accounts. The Commissioner promptly made the alleged shortage good, and we are inclined to think that, although a Democrat, he would have done so even if the A. S. S. Examiner had never been born. (Dear! dear! How very peculiar that abbreviation looks. But it takes too long to spell it all out every time.) It really does look as if these reports are in the main being made for political effect, the end and aim being to show what a brilliant business administration we are enjoying. But there are two sides to everything and when these reports are sifted they will prove veritable boomerangs.

The State Alliance.

GREAT was the disappointment at Jemison yesterday when, after the arrival of several delegates from various sections of the state, and the crowd of home people, it became known that President Pinckard, in the exercise of his judgment, had postponed the annual session of the State Alliance to some future day, on account of the yellow fever epidemic. The delegates, several of whom had traveled long distances at considerable cost of time and money, were disappointed that their time and money should have been wasted, the citizens of Jemison who had prepared for a large crowd were grieved to have their preparations thrown away.

The postponement was doubly unfortunate from the fact that all the indications pointed to the largest and most enthusiastic gathering of Alliancemen in recent years. Well, we suppose it could not be helped. At first there was some disposition to censure the President for having called off the meeting at such a late hour, but on second thoughts it was generally agreed that probably it was for the best. The quarantine regulations are rather stringent in some quarters and may be extended to other points without a moment's notice, and it would have been harder on delegates to be put under quarantine for a length of time than it was in having made a fruitless journey.

An informal sort of meeting was held in the grove, Hon. S. M. Adams, Secretary J. W. Jackson and Bro. Ed Langley, of Tallapoosa addressing the people on Alliance subjects, after which the meeting adjourned. Dinner was served on the ground, after which the delegates waited with all the patience they could muster the arrival of trains and returned to their homes.

As soon as the yellow fever subsides we understand another call will be made for the annual session of the State Alliance at Jemison when we hope no untoward event will prevent a full attendance.

The Weekly Crop Bulletin says: Cotton is opening very fast and much picking has been done; many correspondents report it as stopped making fruit and the concensus of opinion is that the top crop is not worth reckoning on; caterpillars are injuring the lowland crop in some southern counties; there is still considerable complaint of shedding on sandy land, though rust is not so general as at last report; it is now thought the bulk of the crop will be gathered by October 15th or 20th, and there seems no doubt that the yield will be decidedly short of an average one. Late corn is being housed in good condition, but the yield will be shorter than anticipated in some northern counties; the entire corn yield for the year will be far short of an average one; very good fodder and hay crops have been saved; sweet potatoes only fair yield; sorghum good crop; and cane which promises to be below an average yield.

A Medical Student.

Each student of medicine, before graduating to become a doctor, has to undergo a catechism, to see if he is competent to practice medicine. Here is a sample of what he must answer:

Question: What is the cause of general weakness and tired-out feeling? Answer: Poor digestion. Ques.: What is the cause of poor digestion? Ans.: Catarrh of the lining membrane of the digestive organs. Ques.: What are the names of the digestive organs? Ans.: Stomach, liver and bowels. Ques.: How then, can the weakness and tired-out feeling be cured? Ans.: By curing the catarrh of the digestive organs. Ques: What remedy would you use for this? Ans.: Pe-ru-na is the only internal remedy for chronic catarrh. Pe-ru-na cures catarrh wherever located. Ques., What is meant by female diseases? Ans.: It means simply, catarrh of the pelvic organs. Ques: Will Pe-ru-na also cure catarrh of these organs? Ans.: Yes. Pe-ru-na cures catarrh wherever located.

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Is the title of a treatise on the doctrine of perfection or sanctification, by A. L. Pattillo, of Verbena, now in the press. It is written in a plain, homely fashion by one deeply impressed with the necessity of Christians living a perfect life, who desires to see all professing religion imbued with the same spirit. The Author, who is also a poet, has written several poems, all on religious subjects. The whole, when complete, will make a book of over 200 pages, bound in a stiff board cover, which at the small charge of 50 cents should speedily exhaust the first edition.

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All the talk and predictions respecting the Clanton postoffice are set at rest by the appointment of L. B. Pounds as postmaster. This is an appointment eminently satisfactory to every true Populist in Chilton and we congratulate Bro. Pounds, having every confidence in his proving a faithful public servant.

R. L. Marcus' suit against the L. & N. Railroad Company for damages for injuries received while in the company's service was decided this week in his favor, the jury awarding him $6000 damages.

The last, but certainly not the least, to commence business in Clanton are Messrs. Sartor and Kicker, who can be found in W. L. Sampey's old store house with one of one of the largest and best assorted stock of goods to be found in town. We wish them much success.

The L. & N. Railroad, ever willing to meet the needs of the public, and noting the rapidly growing business of Clanton, is about to lengthen the platform and make some other improvements at the depot.

The city authorities have nicely cleaned up Main street, and will as soon as practicable proceed with the other streets. Now if the Sheriff will only take down that eyesore, the gallows, the town will present a very creditable appearance.

Political Points.

People's Press Bureau, St. Louis, Mo., Sept. 22, 1897.

Ex-Senator Peffer, of Kansas, who gained considerable unenviable notoriety by addressing a State convention of Populist bolters in Iowa, seems to have gotten on the other side of the fence; having recently declared editorially in favor of a union of all reform parties.

A strike among the engineers of England, involving more men than were out in the American coal miners' strike, has been in force over six months, yet no injunctions have been issued, neither has a single officer been called on to shoot down strikers.

Press dispatches report that Col. E. H. Sellers, of Detroit, Mich., chairman of the New American party, is in Dallas, Texas, arranging for a State convention to be held during the Fair. He is receiving much encouragement from the middle-of the road Populists in that State.

The State committee of the People's Party in Kansas held a meeting at Topeka, September 14, for the purpose of agreeing upon a line of policy to be pursued in the local campaigns. They decided that the financial question should be made the leading issue coupled with the abuses of the Federal courts. They challenge comparison with the last republican state administration, as to efficiency and economy. The silver republican leaders of the state were invited to participate in the meeting.

The gold element in the Democratic party of Virginia, having been sufficiently in evidence to prevent the endorsement of Captain Cocke, the Populist candidate for Lieutenant Governor in that State, the Populist committee which met recently at Lynchburg, decided to make the fight with one candidate.

The gold Democrats of Ohio held a convention at Columbus, September 10, with less than fifty delegates in attendance. They decided to assist the republicans by placing a ticket in the field.

Missouri "middle-of-the-roaders," in pursuance of the policy adopted by the the bolters at Nashville, Tenn July 4, are trying to get the regular Populist State committee to issue a call to re-organize the party, but the scheme is so manifestly in the interest of the republicans, whose motto is "divide and conquer," that no one will be deceived thereby.

The much derided Populist economy is again manifested in Kansas. Over two millions of dollars of the State debt is to be refunded at 4 per cent., thus saving to the tax-payers between seventy-five and one hundred thousand dollars a year. The old bonds were issued in 1887 and bore interest at the rate of 7, 8 and 9 per cent.

The Brooklyn, N.Y., Trades Union held a convention September 20, to decide whether to ratify the nomination of one of the candidates already nominated for Mayor, or place a candidate of their own in the field.

Col. A. L. Conger, the well known Ohio politician, having ventured to declare his opposition to Mark Hanna and his methods, has been pronounced insane by Mr. Hanna. Representatives of the press, who have recently visited Col. Conger, deny Hanna's assertions.

Hon. J. H. Davis, the Texas "Cyclone" is doing valuable campaign service for the regular populists and free silver forces in Iowa.

A silver camp meeting was held at Springfield, Ohio, September 13th and proved a mighty success.

The announcement of the Bank of England that one fifth of its reserve will be kept in silver, is displeasing to the Rothchilds, but it is very satisfactory to the Bimetallists in this country as well as Europe. It is said the plan was adopted to test the sentiment of the English people toward the proposed International Bimetallic conference. A. R.

Unity Baptist Association.

The Unity Baptist Association will meet with Beth Salem church church on Tuesday, Oct. 5, 1897, at 10 o'clock a.m.

W. J. RUDDICK, Clerk.

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Jemison.

On the 10th inst., little Ruby Clemens was, by death, relieved from mortal sufferings. She was going to school when she was attacked with fever.

Little Ruby was so beautiful and intelligent and lovable she was admired by all. She was too tender and sweet for this rough world. In God's wisdom He chose to take her to His exalted abode to dwell with angels. Parents weep not, while your little darling forever rests.

On 13th inst, Captain W. H. Shelby died at Jemison, after being confined by paralysis about three years. He leaves a devoted wife and many loving children and friends to mourn, while also many old comrades will shed sorrowful tears. Yes friends, all dry your tears, remembering that one more soul has joined the saints above. Let the mortal dust sleep on. No more will the beating drum, nor war's roll call disturb your quiet slumbers.

Mr. P. C. Wilson remains on a sick bed, also his wife and oldest son has been prostrate with fever; we visited them this morning and was pleased to find them improving. No more industrious people are to be found. You may go from east to west in search of better neighbors, your trip will be in vain.

To our friend at Thorsby, will say, pour boiling water on tomatos just sufficient to skin them. Then put one teaspoon and a half of fruit powders. Salicilic acid in cup of warm water and gently mix it through fruit, tie cloth and paper over jar, put in cool place.

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We are having pleasant weather now. A light shower of rain fell here Friday night.

Miss Rosa Tidwell is visiting friends in Birmingham.

Miss Bertie Knight spent Sunday with Miss Eloise Markee.

Mrs. McKinney and children are visiting her father near Chilton.

A crowd of our good-looking boys and girls attended church at Salem Sunday.

Little Tommy Darden had the misfortune to have an arm broken last week.

Our young ladies were treated to a nice serenade Thursday night.

Mr. Willie Smith left for Bessemer Monday morning.

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The annual session of this Association will be held with Antioch church five miles west of Randolph, in Bibb county, on Wednesday, Oct. 6, 1897

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Editor Morrison of Worthington, Ind., "Sun," writes: "You have a valuable prescription in Electric Bitters, and I can cheerfully recommend it for Constipation and Sick Headache and as a general system tonic it has no equal." Mrs. Annie Stehle, 2025 Cottage Grove Ave., Chicago, was all run down, could not eat nor digest food, had a backache which never left her and felt tired and weary, but six bottles of Electric Bitters restored her health and renewed her strength. Prices 50 cents and $1.00.

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		1897
Kincheon	October	1
Albert Headley's Store	"	2
Benson	"	4
Maplesville	"	5
Dixie	"	6
Valley Creek	"	7
Shouts	"	8
Maplesville until 12 m.	"	9
Macedonia Church	"	11
Hayes Mill	"	12
Providence Church, (Beat 2)	"	13
Elijah Busby's	"	14
Jemison	"	15
Strasburg	"	16
Clanton	"	18
Cane Creek Church	"	19
Mineral Springs	"	20
Jesse Maddox's Mill	"	21
Goer's School-House	"	22
Coopers	"	25
Verbena	"	26
Mountain Creek	"	27
Burwells	"	28
Calloway's Mill	"	29

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POPULIST PAPERS.

Why is it, that the Populists, as a rule, seem to be indifferent about supporting their papers either State or local? Do they think it possible to accomplish anything in the cause in in which they are enlisted without the aid of a press? They are certainly not that stupid; but how very few of them will do anything that counts for a paper? Many of them will not even reply to a letter, much less make an effort to do something. Of course a large majority do and it is well that the majority is that way; but when an effort is made get subscriptions to a Populist paper, the tale of woe that is narrated is perfectly awful. There is expense in everything in this world that is worth having, and a man enlisted in a cause who is unwilling to do anything to advance it by paying out some money is doing about as good work to defeat it as any of its enemies could attempt. If no one paid out anything it would be certain to fail. If all would do their part, it would not be a burden to any. In every undertaking each man ought to do what is fair, just and right as his proportion of the work. All cannot speak nor all run papers; but can lend their encouragement by attending speakings and help run a paper by subscribing for it.—Monitor.

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Messrs. W. L. Sampey, W. I. Mullins and W. M. Wilson have kindly consented to act as Committee of Award and their decision will be final.

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1896	3295.

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Men's Socks	4 "
Men's Handkerchiefs	1½ "
Men's Caps	18 "
Shoes	from 35 " up.
Brogan Shoes	95 "
Macintoshes	$2.25 each
Worsteds	9c per yd.
Sheeting	5c "
Feil Ticking	10c " up
Best Calico	5c "
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TOWN ITEMS

County Commissioners' Court meets second Monday in February, first Monday in April, second Monday in May, second Monday in July, second Monday in August, and first Monday in November.

CLANTON COTTON MARKET.

Price to-day 6 cents.

BALES RECEIVED TO DATE:

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Any person who wants to rent, or lease, or buy land, call and see Lee Foshee, seven miles west of Clanton.

Henry Honeycutt made a visit to Coosa last week.

Mrs. Morrison, of Coosa, paid a visit to Mrs. M. Smith last week.

Messrs. O. A. Duke and Ned Duke made a visit to their families here last Sunday.

Miss Inez Hammond, an accomplished young lady of Birmingham, is visiting Miss French Evans.

H. C. Fulton made a trip to Shelby county this week.

E. L. Marcus is attending court at Columbiana this week.

Planters CUBAN OIL cures Cuts, Burns, Bruises, Rheumatism and Sores. Price, 25 cents.

Mrs. O. K. Mullins and Miss Sophia Mullins were in town last Saturday.

Miss Rosa Thornton will commence the public school Monday, Oct. 4 at the old academy.

W. H. Foshee went to Birmingham Sunday.

S. E. Chesnutt left Monday to enter Howard, at East Lake, Ala. We wish Scott a profitable as well as a pleasant session.

The Senior Epworth League on Sunday afternoon was well attended and very interesting.

The Junior League elected Mrs Joe Johnson as their Vice President.

SEAVIEW, VA. We have a splendid sale on Chamberlain's Cough Remedy, and our customers come from far and near, speak of it in the highest terms. Many have said that their children would have died of croup if Chamberlain's Cough Remedy had not been given.—Kellam & Curren. The 25 and 50 cent size for sale by Dr. J. S. Johnson, Jr.

Misses Celestia Jones and Pearl Woolley have been pleasant visitors in our town the last week.

Marriage licenses have been granted this week by the Probate Judge to the following persons.

Mr. R. W. Connell and Miss Dora Varden.

Colored, William Goodgame and Fanny Young; Matthew Williams and Molly Harris.

Dr. A. J. Massey, the well known dentist of Birmingham, will visit the following places within the next 30 days: Stanton, Maplesville Randolph, Ashby, Brierfield and Montevallo, prepared to do fine dental work in all the branches. Thanking the people for their patronage.

Mr. G. C. Hanks is among friends in our town.

Mrs. L. C. Day, of Bayminette, Ala., is visiting her mother Mrs. Gullahorn.

Mr. L. E. Gullahorn has moved his family from Birmingham to their home in Clanton.

Mr. Tom Fulton, of Ganadarque made a visit to relatives here Tuesday.

Mr. J. W. Edwards has moved into his new store, and Mrs. Stevens will run a regular restaurant in his old one.

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Mrs. Honeycutt spent a few days with her son, George, near Strasburg.

Mr. W. H. Wright made a trip to Talladega Springs yesterday.

Mr. W. M. Wilson went to Birmingham yesterday.

Mr. A. J. Gullahorn has gone to Billingsley where he is erecting a store house and will conduct a general merchandise business.

Mrs. McGee, of Stanton, is visiting her daughter, Mrs. W. T. Callen.

On Monday Mrs. E. W. Duke presented her husband with a son and heir, and Ned is the proudest man in Alabama.

G. H. Green on Monday made an assignment for the benefit of his creditors.

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Final Proof Notice.

Notice No. 19125.

Land Office at Montgomery, Ala., Sept. 4, 1897.

Notice is hereby given that the following-named settler has filed notice of his intention to make final proof in support of his claim, and that said proof will be made before the Clerk of the Circuit Court, at Clanton, Ala., on October 16th, 1897, viz.: Nancy Cottingham, widow of Anderson Cottingham Homestead Entry No. 28555, for the sw ¼ of ne¼, nw¼ of se¼, section 2, tp 22 n r 12 east.

He names the following witnesses to prove his continuous residence upon and cultivation of said land, viz: Columbus Campbell, Zachariah Jones John Crumpton, Curtis Gentry, all of Randolph, Ala.

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Executor's Notice to Creditors

In the matter of the will and estate of K. Wells, deceased.

In Probate Court of Chilton County.

Notice is hereby given to all whom it may concern, that letters testamentary upon the estate and will of the said K. Wells were granted to the undersigned on the 1st day of September, 1897, out of the said court by the Hon. R. M. Honeycutt, Judge of said court, and that all persons having claims against said estate must present the same within the time allowed by law, or the same will be barred.

W. L. WELLS, Executor.

MARY ANN MULLINS, Executrix.

Tipton Mullins, Attorney for Executors.

Notice of Administration.

Letters of administration upon the estate of D. J. Watersworth having been this day granted to me by the Hon. R. M. Honeycutt, Judge of the Probate Court of Chilton county, all parties having claims against said estate, are hereby notified to present the same within the time prescribed by law or they will be barred.

Sept. 20, 1897.

NANCY WATERSWORTH, Administratrix.

Non-Resident Notice.

Alabama Mineral Land Company vs. Jemison Lumber Company.

In the Circuit Court of Chilton County.

Whereas, it has been shown by the affidavit of W. A. Davis, General Agent of the Alabama Mineral Land Company, that the President or other head, the Secretary, Cashier and Managing Agent of the Jemison Lumber Company, a corporation under the laws of Alabama, are absent from the State, and that in the belief of affiant there is no person in the employment of said corporation or doing business for it in this State:

It is therefore ordered that advertisement be made for such corporation, the said Jemison Lumber Company in The Banner, a newspaper published in Chilton County, Alabama, once a week for four successive weeks, commanding said Jemison Lumber Company to appear and plead, answer or demur to said complaint.

Witness my hand this the 23rd day of September, 1897.

J. P. VANDERVEER, Clerk of Circuit Court of Chilton Co

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Turn-Round Topics.

Mrs. W. H. Johnson and family after enlivening our community for over three weeks, returned to their home in Birmingham Monday. Come again Mrs. Johnson we are always glad to see you and your family.

Some of our young people are attending the protracted meeting at Bozeman Baptist church this week.

Mrs. W. F. Culp, of Birmingham, came down Friday evening to spend a while with relatives here.

E. T. and Mrs. Connell left this morning to visit their son T. P. Connell at Prattville, and on their return, will stop over at Elmore to see their only daughter, Mrs. W. H. Kendrick.

Grass pastures are ruined through out this section. The worm has also commenced on pea vines, and it is thought they will damage the pea crop considerably.

David and Beeter Kendrick went up to see their sister at Cross Roads Sunday.

F. M. and Mrs. Connell, jr., of Cross Roads, are visiting relatives here this week.

OLD STONEWALL.

Program Teachers' Institute.

An Institute, for the white teachers of Chilton county, will be held at Concord on Friday and Saturday Sept. 24th & 25th 1897.

FRIDAY, 9 a.m. Devotional exercises. Welcome address, J. Alex Moore. Organization.

10. Childs study. J. F. Lowery.

11. Hindrances to school work and how to prevent the same. W. S. Garner. Recess.

2 p.m. Modes for correcting errors in spoken language, Miss Jennie Wilson.

3. Best course of study for country schools, Judson Strock.

SATURDAY, 9 a.m. Devotional exercises.

9:30 Alabama in literature, essay, Miss Kate Garner.

10. The public school and how best to secure its most efficient work, C. C. Slaton.

11. Alabama's educational needs, J. Alex Moore.

2. p.m. Educational address, L. E. Zoch.

3. The work of the primary teacher, J. F. M. Thomas, Mrs. A. G. Dunlap.

Concord is located about five miles south east from Montevallo. Anyone desiring conveyance from railroad to Institute, will write Prof. J. Alex. Moore at Montevallo. If you are a teacher come to the Institute. If you are a friend to education come. J. W. MOORE, Supt.

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Mr. J. P. Limburner, widely known for many years as the special representative of the Populists and Free Silver Press of the United States, has kindly forwarded the following letter for publication:

Jan. 29, 1897.

DEAR SIRS—I am anxious for the sake of the suffering and out of gratitude to you to give my personal endorsement of your wonderful remedy. On the 8th of January 1897, I was in Washington and was suddenly seized with an aggravated case of inflammatory rheumatism so severe and painful was the attack that within 24 hours my left arm was paralyzed and I was only able to dress with assistance. I received a bottle of "5 DROPS" and took a dose that night, rubbing some on externally as directed. The following morning I was surprised to find myself immensely relieved, and continuing treatment woke the second morning cured. My arm was absolutely free from pain, and all swelling and stiffness had disappeared. The quickness and completeness of my cure was remarkable. I have known for over a year of the great curative properties of your medicine and have several friends who have been cured by it of Neuralgia, Catarrh and Asthma. Wishing you every success and trusting that those similarly afflicted will at least give this remedy a trial. Sincerely yours J. P. LIMBURNER.

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WM. M. KELLEMS, Yours respectfully, Siberia, Perry Co., Ind.

Jan. 29, 1896.

We received the following letter from Mr. T. J. Wilson of Omaha, Ill. Mr. Wilson has been for many years an invalid, and receiving the above letter which was published, wrote Mr. Kellems, asking if his endorsement was genuine, and received this reply, which he forwarded us.

MR. J. J WILSON.

DEAR SIR:—Your letter of recent date at hand, the testimonial you speak of is genuine. The company who manufactures and sells "5 Drops" published my testimonial just as I gave it to them and every word of it is true, and I could swear to it and prove it by many witnesses. The company did not ask me for this letter, I sent it to them last January for publication in order that poor sufferers, incurable as I once was, and as you are, might be cured. Get "5 Drops" and use it and it will cure you as it has cured me. I has received many letters like yours, and it is a pleasure to me to answer all who write. Tell all your neighbors what I have written about "5 Drops." I know how to sympathize with those who are afflicted, for though I suffered so long, it is now 8 months since I have felt any pain. Dr. S. W. Kellems, my brother, uses "5 Drops" in his practice, and joins me in endorsing this great remedy. He says for a case like yours it is a positive cure.

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The green goods man has carried his industry to Mexico, and is there diligently endeavoring to work it on the Aztecs, the local Shirri meantime hot on his spoor, with a fair chance of hunting him into the crater of Popocatapetl, from which he will no doubt claim extradition on the ground that he is an American, as he very likely is.

A New York man who was bitten by a mosquito the other night went insane and died shortly afterward in great agony. Unfortunately the Gotham papers neglect to say how the mosquito was affected.

What is the affinity between chewing gum and bicycling? If a count were taken it would be shown that seven out of ten bicyclists chew gum while on their wheels. Does it give vigor to the muscles of the legs, or does it prevent thirst? Here are questions for the scientist.

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A man at Washington has acquired some fame by riding down the steps of the Capitol on a bicycle. This means so much more to the world at large than if he had tripped and slid down the steps on his stomach that he is lionized.

The Buffalo Times believes that if a contemporary's bump of self-esteem keeps on growing at its present rate "some chiropodist will have to be called in to pare it down." Buffalo editors seem to be fearfully and wonderfully made.

A French Count, who is elevator man in a New York apartment house, wants to sell his title for $75,000, and a Belgian Count, near Montreal, has drowned himself rather than longer drive a laundry wagon. Nevertheless labor is still honorable, and it is greatly to be regretted than European counts are so badly taught.

On the Road.

"Did you enjoy th' bathin' facilities at thet deserted summer hotel las' winter?"

"You bet we did. I swiped the towels an' Weary et th' soap."—Cleveland Plain Dealer.

There is more Catarrh in this section of the country than all other diseases put together, and until the last few years was supposed to be incurable. For a great many years doctors pronounced it a local disease and prescribed local remedies, and by constantly failing to cure with local treatment, pronounced it incurable. Science has proven catarrh to be a constitutional disease and therefore requires constitutional treatment. Hall's Catarrh Cure, manufactured by F. J. Cheney & Co., Toledo, Ohio, is the only constitutional cure on the market. It is taken internally in doses from 10 drops to a teaspoonful. It acts directly on the blood and mucous surfaces of the system. They offer one hundred dollars for any case it fails to cure. Send for circulars and testimonials. Address F. J. Cheney & Co., Toledo, O. Sold by Druggists, 75c.

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THE CANTILEVER BICYCLE.

Mr. Nickall Pedersen, a Dane, Claims It's Just the Thing.

The accompanying illustration is from a photograph of the Cantilever bicycle, one of the latest novelties in cycle construction, and its inventor, Mr. Nickall Pedersen. One of the features wherein this machine differs materially from the ordinary bicycle is the weight. Cantilevers range in weight from the nine-pound racer to a wheel for rough use, which weighs fourteen pounds.

PEDERSEN AND HIS BICYCLE.

The construction is the outcome of the inventor's desire to secure a perfect seat. Mr. Nickall Pedersen is a Dane, residing in England, and he has been a wheelman for twenty years. His idea was to enjoy the comfort of a hammock on a bicycle, which he accomplished by the use of silk strings on which the saddle rests.

The front forks are attached to the rest of the frame by a pivot connection at the top and by a strong pivot hinge at the point shown in the cut just where the lower part of the frame joining with the crank hanger goes up to a point near the top of the front wheel. This connection gives the machine a sensitive steering device.

Side Combs.

Side combs never were worn so much. And never were they so long. Some resemble the combs which extend from ear to ear which are worn by children. The material is shell or imitation. But they must be put in carefully (outside the strands over the roll) in such a way as not to destroy the rotundity of the halo. Sets of three combs, each four inches long, are also sold.

One arrangement of combs or another is quite necessary for outdoor use, because the wind is not respectful of pompadours. Bangs, decidedly, are passe. Such stray locks as have not grown to manageable lengths are curled and allowed to nestle about the forehead. But they must not have a fixed appearance.

The back hair is done high or low according to individual preference. Oftenest it is twisted in Psyche effect. It is the saying of many women who know that a proper hairdress saves half a season's wardrobe. This, because whatever her gown, a woman always feels distinguished if her head is at its best.

Birmingham (Ala.) Age-Herald: The days and the nights are filled with music. Birmingham is a music-loving town. It displays no weakness to be moved by weakness. Its wondrous harmonies search the subtlest windings of the soul, the delicate fibers of life where no memory can penetrate, and binds together your whole being, past and present, in one unspeakable vibration.

COINAGE QUESTION.

THE PREDICTED EFFECT OF FREE SILVER.

Moreton Frewen Says That If the United States Should Open Its Mints Silver Would Advance to the Par of 1 to 16.

When writing to you recently on the currency question I pointed out the enormous dimensions of that "unearned increment" which Great Britain harvests because of the fall of prices. That very same fall which has impoverished her debtors is yet heaping upon the lap of the money lender the riches of the universe.

This was the view expressed by Mr. Gladstone in the house of commons after the carefully planned failure of the Brussels conference in 1893. America, the great debtor nation, had decided in 1873 to start out upon that currency journey which must lead to contraction. Was it then for England, he asked, the country which profited most by her mistake, to take the lead in repairing that mistake? A year ago Sir William Harcourt, Mr. Gladstone's chancellor of the exchequer, confirmed Mr. Gladstone's views in these remarkable sentences:

"Nobody who was present will forget the memorable speech delivered by Mr. Gladstone in this house on this same question, in which he submitted to the world's ridicule the proposition that this land of money lenders should go from country to country, hat in hand, begging that we should be paid ten shillings in the pound. This is practically the goal to which bimetallism would lead us. Of course, we are told that we shall receive more money. The truth is that we are not paid in gold, but in goods. It is out of this merchandise that our people make their living, and now it is expected of us that we shall go around the world begging that we shall receive less merchandise for our gold. Can anything more ridiculous be suggested? That we who have lent hundreds, nay, thousands of millions, to foreign nations shall ask them that for this money they shall give us less in return than we now receive."

Such is the currency policy of the liberal party in this country. In ignorance of results to follow, our debtors have enmeshed themselves. They have fallen in love with a currency system which has about doubled the tribute they pay annually to England, and because this is true we here who recognize the great racial dangers which are involved if we continue to sell Asia her money metal at half price are yet battling for bimetallism along the line of the greatest resistance. That is to say, the more your people are educated the stronger to them as debtors will the case for silver will appear. On the other hand, as the world's creditors, the plea for that legislation which will raise the level of prices is likely here in England to continue to fall upon deaf ears. A chain, however, is no stronger than its weakest link, and in this gold chain the link that connects us with India must involve us, for all time to come, in the fluctuating fortunes of the white metal. In India we collect our entire revenue in silver rupees. There has been no rise of silver prices in India, whether in the rupee price of labor or of Indian commodities. Thus the burden of the Indian government in remitting to England the eighteen millions sterling of interest payable in gold would have been just doubled because of the fall in the price of silver only for the closing of the Indian mints in 1893. Instead of a revenue collection of 180,000,000 rupees (ten rupees to the sovereign) being required to pay the "home charges" of the Indian government 360,000,000 would now be required for the purposes of this remittance.

When Mr. Cleveland was elected in 1892 the silver question could have been settled, and settled by a gradual process of remonetization. Mr. Alfred Rothschild's proposal at Brussels stands out as one of many evidences that the time was then ripe and the men ready. But Mr. Cleveland made it known, through the subterranean channels of diplomacy, that far from giving any support to silver, he was preparing to urge on congress the repeal of the silver purchase clauses of the Sherman act. Mr. Cleveland's intention became known in official circles in Calcutta. That this was the case I learned at the time and at first hand. The government of India believed that the cessation of all silver purchases in America would still further reduce the exchange value of the rupee, and therefore, in advance of the pending anti-silver legislation anticipated from Washington, the Indian mints were closed.

Dingleyism at Work.

The receipts of the government for the month of August, under the Dingley tariff law, were $6,538,582 less than the receipts for August, 1896, under the Wilson tariff law. It may be that the claims of the republicans as to the revenue-producing qualities of the Dingley tariff will be realized at some time in the future, but the above figures show that they are, as yet, a long way from being realized. The expenses of the government for July, the first month under the Dingley bill, exceeded the receipts by $11,000,000. And there was another deficit of fourteen million for August, the second month.—Ex.

The Fat and the Lean.

When you put coal on your grate or in the stove, bear in mind that the coal you pay from $4 to $8 a ton for, the miners get from 40 cents to 60 cents a ton for mining, the difference going to make the rich fatter and the poor thinner.—Rights of Man.

POINTS FROM THE PRESS.

Japan adopted the gold standard a few months ago amid the yells of applause and clapping of hands by the goldbugs of this country. Japan is dead broke today, notwithstanding the big indemnity paid her by China, but the goldbugs are keeping very quiet about it. The European millionaires will no doubt loan her more gold, providing she will mortgage the labor of four generations of people to pay the interest. This system of slavery now in vogue here and in Europe, is the height of goldbug civilization and Christianity.—Independent American.

What is the use of kicking about government by injunction? Isn't that what the people voted for last fall?—Duluth Labor World.

The flag is an emblem of liberty, but should we go to sleep and let designing men steal our liberties, what is the flag to us?—Record, Salida, Colo.

After the discovery of gold in California and Australia, Germany and Australia demonetized gold; in 1871 Germany demonetized silver and remonetized gold. To a man up a tree it would appear as if gold and silver were not money, without "fiat" behind them to make them such.—Farmers' Sentinel.

I do not believe that a government founded upon justice and equity needs a standing army, repeating rifles and Gatling guns in order to dispense justice. A government that must resort to arms to maintain peace among its citizens is not a fit government for a free people.—Rights of Man.

A writer in the North American Review, with the statistics of twenty-four states before him, says the United States is the largest tenant farmer nation in the world. Of the 7,500,000 adults engaged in agriculture about one-third are so heavily mortgaged that the interest they must pay to avoid foreclosure is about equal to galling rent. We have more tenant farmers than England, Ireland, Scotland and Wales combined. Illinois stands first, with 80,245. Texas comes next, with 66,566. Old settlers will remember that previous to 1873 farmers, as well as others were nearly free from debt. Mortgages and tenants were almost unknown. Then laws contracting the currency and demonetizing silver began to be felt, and debt was made necessary. As a result, unless class legislation is repealed, and we have more money in circulation, we are doomed, like Ireland, to be a nation of landlords and tenants, masters and slaves.—Representative, Boulder, Col.

The masses of the people produce all there is of wealth by their labor applied to natural resources. The masses of the people also create the demand for this wealth as they are also the principal consumers. Man is both a producer and a consumer. As a consumer he provides employment for himself as a producer. With an equitable, common sense adjustment of his business relations, he would never fail to find employment, and always be able to retain the wealth that he creates. This is a business question and it must be understood and acted upon before there can be any permanent improvement in our material conditions.—Topeka New Woman.

Many people imagine that gold is the best of standards, because the labor cost of getting it is practically uniform. It has been estimated that gold in some of the larger Colorado mines costs but 3 cents' worth of labor and expense to the $1, and the cost varies from that all along up to $1, or even more. J. B. and R. B. Graves recently in four days took out $42,000 of nuggets in Trinity county. Estimating their labor at $3 per day, the labor in that gold would be $12, which is less than 3 cents for $100. And yet people are fooled into believing that such a material is a "standard"!—San Francisco Star.

P. D. Armour says "five years of sunshine have begun." Perhaps they have—for him and men such as he who live off the labor of other men.—Topeka Advocate.

In Dealing With Europe.

In dealing with Europe, whether directly or indirectly, we would (in case of free silver coinage without consent of Europe) acquire every advantage which silver-using countries have been enjoying, but in much greater degree; for, while such nations as India, China, Mexico and even Russia have thus far only been able to compete in a small way, and in a few staples, the United States could compete with Europe on a gigantic scale, and in almost every imaginable line of industry. We could undersell Europe in the Oriental market, because we would take silver money at its face value and without the discount which comes from converting it into gold. We could even invade the European market with the same advantage that the Indian and Japanese have enjoyed, unloading upon it a quantity of goods that would literally paralyze the industries of that continent.—National Bimetallist.

For Equal Opportunities.

The Equal Opportunity League of America has been formed, with headquarters at Topeka. The name fully covers its aims and purposes. It will be extended throughout Kansas and other states. The following officers have been chosen: President, Albert Griffin; first vice-president, H. A. Stebbins, secretary, Hiram C. Root, treasurer, Samuel Parr.

William L. Wilson, ex-postmaster general and formerly a distinguished member of the House of Representatives, was installed into office as president of Washington and Lee University at Lexington, Va., Thursday.

John Johnson, a 12-year-old white boy, living near Savannah, Ga., was shot and killed by one of his playmates, Robert Westcott. The boys were out hunting, and it is said that Westcott's gun was accidentally discharged, the full load going into Johnson's breast.

WORKING FOR THE MINERS.

The American Federation of Labor, with a membership of half a million, has taken up the cause of the mine workers in the Hazleton, Pa., region. Their organizers are already at work, and when their work has been completed a uniform scale will be formulated and presented to the operators. There will be no marching, nor anything in the way of a demonstration, and no attempt will be made to bring about sympathetic strike movements.

STATE TOPICS.

Late News Items of General Interest to Alabamians.

NEW MARSHAL APPOINTED.

D. N. Cooper, of Hamilton, has been appointed marshal of the Northern Alabama district. He is a man of middle age, has served in various government positions for the past thirty years, and is at present a United States commissioner.

LOTT'S RESIGNATION ACCEPTED.

The governor has received and accepted the resignation of E. B. Lott, tax collector of Mobile. The county alleged a shortage of $40,000 in his accounts and recently suspended him. The governor ordered the solicitor not to push the impeachment which was begun.

WILL COME TO ALABAMA.

A Washington special says: "Reports to the contrary, notwithstanding, the Armor Plate Board will go to Alabama, and to no other Southern State. The Alabama iron district will be taken tacitly to represent the best the South can do in iron and steel industry."

NEGRO KILLED BY ACCIDENT.

The large brick parapet on top of the front of the large store building of Goetter, Weil & Co., Montgomery, fell without threat or warning on the street below Wednesday, killing Lon Reese and perhaps fatally injuring Thacker Colder, a popular young clerk in the store.

PLUMS FOR ALABAMIANS.

The President has made the following appointments in this State: Frank Simmons, United States Marshal for the Southern District of Alabama; John A. Steele, registrar of the land office at Huntsville, Ala., vice Ellis, removed; Herschel V. Cashin, receiver of public moneys at Huntsville, Ala., vice Avery, removed.

ENSLEY COKE OVENS.

Two hundred men are pushing work on a $400,000 expenditure by the Semett Solvay company of Syracuse, N. Y., at Ensley City. They are erecting sixty bi-product coke ovens, at a cost of $180,000, to which a bi-product saving plant, with engines, boilers, etc., is to be added, making the whole investment foot up $400,000.

ATTACKED BY A CATAMOUNT.

Alice Groy, a member of a family who are camping at Elk River Falls, about nineteen miles below Decatur was attacked and wounded by a catamount Tuesday night. The young lady was sleeping on a cot about midnight and was awakened by some creature breathing in her face. She screamed and the beast sprang upon her, burying its claws in her bosom. The animal escaped before any of the male members of the family could get there, but it was followed by the dogs and men and finally shot. It was a catamount, and measured three feet six and a half inches in length. In a near-by cavern three half-grown catamounts were discovered and killed. The young lady was not dangerously wounded.

THE UNIVERSITY OF ALABAMA.

Mr. Francis M. Purifoy, a son of Hon. John M. Purifoy, has been appointed private secretary to President Powers, of the University of Alabama, and post adjutant for the next year.

Mr. Purifoy is admirably equipped for the duties of the position. He spent the year 1886-87 in the University, completing sophomore engineering. Since that time he has served as clerk in the auditor's office. He is an expert accountant, and has been engaged by the State in that capacity.

Since leaving the University Mr. Purifoy has been connected with the Alabama State troops for several years, serving as a member of the Hardee Light Infantry of Selma and of the Montgomery True Blues.

The University is fortunate in securing so efficient a man as Mr. Purifoy.

BAD STATE OF AFFAIRS IN TALLAPOOSA.

A Dadeville special says: The grand jury now in session is forcing some startling facts to light. Friday eight negro men and boys, reported to the grand jury to be at work on the farm of Ex-Sheriff J. W. Pace, were summoned to appear before the grand jury, and failing to do so, attachment was issued for them and deputies sent down to the Pace farm to enforce the attachments. The eight negroes were found by the deputies and brought before the grand jury. After hearing what the negroes testified, the Solicitor, with the entire grand jury, repaired to the court room and there the eight negroes were examined in open court as to why they had failed to respond to the summons issued.

They all swore that they were not allowed to come. Three of the negroes testified that they had been at work on the Pace farm for more than five years; that they had never had a trial of any kind, but had been taken up by Dan Scott at Sylacauga and taken to Pace's farm, locked up at night and forced to work during the day for more than five years. All of the others, except two, testified that they were brought from Sylacauga by the same man and in the same manner.

They all testified that they had been whipped and had scars on their bodies from it. One of them, who tried to escape about two weeks ago, had been run down by dogs, and as punishment for running off had been made to lay down and horses run over him, from which he had sores which have not yet healed. Attachments have been issued for other negroes who are reported to be at Pace's and every effort will be made to find them. The judge gave the grand jury a special charge, urging them to sift the matter to the bottom.

A MOTHER'S EFFORT.

A Mother Sees Her Daughter in a Pitiful Condition, but Manages to Rescue Her.

From the New Era, Greensburg, Ind.

The St. Paul correspondent for the *New Era* recently had an item regarding the case of Mabel Stevens, who had just recovered from a serious illness of rheumatism and nervous trouble, and was able to be out for the first time in three months. The letter stated that it was a very bad case and her recovery was considered such a surprise to the neighbors that it created considerable gossip.

Being anxious to learn the absolute facts in the case, a special reporter was sent to have a talk with the girl and her parents. They were not at home, however, being some distance away. A message was sent to Mr. Stevens, asking him to write up a full history of the case, and a few days ago the following letter was received from Mrs. Stevens:

"St. Paul, Ind., Jan. 20, 1897.

Editors *New Era*, Greensburg, Ind.

"Dear Sirs: Your kind letter received and I am glad to have the opportunity to tell you about the sickness and recovery of Mabel. We don't want any newspaper notoriety, but in a case like this where a few words of what I have to say may mean recovery for some child, I feel it my duty to tell you of her case.

"Two years ago this winter Mabel began complaining of pains in her limbs, principally in her lower limbs. She was going to school, and had to walk about three quarters of a mile each day, going through all kinds of weather. She was thirteen years old and doing so well in her studies that I disliked to take her from school but we had to do it.

"For several months she was confined to the house, and she grew pale and dwindled down to almost nothing. Her legs and arms were drawn up and her appearance was pitiful. Several doctors had attended her, but it seemed that none of them did her any good. They advised us to take her to the springs, but times were so hard we could not afford it, although we finally managed to get her to the Martinsville baths. Here she grew suddenly weaker, and it seemed that she could not stand it, but she became better, and it seemed that she was being benefited, but she suddenly grew worse, and we had to bring her home.

"She lingered along, and last winter became worse again, and was afflicted with a nervous trouble almost like the St. Vitus' dance. For some time we thought she would die, and the physicians gave her up. When she was at her worst a neighbor came in with a box of Dr. Williams' Pink Pills for Pale People and wanted us to try them as they were advertised to be good for such cases, and her daughter had used them for nervousness with such good results that she thought they might help Mabel.

"We tried them. The first box helped her some, and after she had taken three boxes she was able to sit up in bed. When she had finished a half dozen boxes she was able to be out and about. She has taken about nine boxes altogether now, and she is as well as ever, and going to school every day, having started in again three weeks ago. Her cure was undoubtedly due to these pills."

(Signed) Mrs. Amanda Stevens."

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On June 30th, 1893, the Supreme Court enjoined J. H. Zellin & Co. from manufacturing and selling medicine under the name of "Dr. Simmons' Liver Medicine."

Zellin answer to our bill said, the medicine was designed as "cheap negro medicine for the negroes of the Mississippi Valley." And Zellin's manager testified in the case, and Zellin's advertisements said "that all the Liver Medicine they make is made by the same formula." What more conclusive evidence could there be that all their Liver Medicine is "cheap negro medicine?"

Again, the United States Court, in the Zellin case at Knoxville, Tenn., enjoined the old proprietors of the article now called "Black Draught" from perpetrating fraud by using the words constituting our trade name, and "Black Draught" was not known till after 1876; yet they falsely advertise that it was established in 1840, and rich our trade by allowing their customers to untruthfully represent it as the same as our genuine article, they giving color of truth to the deception by publishing the picture of a Dr. Simmons on their wrapper, thereby associating their article with our Dr. M. A. Simmons' Liver Medicine, which he established in 1840, and every package of which has borne his picture since 1850.

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